

November 18, 2021

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 8 visitors.

Absent: Councilman Paul Aubertine

Councilman Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor

Karen Wiley – Karen told the board that she wanted to discuss with them the gift of artwork that Florence Hetzler left to the town many years ago. She said that there were over 100 pieces and that they have found 43 pieces over the Chamber office. Karen said that they were not stored properly and many pieces are broken. She said that she spoke with Supervisor Bender and he expressed interest in having the collection brought back to the town office. Karen also said that Richard Macsherry would like to purchase storage boxes for the artifacts and that they are researching what should be used. Karen told the board that there is paperwork to validate the artwork and a newspaper article that says a substantial amount of money was left by Ms. Hetzler to take care of the collection. She said that no one knows where the money went.

Councilman Wood asked if the collection could be displayed in the museum and Karen told him no because it really does not fit in with what is in the museum, as that is all local history.

Councilman Wiley said that he will discuss the collection with his father as he may remember the collection and the funds left for its care.

Karen said that she would help facilitate, but needs to know what the board wants to do with the collection.

Councilman Mason asked if the art work was framed, she told him it was, but it is not in good shape.

Bill Pond said that where the collection was stored is not good. He said that the floor is not safe above the Chamber office. He said that someone will get hurt. He said that it would be a group effort to retrieve what is left above the Chamber office. He again said it was not safe to be up there.

Karen told the board that she would like someone to let her know what the town would like to do and she would like to help.

WD #7

David Powers discussed with the board the next steps that need to take place moving forward with the creation of the water district. He said that the WIIA grant is completed and will be submitted. David said that the grant is for 3 million and they will be seeking the entire amount in the grant.

Councilman Wood asked what the timeline is for the grant award. Matt Cooper said that they should know in January. Matt said that they have many steps to take and that the construction should start late next year.

Resolution # 68

Resolution #69 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #68 is the final order for the creation of water district 7.

There was no discussion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Bender	AYE	Councilman Aubertine	Absent	Councilman Mason	AYE
Councilman Wiley	AYE	Councilman Wood	AYE		

Resolution #69

Resolution #69 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #69 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign and submitted the Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant.

There was no discussion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Bender	AYE	Councilman Mason	AYE	Councilman Wiley	AYE
Councilman Aubertine	Absent	Councilman Wood	AYE		

Resolution #72

Resolution #72 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #72 is the Bond Resolution authorizing a maximum of \$7,721,100.00 in serial bonds to establish and construct a new water district, water district #7.

There was no discussion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Bender	AYE	Councilman Wiley	AYE	Councilman Mason	AYE
Councilman Aubertine	Absent	Councilman Wood	AYE		

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of Oct. 18, Oct. 27 and Nov. 4, 2021, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Reports:

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that Hell Street is paved and the shoulders are done. He said that the culverts on County Rt 4 are marked, making it easier for travelers in the winter to spot them. Bill talked with the board about the resolution that was tabled last month regarding the purchase of a new backhoe for the transfer site back in for action at this meeting, and that the price of the backhoe increased. He said that he is also finding it hard to purchase a new pickup truck through the OGS contract. He said that Caskinett's is no longer a vendor with OGS. He said that he has tried Source Well and he is trying to figure out what to do about the truck replacement. He said that no dealership has trucks.

Bill reported that Davis Tree Service has cut down two trees for them, one on the Deerlick Road and one on Burnt Rock Road. Bill said that one of his men is out with Covid and another is not feeling well and being tested. He said that he has lined people up work if he needs them. He also said that they borrowed the dozer from Lyme for the McKeever Road dump.

Bill told the board that Scott Wydell passed his CDL test, and is waiting for his license. Bill talked to the board about the agreement made that the pay is \$17.00 per hour for those who do not have their CDL and \$23.00 per hour for those who do. He asked the board if they would extend this to Scott. The board said that they would, but Scott needs to have his license first for the pay increase.

Bill also talked to the board about the revenue brought in to the transfer site from the scrap metal and the can and bottle return. He told the board that he would like to see the revenue go into the equipment reserve fund instead of the general fund.

Councilman Wiley said that that would make sense to him and Councilman Wood agreed.

