

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Robert Mills, Ammon Bush, Lonny Schaefer, and Janice Mapes. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk-Beverly Hartz, Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Polomcean and Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway.

Public Hearing- No Public Hearing required. 2025 Budget not over tax cap.

1.1-Public Participation- None

1.2- Read letter from Hale Eddy Spur resident concerning parking- Supervisor Walley read a letter from a concerned property owner about people parking in the middle of the road on Hale Eddy Spur. She is requesting that the Town put up no parking signs on the road. The vehicles block access to her property and make it impossible for her to get in or out when she needs to. This will be discussed under new business.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes from September 10, 2024, were reviewed. Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Mapes seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills were reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #268-291. Highway Fund- Item #I:49-58, Item #III:75-84, Item #IV:31-34. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the report. Councilmember Mapes Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that an under drain was installed on Columbia Lake Road along with a culvert replacement. Shouldering and a culvert replacement was done on Schofield Road. Ditching was finished on Warner Road and hot mix asphalt was used on Roods Creek Road to complete the repairs from the washout. Mowing continued on Dug Road, County Hwy 19, and Schofield Road.

The crew assisted the Town of Sanford and the Town of Tompkins with trucks for their stone and oil projects.

Stone and oil were completed on Schofield Road with assistance from the Town of Sanford with their trucks. Millings were hauled in from Route 268 and added to our stockpile by the carwash. Road sand and grit were hauled in and added to the winter stockpile at the highway garage.

He also informed the Board that one of the crew members started their CDL training this past weekend and from this point forward it will continue during the work week not on weekends. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Highway report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway reviewed his report with the Board. He had 3 building permit requests. 1 for a manufactured home on Crystal Lake Road, a 24 x 40 home on County Hwy 19 and a 26x42 garage on Neale Road. He did a septic system inspection on Silver Lake Road and inspected a concrete slab on Crystal Lake Road. He received a call about a dead tree on a neighbor's property. He stated there was nothing in the code concerning that and explained it to the person who contacted him. He also did a code search on 30680 State Hwy 17W. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilmember Mapes seconded. Motion carried.

2.6 Planning Board Meeting Report- TC Hartz stated there was no information, September's meeting was cancelled. October meeting is this Thursday. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 The Dog Control Officer Report- Supervisor Walley stated there was no report because there were no dog violations this month.

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

3.0- Old Business

3.1- LED Lights- Supervisor Walley stated that she has tried to contact NYSEG several times but has not gotten a straight answer if we qualify for the LED

light upgrade. Whoever she has talked with, always states they cannot find a reason we would not qualify. The Board decided to upgrade the Town's lights to LED at 3 Elm St. and at the Highway garage before the quote expires and the cost increases. A motion was made by Councilmember Mills to go forward with the process and seconded by Councilmember Bush. Motion carried.

4.0- New Business-

4.1-Resolution #12 of 2024 to approve JCAP application- Resolution was reviewed and discussed. It was decided to send in the application for the \$30,000 grant. Role call was performed- 5-yay 0-Nay. Motion carried.

4.2- Resolution #13 & Local Law #3 to override tax cap- Because the budget was under the 2% tax Cap the Board did not need to adopt this. No vote needed.

4.3- Schedule Budget meeting to finalize figures- The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th @ 9am to finalize the budget figures.

4.4- Language Line-Due to the increase in Language barriers in our area the Court is requesting to be able to have access to people who can help with culture and language barriers through the phone. This is a service the Town of Sanford is currently using. The Town would only be billed when the system is used. There is no monthly charge. Currently having an interpreter come to the Court is not dependable and the cost is significantly higher than the phone Language line. Mileage has to be paid, and they get approx.\$100 an hour. After discussions, it was decided to allow the Court to pursue getting the Language line. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to go forward with the Language line and Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

5.0-Informational Items

5.1- Letter from resident of Hale Eddy Spur about parking- Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated there are already signs up on all road entrances prohibiting parking on all Town Roads. The signs were updated at the

beginning of the year. He also stated that no one should be parking in the turnaround because that is designated for the plow trucks to be able to turn around if necessary. In the past vehicles have been towed when they have parked there. Supervisor Walley will send a letter to the complainant explaining what the board decided. She has the right to contact law enforcement if she would like to enforce this.

5.2-Recycle Bin & pool- Councilmember Mills explained to the Board the possible changes needing to be made with the recycling bin to make it more visible in the evening, which could include increased lighting and possibly cameras. Not having this is a liability issue which was stated by the Department of Labor.

He also discussed the changes that need to happen with the pool, such as chemical storage and the electrical system. There are safety concerns for the lifeguards at the pool. They are looking at building another storage place for the chemicals so the lifeguards can have a different place to go and store their supplies.

5.3- Oversight Committee meeting Fire and Ambulance- Councilmember Mills explained the discussions they had at the oversight committee meeting. This includes the cost of fire and ambulance coverage for Scott Township. Their contract is up in the spring, so they are looking at instead of splitting the cost 3 ways, they are considering splitting it 4 equal ways which includes Scott Township.

5.4 Traffic Diversion Program-Supervisor Walley described the new Traffic Diversion Program that the Delaware County District Attorney is recommending. The Delaware County Board of Supervisors has approved this program. Motorists charged with certain traffic infractions will be given the option of requesting enrollment in the Traffic Diversion Program, and if approved, can participate in its courses on the rule of the road and safe driving practices. The Traffic diversion participants will be required to pay a

service charge to offset the cost of administering the program. The company running the program will collect payment and after retention of the fee they will forward payment to the Delaware County Treasurer. The Treasurer will then pay the municipality 80% of the fee collected. No money will be given to the state. It is up to the Town Judges to decide whether they want to do this or not. The board strongly recommends they participate.

Supervisor Walley requested an executive session to discuss some legal issues. A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and second by Councilmember Mills to go into executive session at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schaefer to come out of executive session at 6:22pm. Councilmember Bush seconded.

A motion was made at 6:23 by Councilmember Schaefer to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilmember Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:00pm.

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk