

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00pm. Councilmen present- Carl Clark, and William Morley. Town Supervisor-Thomas Axtell, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Bookkeeper-Rebecca Walley, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Town Clerk-Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Councilmen-Lonny Schaefer, and Robert Mills.

1.1 Public Hearing on Tentative 2024 Town Budget- No questions or concerns.

1.2 Public Participation-Deborah Flerry, Rob Champlin, Elaine Benjamin, Linda Burkhart, and Holly Grusky came and spoke about the group they are a part of, (New York Citizens Audit) and the work they have been doing about auditing Board of Election Offices. They have been going around to each of the municipalities in all the Counties to present their finding and statistics. They are looking to the Towns to pass a Resolution.

Bart Spinelli came and asked if there were any updates on his complaint of the neighbor's septic system. CEO Hathaway stated he has sent a letter to the neighboring owner concerning this but has not heard back.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from October 10, 2023 were reviewed. Councilman Clark 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 264-307. Highway Fund- Item #1-51-55, Item #3-93-94, 96-99, Item #4-31-32.

Councilman Clark made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany started off by saying thank you to the board for trusting him to take over as highway superintendent.

Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that the crew attended the NYS Highway and Public Works Expo in Syracuse.

All plow trucks were serviced and equipped for the winter season. Hot tar crack fillings were done where needed town wide. Roadside mowing and brush cutting were done town wide. Ditch cleaning was performed on Columbia Lake Road.

Two new employees were hired and have joined the crew. They have been training by the current crew members. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Highway report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper Walley stated that there was an amendment to the budget for the Highway Department that needs to be addressed. She stated that a decrease needs to be made to line DB 5110.1 by \$50,000 to make it \$116,484 and an increase to DB 5110.4 by \$50,000 to make it \$337,000, so that stone can be bought before prices increase next year. This is recommended by both her and Superintendent Tiffany.

Supervisor Axtell made a motion to amend the budget. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 No Health Officer report currently.

2.6 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated that there was a court date set about the gate on Catskirondack Road that was cancelled. There were 4 building permits issued this past month and 1 demo permit. There were 3 inspections done. There was 1 code search. A meeting was held with a contractor about work at 185 Latham Rd.

An appearance ticket was filled out and mailed both certified and regular mail. An email was sent to the president of the road association for Catskirondack Road about the court date being postponed. Councilman Morley made a motion to accept the Code Officer Report. Councilman Clark seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated that there was a meeting last Thursday. She stated that it was mainly a work session on making the changes for the solar project to revise the site plan review manual. Supervisor Axtell 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 two calls for this past month. All were for dogs at large. One was taken to the shelter and the other had tickets issued. Councilman Morley 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 3 marriage transcripts issued and 1 marriage license. She stated that she also had her first one day officiant license issued. Supervisor Axtell made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business-

3.1- Update on new sign progress- The councilman that oversees this was absent so no updates.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Adopt the 2024 Town budget- Supervisor Axtell stated that the new budget is a 2.95% increase above the levy. Councilman Clark made a motion to adopt the 2024 Town budget. Councilman Morley seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call completed 3 yea 0 nay.

5.0 Informational Items-

5.1- Supervisor Axtell stated that the Delaware County 2024 tentative budget is out. It came in at 1.9075% which is just under the 2% tax cap.

Councilman Morley made a motion to go into Executive session at 5:50pm. Councilman Clark seconded.

Councilman Clark made a motion to go back into open session at 6:01pm. Councilman Morley seconded.

Councilman Clark made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:01pm. Supervisor Axtell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Beverly Hartz

Town Clerk