Councilman Wood made a motion that all funds that come in from the can and bottle return and from scrap metal go into the transfer station equipment reserve fund, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

All members present voted AYE.

Bill reported that the County Rte 6 (Tibbetts Point Road) project is on hold at this time.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender said that all accounts are in order.

Councilman Mason made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley reported that the final documents will be ready by their December meeting. He said that there will be a law that the town will need to adopt. Councilman Wiley said that this project has been 4 years in the making, and he said it is good to be near the end.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that the school board won't allow the schools to be open for youth events. He said that one of the problems is that they don't want other schools in the gyms. Councilman Wiley said that he would like to write a letter to the school board to let them know that the town supports youth activities in the gym and find out what they can do to open them back up again. The board supported Councilman Wiley's request to write a letter to the school board.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that they will meet next week regarding the 501C3. He also told the board that the appraiser has looked at the boat houses and marina and will speak with Mr. Trottier.

Councilman Wiley discussed the invoice from the attorney, Jeff Reisner, regarding the work to be done on creating the ambulance district. He said that the invoice needs to be paid.

Resolutions

Resolution #70

Resolution #70 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #70 is the standard workday resolution to be filed with NYS Retirement.

There was the following discussion. Town Clerk Michelle Bouchard said that the resolution is being brought before the board again because she made an error in the time calculation.

All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #71

Resolution #71 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #71 is to authorize the highway superintendent to complete the document regarding the adjustments to the 2021-2022 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #73

Resolution #73 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #73 is to authorize the highway Superintendent to purchase a John Deere 3105 Backhoe Loader from United Construction & Forestry in the amount of \$116,250.00, and allow the Highway Superintendent at his discretion, to trade the 2009 Caterpillar 420E with a trade allowance of \$40,000.00 to sell at auction or use for trade in, which ever will bring in the highest trade amount.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

The board discussed resolution #63 from the Oct. 21 meeting regarding the purchase of a new pick up truck from Caskinett Ford. Bill Pond told the board that Caskinett's will not be able to sell a truck from the OGS contract and he will shop around and get three quotes for the purchase. He said that the dealerships are having a hard time with inventory.

Councilman Wood made a motion to rescind resolution #63, which is authorizing the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new truck from Caskinett Ford, seconded by Councilman Mason.

All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Mason said that a celebration of life for Don Mussot will be held in the Recreation Park building on Dec. 5 and he would like to waive the building reservation fee.

Councilman Wood made a motion to waive the reservation fee for the use of the building for the Mussot family, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley said that the ambulance agreement wording needs some changes. He said that he wants clarification with regard to how they will be paid, one lump sum or monthly payments. He said that he would like to pass this at the next board meeting.

The board will interview the candidates for the Zoning Board at their Dec. work session.

Bill Pond told the board that the speed limit reduction on Riverview Drive to 35, has been approved.

Bill Pond told the board that several stop, arrow, and street signs have been stolen from town roads. He said that he has reported this to the Sheriff's department.

Bills:

Councilman Mason said that he would like to discuss a voucher in the amount of \$125.00 submitted by the Town Clerk for work on the water district vote. He said that he felt that this was her job and that she should not be paid for working the day of the vote. Councilman Mason referenced examples of jobs done by others and their pay.

Councilman Wood said that he agreed with Councilman Mason, and asked Michelle if she worked as the town clerk that day too.

Michelle Bouchard explained that she worked from 7 am until noon in the clerk's office and then went to the court room to work as an election clerk/inspector for the vote from noon until 5pm. Michelle told the board that working the vote in that capacity is not the town clerk's job.

There was further discussion on this, and Supervisor Bender said that this should be discussed in executive session and not in the open meeting.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn into Executive session at 7:55pm, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:13pm and resume the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Bills: Club Street Project, \$2,437.00; Capitol WD 7 project, \$605.00; Highway, \$101,393.16; General Fund, \$39,937.47; WD 1, \$34,910.35; WD 3, \$812.08; WD 4, \$2,201.64; WD 5, \$2,914.64; WD 6, \$1,159.09.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss land acquisition at 8:19pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Mason made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:26pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Councilman Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk