

Regular Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing
May 16, 2024

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent, Sam Cipriano; Attorney, Ed Russell; Town Clerk, Chelsey Woodworth; Deputy Clerk, Kaylee Leone

Others Present: Community Members, Pete DiSalvo, Crik Christophel, Steve Zoller, Luke Faulds, Johnna Schrier, Karl Schrier, Patrick Scully, Matt Scully, Laura Thornton, Tom Thornton, Gretchen Saunders

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor DiSalvo asked if anyone had any comments on the Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 1-2024 A Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the Creation of New Solar Farms and New Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Mount Morris.

There were no further comments. Supervisor DiSalvo said that the board would close the hearing and await the counties input.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1-2024 A Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the Creation of New Solar Farms and New Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Mount Morris.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 18, 2024.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to accept the Supervisor's Report for April 2024 as presented.

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

Supervisor DiSalvo said that he talked to Accountant, Terri McKerrow and she agrees that the town should get a BAN for the A/C unit that needs to be replaced in the Town Hall as well as the Salt Shed roof that needs replacing.

Deputy Supervisor Huff asked if they could use CHIPS to pay for the roof replacement on the salt shed. Superintendent Cipriano said they can find out. Councilmember Rawleigh said maybe they should spray foam insulate the roof to help with the R-value. Councilmember Guzzardi said it would be more expensive, but you would get the best R-value. Councilmember Guzzardi also said that they may need to put a sheeted barrier to deflect the heat, so it doesn't sweat so much. Karl Schrier said the insurance company may not insure the building if the roof were spray foam insulated. The insurance company may need to see the complete roof if there were issues, and the

insulation would keep them from doing so. Superintendent Cipriano said that someone should call Long Agency. Supervisor DiSalvo said that he would call them tomorrow.

AMBULANCE

85 -Statused 19 -ALS Transport
13- Un-statused 30 -BLS Transport
05- Inmate Transport

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Cipriano wanted to discuss the Greenway Motel and the issue with the sewer and the debris that accumulates in the system. They have a huge issue with needles and other hazardous debris clogging the system. Superintendent Cipriano gave the board members a copy of an email between him and JP Schepp from MRB Group.

Deputy Supervisor Huff asked Attorney Ed Russell if the town can legally put something in to catch the needles. Attorney Russell said he will look into it. Superintendent Cipriano said that there are filters that would connect to the sewer outlet to catch the debris. He also stated that the owner would have to clean the debris out, not the Town Employees.

Supervisor DiSalvo asked if there was any upcoming road work planned. Superintendent Cipriano said they are working on Hendershot Road and next Wednesday they plan to work on Union Corners Road. He went on to say that he would like to abandon a portion of it eventually, that only farmers that plant on that end of the road use it. Supervisor DiSalvo said that the attorneys will have to draft a local law to close the road.

Matthew Scully said that there is access to the greenway on that portion of the road and it should be maintained for access. Luke Faulds said that Union Corners Road gets more traffic than he has ever seen. Superintendent Cipriano said that if New York State is concerned about the greenway access, they should take over the maintenance of the road. Supervisor DiSalvo said that they should have the attorney send a letter to the New York State and DEC asking if they would have an issue with the road being abandoned.

Supervisor DiSalvo asked if the new fuel system was installed. Superintendent Cipriano said it will be finished next Tuesday. They worked with his secretary Dana and installed the new computer this week. Superintendent Cipriano said that they have been trying to get an updated list from the entities that use it so that they can update their cards for fuel but haven't had much luck.

Superintendent Cipriano said he is having a hard time with cemetery help. Amber Garwood is a hard worker, but she can't do it alone.

Councilmember Coniglio asked how the new highway employee Spencer DiSalvo is working out. Superintendent Cipriano said he is a good worker.

Councilmember Guzzardi asked why we have to pay the ambulance early every month. Supervisor DiSalvo said that Terri McKerrow, the towns accountant is working on it.

CEMETERIES

Superintendent Cipriano said that the highway workers removed a very large tree branch in the large cemetery on the Sand Hill side. He also had them take the big maple tree down. He said the tree across from the porta potty should come down, as well. Superintendent Cipriano said there are three trees in the circle that should probably come down.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the town should line up Eastman and have them remove some of the trees or they should reach out and get quotes for the tree removal and the board agreed.

Superintendent Cipriano said that he received a few calls from contractors about the stone repair but hasn't moved forward with anyone yet. Superintendent Cipriano said he will probably go with the same contractor as last year because he did a great job.

PARKS

Supervisor DiSalvo asked Councilmember Coniglio what he planned to do with the money from the county grant for the park. Councilmember Coniglio said they should go with what Deputy Supervisor Huff suggested last year as well as cover the material for the horse hitching post.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Clerk’s report for the Month of April. A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff, to accept the report as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Crik Christophel said that she has all of her questions regarding the zoning updates and comprehensive plan in writing. Then she read off her questions for the Town Board and asked Supervisor DiSalvo to sign her copy that he received the questions.

Attorney Ed Russell informed Ms. Christophel that he was able to get some information from THOMA and also some of the meeting minutes. He said that he brought copies for her and included is also a timeline. Ms. Christophel asked if the information he has covers all the questions. Attorney Russell said that he wasn’t sure, but he would make sure to fill in the gaps if needed.

Johnna Schrier said she wanted to thank the board for being good to the public and allowing comments from the public.

Gretchen Saunders asked about the status of the house on Ridge Rd. Supervisor DiSalvo said that Ed Russell, the towns attorney, has been working on the warrant with Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Grasby. He said that the Livingston County Health Department and Code Enforcement Officer Grasby are also working together to see if the current owner is able to sell the house in the condition it’s in .Crik Christophel said she drove by and saw someone was working on the roof with rollers.

Councilmember Guzzardi asked if the house has been sold yet. Supervisor DiSalvo said no, the current owner Vinny Brock reached out to CEO Grasby and said he wanted to sell it. CEO Grasby informed him that he didn’t think it was fit to sell and they had to see if it could be sold in its current condition.

Karl Schrier asked about the solar fields and if the town has a contract for maintenance. Supervisor DiSalvo said that the newer ones will have three employees that maintain them and sometimes they hire local contractors. The small solar farms have been bought out twice now and that’s been the main issue with keeping things in order. Karl Schrier said he was told by one of the solar workers that as soon as their company gets the grant money they are leaving. Supervisor DiSalvo said that he doesn’t know if that’s true, but the town has a legal contract in place to protect them if that does happen.

Matthew Scully asked about the flower bed in the park and if it will be weeded and have flowers planted by Memorial Day. Supervisor DiSalvo said that the Scouts usually do it. Councilmember Guizzardi said that he had the Amish do it last year. Clerk Woodworth said she could reach out and ask the scouts but that it would be hard to get done with this short of notice.

VOUCHERS/ AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Abstract 5, Year 2024 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board.

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 120-144 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$10,024.74.

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

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Vouchers 29-32 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$319.97.

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

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 35-46 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$17,647.50.

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 13-15 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$146.44.

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

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Voucher 8 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$70.12.

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

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Voucher 14 on the Water SW Abstract in the amount of \$59.40.

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

Total Abstract 7 \$28,268.17

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to go into executive session at 6:43 PM.

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

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to exit executive session at 6:51 PM.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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