

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:00pm. Councilmen present- Carl Clark, Robert Mills, Lonny Schaefer, and William Morley. Town Supervisor-Thomas Axtell, Highway Superintendent- Daniel Axtell, Bookkeeper-Rebecca Walley, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Town Clerk-Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean.

1.1 Public Participation-Bart Spinelli came to discuss his concerns he has about his neighbor's septic system draining and leaking into his property on Silver Lake Spur. CEO Hathaway stated that he is aware of the complaints and he is looking into them.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from August 8, 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 213-237. Highway Fund- Item #1-39-42, Item #3-71-81, Item #4-26-28. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Axtell stated that they rebuilt stream bank and retaining walls along Michigan Hollow Road. Asphalt repairs were done with the tar buggy. Storm Damage was cleaned up as it occurred, trees down, plugged pipes, and ditches. Roadsides were mowed.

The crew went to First Aid and CPR training. The Towns of Masonville and Tompkins were helped with road work. Mowing was done to help the Village of Deposit. The Town of Sanford was also helped. Brake work was done on Truck #7, 2016 Volvo. Belts and bearings were replaced on the mowing attachment. The tailgate was repaired on Truck #2, 2007 Volvo. A load of scrap metal was taken to Weisman's in Binghamton.

Superintendent Axtell stated that during the Highway committee meeting last week it was discussed about buying a new loader with forks. He stated that he was given 3 leasing options, option 1 would be a \$48,000.00 first payment due with

document signing with \$45,115.00 due annually for 3 years, option 2 would be a \$48,000.00 first payment with document signing with \$34,878.00 due annually, and option 3 would be a \$48,000.00 first payment with document signing with \$28,751.00 due annually. He stated that he felt the 3rd option would be the better one because of the lower annual payment. Bookkeeper Walley stated that after next year there is another Highway Department payment that will be done which the amount is around the same as the second option. Councilman Morley made a motion to lease the loader and forks at the option 2 rate. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

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

2.5 No Health Officer report currently.

2.6 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated that a letter was sent about the gate on Catskirondack Rd, both certified and regular mail, and they have 30 days to respond for a remedy about the gate. He stated there was one building permit issued, no Certificates of Occupancy, an inspection for a roof on Silver Lake Rd., a final inspection for a garage on Roods Creek Rd., ad a rough framing on a steel building done on China Rd. There was a complaint about drainage on Columbia Lake Rd., and a complaint about a septic leak on Silver Lake Spur, He did a records search for when the septic was installed but nothing was found so it is possible it was before 2006 before the flood hit. There was also a code search for a property on Airport Rd. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated that there is a Planning Board meeting this coming Thursday. Town Clerk Hartz stated that at last month's meeting the Verizon Tower project was given the go ahead by the Planning Board as long as the applicant filed a DOT application with the DOT and contacted both Delaware, and Broome counties about putting antennas on the tower on for emergency services. She stated that the Planning Board was told by Shelly Johnson-Bennett once the paperwork was filed with the DOT the Planning Board would be notified and nothing has come back yet. She also, stated that a potential buyer of the trailer park on Rte 17 and the property down behind the trailer park across the railroad tracks came to the meeting to ask questions about the possibility of putting an RV park on Rt. 17, and building cabins down by the river. He wanted to know what the stumbling blocks would be. He was told that he would have to contact the DOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad Company

concerning those questions. Also, Shelly Johnson-Bennett sent an email to the Town Clerk stating she met with the town's Attorney, Mr. Lewis, and he would be attending the meeting to discuss his findings and his recommendations on the Solar Project. The Councilman Mills made the motion to accept the Planning Board report. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report-The DCO report stated that there were five calls for this past month. The two were for dogs at large and tickets were issued. One was for an animal cruelty allegation; the dog was checked on and everything was legal. One call was for a found dog and the owner came and retrieved the dog. The last call of the month was for a stolen dog, troopers were involved, the person was charged and the dog was returned home. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer report. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that there were 3 deaths this past month, and 1 marriage. She stated that there was an issue about a birth certificate because she received a corrected one in the mail but did not have the original. After she investigated it, the child was born in an ambulance on the way to the hospital and they pulled over in the Town of Deposit to deliver the baby. New York State Department of Health Vital Records told Town Clerk Hartz that because the baby never left the ambulance the original birth certificate was filled at the destination of the ambulance. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business-

3.1- Review Security Alarms quote and decide if we want to go ahead with the project- Town Clerk Hartz stated that when the judges got in contact with the State, they were told that they cannot have visual recordings of court proceedings. Councilman Mills stated that he feels that everyone is being recorded too much and he feels that we should put off getting cameras because nothing has happened yet. Town Clerk Hartz stated that while nothing has happened yet, the public have come into the office stating that people have been in our parking lot after hours, in the area that is hard to see from the road. Councilman Clark made a motion to not put cameras up at this time. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Approve Resolution #4 of 2023 to increase the Judges' salary- Councilman Schaefer made a motion to approve Resolution #4 2023 to increase

the Judges salary. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call completed 5 yea 0 nay.

4.2-Approve Resolution #5 of 2023 accepting Local Law #2 of 2023 to override the Tax Levy Limit and set a Public Hearing to be held October 10, 2023.

Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the Resolution #5. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call completed. 5 yea 0 nay.

5.0 Informational Items-

5.1- Supervisor Axtell stated that the Fire Department Budget meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 5:00pm and they released the numbers for the budget. They are looking at \$92,436.00 for the fire, Ambulance, and administrative services and \$16,254.51 for the pool.

5.2- Supervisor Axtell stated that September 19th at 1:30pm there will be a budget meeting.

5.3- Supervisor Axtell stated that Delaware County has approved at the County level a 10% exemption in the property assessment on taxes for Fire and Emergency workers. There are stringent guidelines that need to be followed. The person must live in the residence and if any portion of it is used for other than residential it is adjusted accordingly. Broome county and the Town of Sanford have already passed a version. Supervisor Axtell feels that the Town should get more information on this so it can be discussed in the next couple of months. The intent of this is to encourage people to join a Fire Department or EMS because they are having difficulty recruiting people. He stated that if the Town decides to approve this, there would need to be a local law passed.

5.4- Supervisor Axtell stated that the VFW disbanded and they never cashed the check the Town sent them. It was suggested to give the money to the American Legion. Councilman Mills made a motion to send the money to the American Legion. Supervisor Axtell seconded. Motion carried

Councilman Clark made a motion to go into Executive session at 6:15pm. Councilman Morley seconded.

At 6:35 the Board went back into open session stating that Union negotiations were discussed.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40pm. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz

Town Clerk