

Regular Town Board Meeting
July 18, 2024

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Deputy Supervisor, Don Huff Councilmember; Councilmember, Nate Guzzardi; Councilmember, Jeff Coniglio; Councilmember, Joseph Rawleigh

Also Present: Attorney, Ed Russell; Town Clerk, Chelsey Woodworth; Deputy Clerk, Kaylee Leone

Others Present: Community Members – Johnna Schrier, Karl Schrier, Crik Christophel, Steven Zoller, Pete DiSalvo, Chad Woodworth, Matt Scully, Patrick Scully, Sharon Peffers, Tyler Lange, Cathie Gehrig, Gretchen Saunders, Wayne Snyder.

At 6:00pm Supervisor DiSalvo opened the Town Board meeting at the Mount Morris Town Hall, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY. Supervisor DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Town Attorney, Ed Russell stated that there wouldn't be any public comment during this meeting. Then he advised the board that they needed to come up with rules for the comment section of future meetings.

A community member asked for the reasoning behind this. Attorney Russell said that other local municipalities have had issues at their meeting due to the lack of rules governing public comment and he would advise the board to establish rules before allowing public comment to continue.

In an outburst Councilmember Coniglio exclaimed That's [expletive].

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Woodworth advised the board that Deputy Clerk Kaylee Leone realized that she didn't include herself as being present on last month's meeting minutes so that change needed to be made.

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting on June 20, 2024. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 20, 2024 with the added correction.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

JUSTICE AUDIT

The board reviewed the Justice audits that were included in their meeting packets. Clerk Woodworth advised that they needed to make a motion to accept the Justice Audits.

A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to accept the Justice audits.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the Supervisors Report for the month of June.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo said that he had a meeting with solar president of NYSEERDA and they took her on a tour of the solar farms, and she was impressed. He added that Phase 1, Ray 1 will be online for testing soon. Also, ACE NY which is another solar green energy non-profit will be coming to Mount Morris and do interviews on the 7th of August for a documentary they are making.

AMBULANCE REPORT

Supervisor DiSalvo stated that the ambulance had a total of 113 calls. Of those calls 10 were mutual aid, 103 serviced, 24 ALS, 39 BLS and 7 were for the prison.

CEMETERIES

Highway Superintendent Cipriano said that the contractor hired to reset the headstones started today. Councilmember Guzzardi feels the entire grant the town obtained for the cemetery should be used on headstones. There are between 18 and 20 that the contractor will reset. Including the big stone that the tree knocked over. He also offered to do some small ones for no cost.

Highway Superintendent Cipriano said that it's an uphill struggle to keep decent help at the cemeteries and he feels its costing the town a lot of money. He received an estimate from Timothy and Jason Bryant to mow the Sand Hill cemetery for \$2700 each time. He said that the board already agreed to pay them \$830 each time for the outside cemeteries.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the town should hire a crew next year for the large cemetery and contract out the outside cemeteries. Supervisor DiSalvo said the contract may seem expensive, but the town wouldn't have to worry about getting new mowers and the ones that the town has will last longer. Superintendent Cipriano agreed and continued to say that the current cemetery workers don't take care of the equipment and if they break something they also don't tell him.

Councilmember Guzzardi said the town should get quotes from other entities as well. Superintendent Cipriano said it should be put out to bid.

Councilmember Rawleigh asked what they planned to do with the current cemetery employees. Supervisor DiSalvo said that they would let them go. They are just seasonal employees and haven't been reliable.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the town budgeted \$20,000 for cemeteries. That the bids will most likely be more than the budgeted amount but would also save costs in the long run.

Superintendent Cipriano said that the highway workers can't do the mowing. It wouldn't be cost effective.

Superintendent Cipriano said that part of the cemetery is owned by the county. Deputy Supervisor Huff said that the county should be paying for that portion to be mowed. Superintendent Cipriano said that the cost of plots and burials should be raised this budget cycle.

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor DiSalvo said that Transfer Station Manager Kitt Ceronie requested for the town to get a 40 yard dumpster to dispose of the mattresses at the Transfer Station. He said that Transfer Station manager Ceronie would get a few quotes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Attorney Russell said in order to start the process with the greenway and get the filtration system for the sewer installed the town must create a Wastewater Superintendent.

A motion was made by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to make Highway Superintendent Cipriano the Wastewater Superintendent.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Superintendent Cipriano said that a lot of the Highway Departments vehicles had issues this

month. They had to make repairs to truck #2 and replace radiator. The states mower blew the auto flush off of the hydrant and the steer cylinder blew off on the dirt roller. They also had repairs on truck # 23 and #7. Then other small miscellaneous things. He is worried about the challenger and thinks there is something wrong with it. He is not sure how much money the town should continue to put into it. The tire on the challenger developed a leak but he feels its dry rot. There is good tread, so he is going try patching it first. Superintendent Cipriano said that he knows the town doesn't have the extra money, but he would like to get a new mower. He presented a quote for a John Deere with a side flail and a rear flail. It isn't exactly the mower he would like to get, he would prefer a larger but this one is available for \$133,815.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that he received a notice from the insurance company that the Sterling Truck was removed from the insurance. He asked Superintendent Cipriano if he planned to surplus it. Superintendent Cipriano said that he would like to.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to surplus the 2004 Sterling 9500 steel body 10 wheel dump truck.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Superintendent Cipriano said that the state workers caused about \$400 damage to the auto flush. They asked to meet with him and said they don't know how they are going to pay for it. Superintendent Cipriano advised them that they hit it, so they need to pay for it. He said that their engineer wanted to look at it first. It was on 408 by the gas station.

Supervisor DiSalvo said the board will have to have a discussion about the tractor and see what the budget is like next year and if the town can afford it. Superintendent Cipriano said that was fine but he isn't sure how long the price will be good or how long they will have this tractor.

PLANNING

Councilmember Rawleigh informed the board that the planning board hearing that was scheduled for the previous night had been postponed due to the Livingston County News not publishing the hearings. Clerk Woodworth informed the board that Deputy Clerk Leone and herself received the publication affidavit stating it was published and it also was published on the website but somehow was never printed. This is the first time they know of the LCN making this type of error.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Woodworth advised the board that Deputy Clerk Kaylee Leone noticed an error on her minutes. She forgot to add herself as being in attendance. So this correction would need to be made.

A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh, to approve the Clerks Report for the month of June with the necessary correction.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Clerk Woodworth advised the board that she needed to order more transfer station tickets so she reached out to Hilltop for a quote and they quoted \$2750 for 5000 blue tickets. Clerk Woodworth did some investigating and found a place where she could create and order 5000 blue tickets for \$349. She could also get more red tickets. They would be bigger than the current ones but she can get 1000 for \$88.

VOUCHERS/ AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Deputy Supervisor Huff said that he had a problem with voucher #182 from Fund A because this was never discussed with the board. He said that the town was given money by EDF Renewables

to purchase this vehicle to transport the fly car. This was all done because EDF felt it was necessary to have this. He didn't know that the vehicle wasn't fully equipped when it was purchased. He doesn't understand why this wasn't discussed before moving forward with extra costs that will be incurred on the town that wasn't budgeted for.

Councilmember Rawleigh asked why EDF isn't giving the town the money towards getting the vehicle ready to be used if it was purchased only by their request. Supervisor DiSalvo said that they agreed to give a certain amount of money towards the purchase of this vehicle and these costs are an unforeseen overage. Councilmember Rawleigh recommended that Supervisor DiSalvo reach out to EDF and see if they are willing to reimburse the town for these extra costs.

Deputy Supervisor Huff and Councilmember Guzzardi made it clear that they do not support this voucher and will vote no for Fund A due to that voucher.

Abstract 7, Year 2024 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve Vouchers 172-198 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$45,407.09.

Vote: Aye 3 (DiSalvo, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 2 (Huff, Guzzardi)
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 38-48 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$11,284.19.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve Vouchers 58-68 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$14,632.43.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 11-13 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$41,005.77.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve Vouchers 19-21 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$177.43.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Voucher 17 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$2058.00.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve Vouchers 17-18 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$6,583.15.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Total Abstract 7 \$119,090.06

A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk/Tax Collector