

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:00pm. Councilmen present- Carl Clark, Robert Mills, and William Morley. Town Supervisor-Thomas Axtell, Highway Superintendent- Daniel Axtell, Bookkeeper-Rebecca Walley, Town Clerk-Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Councilman Lonny Schaefer and Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway.

1.1 Public Participation-None

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from July 11, 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 189-212. Highway Fund- Item #1-31-36, Item #3-64-70, Item #4-24-25. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Bookkeeper Walley mentioned that she was contacted by the State Comptrollers' Office about the 2022 AUD. She had put on the report that the ARPA money was revenue. They stated it was not unless we used the money and the Town currently has not. He is making the correction and will be sending us a revised AUD. Councilman Mills made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilman Morley Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Axtell for the month of July, stated they sealed saw cuts with the new tar buggy Town wide and it is working well. They rented a skid steer with a milling head from Eklunds in Stamford to mill out potholes and road joints in Hale Eddy and other places in the Town as needed. They unplugged sluice pipes in Hale Eddy. They also, unplugged sluice pipes and did ditching on Hungry Hollow Road. The crew stone and oiled Neale Road, Nettie Axtell Road, Town Shed Road 1/10 mile of Michigan Hollow Road, Hale Eddy Road, Bridge Street, and Church St. They also removed a very large tree from Barbourville Cemetery.

The Highway crew mowed all around the Township and swept roads. The summer help painted the overhead doors at 3 Elm St. They also helped the Town of Masonville with paving and the Village of Deposit stone and oil.

They also did routine maintenance by changing bristles on the Lay-Mor Broom and replaced a failed steering gear on the 2018 Volvo Dump truck. Burr Trucking did those repairs.

Councilman Mills asked about the Roods Creek project and Highway Superintendent Axtell stated that project is being pushed back until November. He has filed extensions to the DEC. The reason for the delay is because the cost of doing the project during the summer would require them to hire a person to monitor rattlesnakes in the area. If one is spotted, the project must be stopped until the snake is out of the area. The increased cost could be up to thousands of dollars more. Waiting until November would not require a rattlesnake monitor.

Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Highway report.

Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 No Health Officer report currently.

2.6 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway was not at the meeting but his report was given to all the members for their review. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated at the last meeting the Planning Board approved the Cell Tower proposal with the stipulation that Verizon Wireless files the DOT application and contacts both counties to get the emergency antennas on the Tower. She also mentioned that a potential buyer (accompanied by other representatives) of the Rte 17 Trailer Park and the property across the tracks down by the river came to discuss what would be needed for them to potentially put cabins/RVs in that area. Shelly John-Bennett-Director of DC Planning had stated there were 3 big stumbling blocks to do this project. They are Dept. of Health, DOT, and Norfolk Southern Railroad because they are in the Floodway. Councilman Morley 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. The first one was 2 abandoned puppies which were taken to the shelter. The other was a barking dog. She spoke to the owner and was warned. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business-None

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Review price quotes from Sentry Alarm for security camera system and decide if Town wants to proceed with project. The Board reviewed one quote from Sentry Alarm for just 2 outside cameras and one quote 3 camera, 2 outside and one in the court room. Councilman Mills asked a few questions about whether they were on constantly or if they were motion cameras. He also asked if they could be turned off if needed. Bookkeeper Walley asked if they had audio or just visual. Town Clerk Hartz stated she would check with the company on the questions the Board had. It was decided to table this until the questions could be answered. It will be revisited at the next meeting. Councilman Mills made a motion to a table the discussion until next month. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

4.2-Appoint two individuals to the Board of Assessment Review Committee- The Town has two vacancies on the BAR Board. There are two individuals who have come forward and would like to serve. They are Douglas Ewing and Donald Neihaus. A motion was made by Councilman Morley to appoint these two people effective 1/1/2024. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried. Town Clerk Hartz mentioned that the Town used to pay mileage for the members when they traveled to Delhi to take the course. Now the course is online instead of in person. She asked the Board since it is a 4-hr. course she thought they should get compensated somehow for their time of the training. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that they would get paid \$75.00 for their time spent taking the training. The payment for training would be made to them after they serve on the committee on Grievance Day. Councilman Mills made a motion to pay them for training. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

5.1 Informational Items- Highway Superintendent Axtell stated he is retiring and his last of work will be October 14th. He will be appointing his replacement and Ryan Tiffany is in line for it at this time. Highway Superintendent Axtell introduced Ryan to the Board at the meeting. He stated he is a member of good standing of the crew and he is very capable of replacing him. He stated moving forward he is hoping that will happen. Councilman Mills stated he would like to have a Highway committee meeting soon which Ryan should attend so he can see how the process works when needing new equipment. Town Clerk Hartz stated that Highway Superintendent Axtell will truly be missed but hopes he enjoys his retirement because he deserves it. Mr. Axtell stated he really has enjoyed his job

and working with everyone. He and the Board will officially appoint his replacement at the October meeting. Bridget Davis asked when his term was up and he stated in 2025, but the person who he appoints will have to run next year 2024.

Councilman Clark made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:48pm. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz

Town Clerk