

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:00pm. Councilmen present- Robert Mills, Ammon Bush, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, and Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway. Absent-Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Polomcean.

1.1-Candidate for Board Vacancy- Each person will be given three minutes to speak on their behalf if desired. Each person spoke, but Mr. Michalac withdrew his application.

1.2-Public Participation- Mr. Michalac stated he expressed his opinion that there is partisan politics in the Town of Deposit and he does not believe in it. He feels it is not necessary and does not feel there is a place for it. He would like the Town at some point to have discussions on changing this in the future.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from July 9, 2024 were reviewed. Councilman Bush made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #222-248. Highway Fund- Item #I:36-41, Item #III:58-67, Item #IV:29. Councilman Mills after reviewing the bills, he noticed that this month's electric and gas bill for the Highway was less than 3 Elm St. which was great. Councilman Schaefer made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Supervisor Walley gave the financial report. She stated that the Town made approximately \$6,000 in interest again this month. Councilman Bush made the motion to accept the Financial Report. She also stated the Recovery money was used up for the Roods Creek Project. Councilman Bush made a motion to accept the report. Councilman Schaefer Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that roadside mowing continues townwide. The crew assisted the Towns of Masonville, Sanford and Tompkins with trucking for some of their road work. Ditching continued on Warner Road. Tree cleanup was performed after some passing thunderstorms the Town received. The shoulders of the new paved section of

McCabe Hollow Road were backfilled with crusher run and driveway aprons were filled to match the new road surface. Grader patch was used on Cheese Factory Road, Steam Mill Road and Scofield Road.

Truck #7 had re-call repairs performed by Burr Truck. Truck #12 needed leaf spring repair which was done by Tri-City Spring and Truck #2 had a leaking wheel seal that the crew repaired in house after being noticed during a pre-trip inspection. Our Boom Mower assisted the Village DPW with mowing around Firemen's Park ahead of Lumberjack Festival.

Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that the 2018 Volvo is over at Burr dealership now because it needed to have a clutch replaced on it. The Town is in the need of that truck for shouldering processes. It is the only vehicle that they can do that with. The estimated cost of repairs is a little over \$5,000.

Highway crew members from Town of Sanford and our own crew helped assist with the tire & electronic clean-up day hosted at our Highway Garage on 7/27. The turnout was great. They filled a dumpster with tires and they had 3 Gaylord bins of electronics.

The Highway Superintendent stated he traveled to the Town of Union to witness Micro Surfacing being performed on several streets to watch the process and performance of the product by Suit-Kote.

There has been no update on the delivery of the tractor as of yet per Highway Superintendent Tiffany.

Councilman Bush asked him if he had heard from the state on the Nettie Axtell Road and he said he had not.

Also, the Board thanked him for his service and taking it upon himself to come back from vacation early to be prepared for the storm that the Town had this past week.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated he had 3 building permits Silver Lake Spur- repairs to back entry, Crystal Lake Road- 24x30 garage and a foundation under a home on Crystal Lake Road. He did an inspection on insulation on Trout Run Road. He also sent out remedy letters to Ryan Road on Junk Vehicles and also contacted the person who filed the complaint to update them on the status. He also received a complaint on garbage on Old Rte. 10 which has been cleaned up. CEO Hathaway also stated he received an email stating he has met the requirements and his code credits are complete. Councilman Bush

made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilman Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.6 Planning Board Meeting Report- No information, meeting was cancelled.

2.7 The Dog Control Officer Report- 2 dog at large complaints. One on Columbia Lake and the other was at the school. No dogs found. The Board members questioned the large bill received from the Broome County Humane Society. TC Hartz stated she did some research and this was a bill for the second quarter and all the charges were for the same family's dogs. They were taken to the shelter 7 times. The Board is working with DCO and Town Court to try and recoup some of that money to offset these costs. Councilman Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report. Councilman Bush seconded. Motion carried.

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

3.0- Old Business

3.1- Fill vacancy on Town Board- Supervisor Walley stated that she wanted to make it clear that that she received different sets of information for the nomination of a candidate deadline from the Election Board from 2 different people. One said the Town had until July 15 and the other person stated July 25th. Then one person said the drop-dead date was August 15th but that date was totally incorrect. Because of the conflicting deadlines and after discussions with a potential candidate, the Republican Party nominated Eric Linkroum to be on the ballot this coming November to make sure they were in compliance. Supervisor Walley did state there was an opportunity for someone to do a write in for a vote in November. Whoever is elected in November, they would hold the position until the term is up in 2027 starting January 2025. Due to the changes the NYS Government is making, they want everyone to be on even years, so in 2027 it will only be a three-year term. Supervisor handed out paper ballots for the Board to vote on who they wanted to fill the position. The paper ballots were read. Janice Mapes -2 votes, Eric Linkroum-1 vote. Janice Mapes was appointed to the Council Member position through December 31, 2024.

3.2-Administer Oath of Office to New Board Member by Town Clerk- Janice Mapes was given the Oath of Office by the Town Clerk then joined the Board at the Head Table.

3.3- Pool Update-Supervisor Walley stated the Board attended the joint meeting about the pool. She received some information that the original estimate

for the pool did not include prevailing wage cost so the price increased by \$6,700.00. The total cost now is \$79,700.00. The pool association has about \$14,000 and part of the payment the Town has been giving them has been going into a fund which is \$53,000. The 3 municipalities will just have to come up with the extra and it will be divided between each of them. The approximate cost will be \$4,000-\$4,500 apiece. Councilman Schaefer stated he did bring up at the meeting that they need to be aware of new advanced technology or products out there that can decrease cost and maintenance. They also discussed getting a shed to help store the equipment that is needed for the pool. The chemical supplies and equipment cannot be stored in the same area. She did state that Delaware County is applying for a \$25,000 grant from NYS to get and retain Life Guards for municipalities. There are 10 Towns that have swimming areas so that would be \$2,500 apiece. In September there will be another meeting. She also stated that Deposit Central School owns the pool so they are working on a lease agreement.

3.4-Approve Resolution #10 to move remainder of ARPA monies and interest to the Capital Project Fund- \$12,797.47 Supervisor Walley reviewed the information to everyone. A motion was made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried.

3.5- 2025 Budget updates- It was decided to have the meeting on Wednesday, September 18th @ 9:00am She also wants someone to give us an estimate on cyber security. The one company she talked to wanted to charge us \$900 a month. Computer Emergency Room is our current IT Dept. and we will also be checking with them. She will be sending out budget information to all departments so they can put down what they feel they need to bring to our budget meeting for 2025.

3.6- Clean Up Day Summary-they filled 3 Gaylord boxes for electronics and 1 full dumpster for tires.

3.7- FUDR meeting- Supervisor is meeting with them on August 14 at 10:00am. She wants Hwy Supt. also to attend. FUDR has a project they want to do at Laurel Creek off Roods Creek Road.

3.8- Municipal Agreements- Supervisor Walley stated we are receiving them back signed with the liability insurance attached. Town of Hancock Supervisor stated he was very impressed with the agreement which was positive feedback.

3.9-Barbourville Cemetery-Supervisor Walley stated she has been checking on grants to help fix the bridge. Councilman Bush stated we should check with

John Cammer because he is retired and he might take a look at it and give the Town some ideas to get it fixed.

4.0- New Business-

4.1-Fire Truck update- (old engine to be stored at new Town of Sanford Highway Garage) Supervisor Walley stated that the Town of Sanford is building a new Highway garage in North Sanford. Currently in that area Afton covers that area. When the Garage is built, they will be storing one of the older engines out at the new garage so they will have coverage and help with insurance costs.

4.2- Cyber Security Policy & IT discussion- this was discussed earlier in meeting.

4.3—Delaware County Emergency Services flood money- Supervisor Walley received an email stating that residents and businesses can apply for funds through the Federal government to receive money for damages in the past flood. This is the link to that website to fill out the form. <https://arcg.is/0ybK4H0>

5.0-Informational Items-

5.1-Update on Del. Co. Cooperative Extension-They hired a temporary Supervisor to oversee everything and she is doing a great job. She stated they are actively working on filling open positions. The camp was a success and the Fair is going well also.

5.2- Update on Road Closure & Repair Updates-Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated he met with NYSEG and stated they are getting ready to do the gasoline install on County Rte. 48 & Laurel Bank Ave. That phase is about a 30-day project and they are also going to do a new bore under the river which is a 38-day project. After the discussion with NYSEG, everyone is on the same page so he gave them approval to proceed. Councilman Bush asked if the Town has a set of plans and Hwy Supt Tiffany said he has the original plans and they have not changed. He said what has changed is they were going to do an open cut on the Town's Road but now they are doing a jack boring technique and they are boring under our road. The project was starting either this week or next. Supervisor Walley stated that the Dug Road project has moved from Stilesville side of the road to the Beebe Hill Road side. Councilman Bush asked what is the status of the steel purchase for

the Dug Road bridge. Supervisor Walley stated they told her it could be a month earlier but they do not know for sure. She stated that Rte. 17 is back open to one lane. The case loader payment is due next month.

5.2- Delaware County Fair- Councilman Schaefer wanted to let everyone know that the 4H livestock sale is at 2pm on Saturday, August 17th.

5.3- Legal Notice for Snow Removal Bids- Councilman Mills asked if the notice had been put in the paper. TC Hartz stated that she had notified the Courier and it will be in the paper for 3 weeks starting the week of 8/19.

A motion was made by Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Councilman Bush seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk