

Town Board Minutes  
April 13, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on April 13, 2021 in the Torrey Highway Garage 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York due to COVID restrictions and was called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: Robert Miller, George Thompson, George Dowse, Legislators-Richard Harper, Richard Wilson and Terry Button, Dwight James- Code Officer, Gary McIntee, Dale Irwin, Tim Dennis, John Christensen, Skip Jensen, Gwen Chamberlin, Peter & Mary Beth Gamba, James Smith, Darlene Conley

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

**Abstract of Vouchers** Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts for audit. Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 17,068.65 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 6,293.34 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup> minutes carried by all.

**Kennel Law** Mr. Flynn presented the Kennel Law drafted by the Planning Board. Following a discussion regarding formula used to determine size of dog runs, enclosures and number of dogs on premises,

Mr. Flynn set public hearing date for May 11, 2021 at 7:30.

Mr. Martini reported on the Countywide Water Feasibility Study completed and presented by Clark Patterson Lee Engineering at a meeting he attended at the County last week. He stated there is a lot of potential for water in this area. One goal is to have all water operators in the County be more uniform.

Agriculture and Tourism is a higher demand for water

Penn Yan is looking to upgrade its system for 3 million.

The study showed the possibility of water treatment plant near Starkey.

CPL will finalize study and provide to Town. The study is available at town website front page townoftorrey.com.

Board members received a copy of the American Rescue Plan by Charles Schumer. Senator Schumer secured \$ 360 Billion in funding for State and Local Fiscal Relief, Counties will receive 3.9 billion- Yates County will receive 4.83% of this. Town and Villages will receive \$ 825 Million- Torrey will receive .13%.

Mr. Downs reported three entries to the Town Logo contest. Local Torrey resident artists, Linda Lefko, Helga Poreda and Rosa Thompson will serve as judges for the contest. He will announce winner at May meeting.

Tax Collector report submitted. Taxes collected for 2021 \$ 1,823,378.11 Unpaid taxes returned to County \$ 54,190.97 Penalties & interest collected paid to Supervisor \$ 1,876.19.

**Clean up Days** Set for July 31, 2021 - 8 am to 3pm, one day only.

**Public Beach Grant** Received contract from Yates County regarding grant to improve park. Motion by Mr. Downs authorizing Supervisor to sign contract with Yates County 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen carried by all.

**Code Report;** Mr. James submitted his code report for March

Mr. Martin requested to open a discussion on a moratorium on Bitcoin Mining. He made a motion for a moratorium.

Robert Miller explained the criteria for calling for a moratorium. The Planning Board is reviewing a site plan for construction of 4 buildings not the operations of the plant.

Dale Irwin President of Greenidge Generations ask what the moratorium will achieve. DEC has done environmental Reviews under the SPEDES program. DEC determined there being no risk to environment or health therefore permits were issued.

Discussion on water temperature. Gary McIntee asked if there is a plan in place to monitor water temperatures. Mr. Irwin stated water temperatures are taken each day at different times and report is sent into DEC.

Mr. Downs stated John Halfman of the Finger Lakes Institute place a thermometer monitor on his dock to take readings.

DEC report has guidelines process for emission, downstream emissions and historical look at emissions control.

Mr. Irwin stated the thermal study is performed by a professional service and report is sent into DEC.

Mr. Irwin introduced Advisory Board for Greenidge- Dr. Tim Dennis, Gwen Chamberlin and Skip Jensen.

Discussion on onsite energy use, climate leadership.

Discussion on phosphates entering the lake. It is found on all lakes and not caused by agriculture runoff alone but the invasive species in the lake such as Zebra and Quagga mussels.

There being no further discussion or interest in pursuing a moratorium Mr. Martin rescinded his motion.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Flynn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini carried at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,