

## TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:00pm. Councilmen present- Carl Clark, Robert Mills, William Morley, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Thomas Axtell, Highway Superintendent- Daniel Axtell, Town Attorney-Richard Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Bookkeeper-Rebecca Walley, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean, and Del Co. Planning Board Director- Shelly Johnson-Bennett

1.1 Public Participation- Phoebe Carson from the Deposit Foundation Board came and did a presentation on their new transportation program. This program is being funded by New York State. There will be a shuttle running on Tuesdays that will start in Deposit and stop in Windsor on their way to Binghamton. These stops will be for medical and shopping needs. She stated that the route each week will be planned by the reservations made. Ms. Carson stated that the van can hold up to 12 people. She stated that there will be no charge to the rider as the program is NYS funded. She did state that it is only for qualified residents. Ms. Carson went over the stats and everyone in Deposit already qualify. To make a reservation people need to call (855)373-4040, and Ms. Carson stated that they need to do this at least few days in advance so they can plan the route.

### 2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 were reviewed. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund 112-132. Highway Fund- Item #1-9-13, Item #3-41-49, Item #4-18-20. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Councilman Clark made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilman Mills Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Axtell stated they swept roads and mowed brush town wide. Winter sand was hauled from Boland’s Pit in Windsor. Snowplows, sanders, and headgear were taken off trucks. Incoming salt and stone deliveries were piled up. 3,912 tons of millings were crushed. Driveway pipes were replaced at Sheraloken Farms, C.R. 20, and Hubble’s on Nettie Axtell Road. A cross culvert pipe was replaced on Lower Michigan Hollow Road.

The backhoe was used to remove berms on shoulders and clean up snow plow turn arounds. Two large maple trees were torn down in Hale Eddy, as well as their debris cleaned up. Warner Road was shaped up. The front tire and wheel seal on Truck #13 was replaced, the batteries in the CAT Grader were replaced, and the vibrator function was repaired on the Roller. Councilman Schaefer made a motion to accept the Highway report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 No Health Officer report at this time.

2.6 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated there was two building permits issued this month; one for a seasonal cabin, and one for a storage shed. There was a certificate of occupancy done for an addition on Route 8. There was a code search done for 1694 Steam Mill Rd. The owner of the old Beaver Mountain homes is being worked with for a final inspection and closing out the pool permit. His yearly harassment class was completed through the Town of Sanford. He had a meeting with Councilman Mills and George Sanford about the sign for out front of the Town of Deposit.

CEO Hathaway stated when he last checked the gate, it was closed again on Catskirondack Rd. He said he is planning on sending another letter to the Association about the gate. Town Attorney Lewis stated that he has been trying to get in contact with the Association to plan a meeting about the gate.

Two complaints were received about a property on County Highway 20, a letter will be sent out. Councilman Schaefer made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Last month's meeting they discussed making changes to the Site Plan Review Law Manual. This month's meeting is scheduled for this coming 5/11. A person is coming to the meeting about the Hale Eddy project to get their paperwork resigned because they didn't get it filed in time with the County. Also, another person is coming to discuss a boundary line adjustment for a property on County Highway 20. A representative from Verizon Wireless will be attending to discuss putting a Cell Tower up on Route 8. Councilman Clark made the motion to accept the Planning Board report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report-The DCO report stated that there were two calls for this past month. One was for a dog at large, and that dog was taken to the shelter. The other was for two dogs at large, they were not found. There was also a court date for 2 dogs with no license, and 2 barking dogs. Bookkeeper Walley stated that in the General Fund bills there was a bill for \$1,000.00 from the

Human Society. Town Clerk Hartz stated that the Human Society suggested that because we have repeats offenders of dogs being brought to the shelter that we should think about increasing our redemption fee to help offset our cost that we are being billed. She suggested for each offense the amount be increased by increments of \$50.00 to reclaim the dog. It was decided to increase the amount to \$100 for the first offense and then increase by \$50 increments per each offense after. Councilman Mills made a motion to increase the amount. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that there was a marriage certificate request this past month as well as 2 copies of a birth certificate. She stated that tax collection is done for the year. Town Clerk Hartz stated we collected 90% of the taxes. She stated that the Town will receive \$6770.19 in penalties from people not paying before the end of January. Town Clerk Hartz stated that because the account does not go to \$0 during tax season interest is collected on the money in the account. She stated that the Town and the County split the total bank interest. So the Town will be getting approximately \$600.00 in interest.

Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

### 3.0- Old Business

3.1- Roods Creek Road repair project Award bid- Supervisor Axtell stated that the Town received three bids for the project. GSI out of Maine stated a cost of \$376,400. Principal Engineering stated that it would be \$296,977 to fix the road. Supervisor Axtell stated that the Town was approached by a local company who stated that they can do the bank stabilization for \$70,000; they would use ultra-heavy rock to support the driving lane. This company would not pave the road; the Town would be responsible for that. They also stated that they would give their work a 10 year warranty. They would need the road closed for 7-14 days for the project and the Town would be responsible for the signage and cones.

Supervisor Axtell stated after The Highway committee met and discussed the bids, they are recommending going with the local company, Schaefer Enterprises.

Councilman Mills made a motion to award the bid to Schaefer Enterprises.

Councilman Clark seconded. Roll call was completed 4- ayes, 0-nay, and 1-abstain. Motion passed.

3.2- Parking Lot bid- Supervisor Axtell stated that three bids were requested but only two came back. He stated that J-Line was the lowest bid to do the Town parking lot. So it was decided to award the bid to J-Line.

#### 4.0- New Business-

4.1- Presentation of Planning Board recommendations for Site Plan review for Solar Energy Systems- Shelly Johnson-Bennet, Director of Delaware County Planning, did a presentation to the Town Board regarding revisions the Planning Board is recommending on the Solar Energy portion of the Site plan Review Law Manual. She stated the Planning Board has researched other Town's solar energy laws and feel theirs are similar to what we are looking to implement. These revisions would be primarily for commercial/large projects. After detailed discussions the Town Board would like to review the revisions in more detail and then this will be brought to the June meeting for finalizing. A motion was made by Councilman Schaefer and seconded by Councilman Mills to have Attorney Lewis and Ms. Johnson-Bennet to meet and discuss the final details of the revisions. Motion carried. The details of the discussion will be brought to the meeting in June.

Ms. Johnson-Bennet also presented to the Board about the Innovative Readiness Training program with the Army that is happening this summer. She stated that they will be doing a field hospital type set up at Walton High School from July 11-21. They will be conducting wellness checks, school physicals, and sports' physicals for students, eye exams, supplying glasses if needed, dental and behavioral health checkups at no cost. There will also be a domestic animal clinic available as well which will include a spay and neutering clinic at Delhi College. There will be no appointment necessary, as it is walk in only. There are no requirements and no fees to attend. People do not have to be a Delaware County resident. It is open to everyone, no age limit. At this point transportation is still being worked on if people cannot provide their own.

4.2- Mowing of the cemeteries- The board still has not made a decision on how often the cemeteries should be mowed this summer. Councilman Schaefer suggested that the Orchard Street cemetery be changed to every 20 days instead of every 14. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to keep the current schedule leading up to Memorial Day and discuss again at the June meeting.

#### 5.0-Informational Items-

5.1- Update on Town Website- Town Clerk Hartz stated that now that taxes are done being collected that she can begin working on getting the website up and

running with the designer. When it is finished, the domain name will be townofdepositny.gov

5.2 Update on replacement sign project- Councilman Mills stated when he last talked with Mr. Sanford from Delaware River Basin Stone LLC. , the stone was being turned over to their designer. It was mentioned that a hole can be put in the stone to hold a flag pole if the Board is interested. It was decided to purchase a flag pole so they know the size of the hole to put in the stone. CEO Hathaway stated that he still needs to get a sign for the DMV for the building.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:20pm.  
Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz  
Town Clerk