

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 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 Hearing on Local Law #2 to Over Ride Tax Cap- No questions or concerns.

1.2 Public Participation- None

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from September 12, 2023 were reviewed. Councilman Morley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund 238-263. Highway Fund- Item #1-44-49, Item #3-82-83, 85-92, 1, Item #4-29. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Bookkeeper Walley stated that there were a couple of recommended budget amendments that needed to be approved to make budget reporting more accurate. Councilman Mills made the motion to accept the Financial Report and approve the budget amendments. Councilman Clark Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Axtell stated that they did asphalt overlay on Ryan Road. Hale Eddy Spur had asphalt paving put on. A single coat of chipseal was put on County Route 20, the new loader was used. Truck and equipment maintenance was done to get ready for winter. Services were shared with Hancock, Tompkins, and Masonville.

Superintendent Axtell stated that his last day is Friday, October 13th and he recommends Ryan Tiffany to be appointed as Highway Superintendent until the next election year. His term will start 10/15/2023. Councilman Morley made a motion to appoint Ryan Tiffany as Highway Superintendent. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion Carried.

Councilman Morley 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 he emailed the Town attorney about the gate on Catskirondak Road because the order to remedy is up and nothing has been done. There were 2 building permits issued this past month. A letter was sent to an owner on Sliver Lake Spur about the septic complaint. There were two code searches done. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Mills 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 this coming meeting will be the Solar Power Law discussion. She also stated that nothing has been received from the DOT about the cell tower. Verizon sent updated paperwork that included an email from the DOT stating it was approved. Councilman Morley 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 four calls for this past month. All were for dogs at large. In two tickets were issued, one had the dogs confiscated, and the fours no dogs were found. Councilman Schaefer 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 were 1 death this past month. She stated that she has been getting a lot of dog licenses coming in because the free rabis clinic was held this past week so people are coming in to license their dogs. Councilman Schaefer made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business-

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Adopt Local Law #2 to Over Ride the 2% Tax Cap- Councilman Morley made a motion to adopt Local Law #2 to override the tax cap. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call completed 5 yea 0 nay.

5.0 Informational Items-

5.1- Supervisor Axtell stated that ARPA funds may be used now to help with natural disasters. He stated that that means they may be able to be used to help with the Roods Creek Road issue. He stated that Town Clerk Hartz has sent 2 emails

asking for clarification and has not received a response. Bookkeeper Walley stated that she did a webinar about it and that it does not need preapproval but the time frame needs to be looked at.

5.2- Supervisor Axtell stated that the recycle bin cost for the Town of Deposit's share is \$13,931.67, which is a little less than what was originally thought.

5.3- Supervisor Axtell stated that the fire contact does have an increase of \$607.00 for the Town of Deposit's share.

5.4- Supervisor Axtell stated that Excellus health insurance does have an increase of \$200 for the 2-person plan for this coming year. The town will continue with the current Excellus Plan.

5.5 Supervisor Axtell stated that he has a meeting scheduled for Thursday 10/12 @ 1:30pm with our Union Town Attorney to finalize the union negotiations.

5.6 Supervisor Axtell stated that there is a budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 17 at 1:30 pm. Everyone is urged to attend.

Councilman Morley made a motion to go into Executive session at 5:30pm. Councilman Mills seconded.

Councilman Morley made a motion to go back into open session at 6:10pm. Councilman Clark seconded.

Hwy Superintendent Axtell stated the laws have changed in regards to getting a CDL License. People are now required to complete an extensive training, take a written test, and pass a driver's test in order to receive a CDL License which is very expensive. After a lot of discussion, Supervisor Axtell made a motion, for a new hire, the Town will work on a policy to help with the cost and have it in place to assist a new hire if they do not have a CDL License already, to get a CDL License after the completion of their 1-year probation. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

Supervisor Axtell made a motion to keep the appointed Highway Superintendent's salary at the current rate, excluding the buyout. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried with 4 yea, 1 abstained.

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

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk