

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, Jul 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, and Deputy Town Clerk-Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Town Clerk Beverly Hartz

1.1 Public Participation-Eric Linkroum stated that he lives next door to the town offices and he has seen a couple of times people hanging around the parking lot after hours. He stated that he feels the Town should invest in some security cameras to help protect the offices after hours. Supervisor Axtell said that the Town will investigate getting security cameras installed. Bartel Spenelli, who owns property on Silver Lake Spur, stated that his neighbor has multiple building he has put up that he is sure does not have building permits for. He also, stated that there is a sewage leak from the same neighbor that is going on his property. Supervisor Axtell stated that the Board cannot do anything, that these are Code Enforcement issues. CEO Hathaway stated that he was aware of the leak and is in the process of trying to determine whose sewage it was.

Mr. Ted Baker asked why he was being bothered about junk cars on his property. CEO Hathaway stated that there was been a couple of complaints about junk cars in the front yard. Mr. Baker asked why this is happening after CEO Hathaway had an issue with his son. CEO Hathaway stated it has nothing to do with that and that there have been complaints from the neighbors.

Mr. James Michalec stated that he was very impressed with the person who the Town currently has mowing. He stated he was very surprised to receive a knock on the door asking if there were any flowers or trees planted near the edge of the road that the Town should not mow. Mr. Michalec stated that when he talked to a few of his neighbors they were impressed and grateful as well.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 were reviewed. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund 157-188. Highway Fund- Item #1-25-29, Item #3-57-63, Item #4-22-23. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Axtell started off with telling everyone he received the permit for the Roods Creek Project. It was a very lengthy permit which took him a while to read. He said the biggest concern he has is with the Timber Rattlesnakes in the area. There is a rattlesnake den in the Bush hill area. Even though the den is not close to the project, they are requiring the Town to provide snake prevention maneuvers. The permit states if the work is done between April 1st and November 1st, the Town must have a snake monitor on site. Prior to the work being started the Town will have to hire a licensed snake monitor and to put up a fence on each side of the slope where vegetation may be disturbed.

Highway Superintendent Axtell stated they put millings in snowplow turn arounds on Steam Mill Road and Nettie Axtell Road. Shoulders were put in on recently paved roads. Ditching, installation of millings, and crusher run was put in on Hungry Hollow Road. A cattle guard was installed on Kellett Road, replacing the old one that had failed, Butts supplied the cattle guard with no charge. A wheel hub on Truck #12 was broken on Hungry Hollow Road, Orall's garage towed the truck in and replaced it. Pavement cuts were sealed with the tar buggy. The tire bin was filled during the Town Clean Up Day on Saturday 6/24. Mowing was done town wide. The Town of Deposit assisted the Village in their street milling projects and the Town received some millings in return. The Town of Sanford helped with their pug mill operation. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Highway report. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 No Health Officer report at this time.

2.6 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated there were two building permits issued this past month. He is also working on contacting the owner on Mountain Top Lane about the structure near Columbia Lake Rd. Some people were concerned about it falling over. A certificate of occupancy and final inspection were done at 699 Catskirondack Rd. for a three-season cabin. Concrete was inspected at two properties on Roods Creek Rd. Two property owners were also contacted this past month about decks being built without a permit.

Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- It was stated that this coming month's meeting was being postponed, it will now be on July 27th. It was stated that this is because of the army being in the county for their readiness training. Councilman Schaefer made the motion to accept the Planning Board report. Councilman Clark 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 to drop off a live trap for a missing dog. The other was from Broome County for a dog at large at the school, the dog was taken to the shelter. Councilman Schaefer made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed.

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

3.0- Old Business

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4.0- New Business-

4.1- Approve the recommended NYMIR Sexual Harassment Policy.

Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the new NYMIR Sexual Harassment Policy. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

5.0-Informational Items-

5.1- The Town of Deposit needs to find two people to serve on the Assessment Board of Appeals.

Councilman Mills made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:35pm. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Mills made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:56pm. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Morley made a motion to adjourn open meeting at 5:56pm. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:00pm

Elizabeth Polomcean
Deputy Town Clerk