

Town Board Minutes  
March 10, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on March 10, 2020 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Patrick Flynn Councilmen: Peter Martini, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs

Excused: Colby Petersen at training

Others present: George Thompson, Robert Miller, Robert Brechko, Dave Granzin, Richard Harper District Legislator, Linda Downs, Tim Chambers- Hwy Supt.

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Robert Brechko, Board of Election Democratic Commissioner gave an overview of the changes for elections 2020. There will be early voting for all primaries and elections.

**Presidential Primary** early voting April 18-26 Election April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Federal, State & Local Primary** early June 13-21 Elections June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**General Elections early Oct 24- November 1<sup>st</sup>** Elections Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Budget impact from all primaries and election and longer voting hours. Early voting will add \$ 15,000. Longer hours \$ 7500.

Over 100 bills of legislation change to elections in Albany.

Spoke of ongoing Cyber security updates, COVO2 precautions during voting, hand sanitizer at every polling spot.

2021/2022 plan to purchase new voting machines cost @ \$329,000.

Yates County will send resolution to State for financial support for elections.

2021 Campaign financing will go through the State BOE

16 Year old voter registration push although they will not be eligible to vote until 18.

**Abstract of vouchers** Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts.

**Motion** by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs that the bills on the General A & B Funds in the amount of \$ 29,380.69 be paid, **carried**.

**Motion** by Mr. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Funds in the amount of \$ 11,367.94 be paid, **carried**.

**February Minutes;** Discussion on February minutes. Mr. Martin would like sentence in Mr. Downs draft letter for February corrected. "Resident who opposes WD #1 project" and the excess cost related to rerouting district, also noted the Code Officer reported that International Code Books used by all code officers statewide will now only be available online.

**Motion** by Mr. Martini 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs to accept the minutes with correction, **carried**.

Mr. Flynn presented a request for letter of support for local farmer Guy Christiansen applying for Farmland Protection Implementation Program, Round 17.

Mr. Christiansen has received funding from Round 16, now would like to add two more parcels, one in the Town of Milo and one in the Town of Torrey to the program for Round 17.

Mr. Flynn offered the following resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, carried by all.

**WHEREAS**, New York State provides 87.5% funding for the protection of valuable farmland through the NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Program and,

**WHEREAS**, two farms in the Town of Milo and the Wilson Farm in the Town of Torrey have been awarded grants in the last ten years for the protection of over 1100 acres and,

**WHEREAS**, the Guy Christiansen Dairy Farm in the Town of Torrey has applied to Yates County to participate in the program through the Yates County Ag and Farmland Protection Board and,

**WHEREAS**, the original parcels in the Guy Christiansen Dairy Farm were funded through Round 16's Dairy Transition Farmland Protection Program and the land submitted in this application will expand on this farm's protected land and long-term viability,

**WHEREAS**, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has agreed to hold, monitor and enforce the conservation easement should the project be funded, and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Christiansen has agreed to pay for 12.5% of the cost share of the project and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Torrey values the contributions and protection of the agriculture in the town and recognizes the important opportunity the NYS Farmland Protection Implementation Program provides for farmers across the state, and recognize the estate planning taken by the family, to ensure successful transition to the next generations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Torrey supports the application of Guy Christiansen Dairy Farm for the Round 17 NYS Dairy Transition Farmland Protection Implementation Program.

There will be a town wide dog enumeration starting in June.

Summer recreation and Public Beach opens July 1- Aug. 14.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin to hire Gavin Rhinehart as Lifeguard and Justina Jenkins as Summer Rec Leader at Torrey Public Beach to be compensated at \$ 12.50 per hour.

Rec/Beach Aides to be compensated at 11.50/ hour. Carried.

**Highway Report** Mr. Chambers gave the highway report. T-4 had new rear springs installed. TL 90 the mowing tractor had injectors repaired and running great. Cat excavator had cylinder repair.

Went to DOT training for superintendents in Canandaigua.

Ordered a new air tank for Torrey 3. Working on road sign repairs.

Mine safety training next month, will send the highway crew. Tis will be held at the Seneca Lake Duck Club, hosted by City Hill Excavators. Cost is \$ 195. Included is CPR, OSHA training.

East Leach Road, shoulders/road siding are holding and stable.

Discussion on old ceiling heater in shop on south side. Would like to have it replaced and new heater relocated so not to obstruct the rising of truck dump box. Cost of unit \$ 4300.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini approving the purchase of heater, carried.

**Code Officer Report:** Submitted as Mr. James is at training in Rochester.

**Perry Point District 1:** Discussion on draft of letter Mr. Downs has prepared to send to the Village. His letter is a response to the letters of inquiry from the Village dated December 10 and follow up letter January 31. The Village is in their budget process and would like to know if the Town is planning on purchasing water from the Village for Perry Point Water District. In this letter there were several water billing scenarios for the sale of water to the town.

Mr. Downs letter stated that the Town of Torrey finds neither options presented in December 10 letter to be satisfactory. The Town is requesting a wholesale cost, annual flat fee cost for administration, and annual flat fee for operation & maintenance. He quoted the Town of Benton agreement with the Town of Torrey for Water District 1. He requested a price of water that passes through the master meter also.

Mr. Flynn stated that he met with the Mayor to discuss water cost, last week. The Mayor will sell the water at the outside user rate of \$ 9.75 per thousand and meter cost of 19.00.

Mr. Martin made a motion to send Mr. Downs letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Downs, did not carry with vote of 2-2 Flynn & Martini voting no. The letter of Mr. Downs was tabled.

After further discussion, Mr. Flynn will send a letter to the Village of Dresden informing them that the Town will buy water and asking the Village to draft a quote for water and administration on a five-year agreement, that will be agreeable to both parties.

Motion by Mr. Flynn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini to send a letter to the Village from Mr. Flynn, carried.

Richard Harper District II Legislator reported news at the County level.

County met with Assemblyman Palmisano and Senator O'Mara to discuss concerns in several areas.

Medicaid 2% increase,

Classified "C" streams, 200 miles added

Farm Labor

Solar sites, 2 in Torrey 3 in Benton 1 in Potter

Results of Civil Service testing has added 22 candidates to fill vacancies in County positions.

Dave Hartman- Yates Co. Highway Supt. Will be retiring March 27. On the Yates Co website the \$ 10 Million grant awarded to the County has a tentative map posted.

Inquiry on the Torrey Station application to sell cars at Route 14 Citgo station. The County tabled their review of the application per the request of the County Treasurer, therefor the review at the Zoning Board of Appeals was also tabled.

Discussion on Greenidge Pilot, does the revenue's from the Bit Coin change the Greenidge pilot payment numbers

There being no further business motion by Mr. Flynn to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini carried at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,