

Town Board Minutes
November 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on November 9, 2021 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George & Rosa Thompson, Linda Downs, Robert Miller, Gary McIntee, Tim Dennis, Skip Jensen, George Dowse, Terry Button District II Legislator, Dwight James- Code Officer, Tim Chambers- Hwy Supt., Jeremy Delyser

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Flynn presented the abstract of vouchers for review.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Martini that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount \$ 7,447.48, be paid, carried.

Mr. Martini, 2nd Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 23,510.41, be paid, carried.

Water District 1- Jeremy Delyser of Clark Patterson Lee gave an update on the project. 7 bids were received and opened on Oct. 27, 2021. Bids were higher than expected over the capital budget.

A funding budget breakdown will be sent to Rural Development asking for additional funding.

He asked the Town Board to write a letter requesting additional funding from town to rural Development, need \$ 820,000 to move the project ahead.

Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Downs authorizing the Supervisor to send letter as soon as possible.

Mr. Delyser stated in the five years since process started the material cost has double/tripled, plastic pipes have been quadrupled.

He has contacted bidders who have agreed to hold their bids for six months. He has spoken with Rural Development and his initial thought is a positive response regarding additional funding.

Will need to go to Office of State Comptroller for approval as the project is over the threshold allowed.

Discussion on interest rates for funding the rate is locked in at 3.25%. He stated the Town can reject all bids and start over but in his experience the bids rarely come in lower.

Mr. Downs inquired if this project is still a priority with CPL and RD. Mr. Delyser assured the board it is.

He is hopeful to have a funding commitment by the December 10 meeting.

Mr. Martini asked what are the next steps.

Tentative additional funding will trigger public hearing. Letters updating district residents on progress will include number estimates of additional funding needed. Mr. Delyser will draft letter by end of week.

Local Law 4/21 Mr. Flynn introduce Local Law 4 of 2021. The public hearing for Zoning Kennel and Solar law amendments is set for December 14, 2021 at 7:30PM. Motion by Mr. Martini, 2nd Mr. Downs, carried by all.

Mr. Flynn presented the 2021-2022 Snow & Ice Contract with Yates County. Mr. Chambers has read the contract and agrees with the numbers. Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Martin authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2021-2022 Snow & Ice Contract with Yates County, carried by all.

Mr. Flynn presented the 2022 Animal Control Contract with Yates County. Motion by Mr. Martini 2nd Mr. Petersen to authorize the Supervisor to sign 2022 Animal Control Contract with Yates County carried by all.

George Dowse, Acting Chairman of the Planning Board is agreeable to represent the Town at the County Planning Board due to the recent vacancy of Dave Granzin's seat at that board.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen appointing George Dowse as Torrey representative on the Yates County Planning Board, carried by all.

Town Planning Board seat vacancy appointment tabled.

Highway Report Tim Chambers reported final bills on the park grant have been submitted for payment.

Chips paperwork has been submitted for payment with DOT.

Had culvert plugging on Perry Point that has been cleared.

Leach road between Railroad and Route 14 has a shoulder issue. Road is shimmed. Seems to be holding right now.

Mr. Downs inquired as to who is responsible for trash clean up along roadways.

Discussion on adopt a road program along state roads, individuals and groups adopt a certain area of roadway and agree to a clean-up on a few days per year. Torrey does not have a program like this.

Code Report: Dwight James submitted the Code report and traveled

Dan Higgins appeared before the board to give an update on the Torrey Station compliance issue. He has received a purchase offer on his property but his attorney is questioning terms on the offer. He would like to request an additional 6 months to reach compliance to his Special Use permit.

Mr. Downs stated the to be in compliance stipulation within one year on Mr. Higgins Special Use Permit conditions was due on July 2021, has not been met. He proposes a review Mr. Higgins compliance at the years end, if compliance is not met, an action to begin the revocation process of the special Use permit should commence.

Perry Point Water District: Village has sent a revised water contract to include EDU definition. The water committee will review contract before presenting it to the town Board. Mr. Downs suggest sending out to the lawyer for opinion. All concerns should go to the water committee first. Upon satisfaction with draft the contract would then go to the lawyer for review.

Jeremy Delyser suggests once a water supply contract is agreed upon with the Village CLP will revisit the Map Plan and Report to refigure EDUs and final numbers due to the age of first MPR on file.

Terry Button District II Legislator gave a report on the actions before the Yates County Legislature.

The TAC Grants were awarded and can be viewed at County website in Nov. minutes. County Tax rate decreased for 2022 (.56 per thousand)

County Administrator had applied for and received many grants to offset the tax spending. A moment of silence for the passing of chief Dispatcher Sandra Smith and former legislator Eldon Morrison.

Tim Dennis- Greenidge Generation, appeared to encourage attendees to visit the DEC website for public comment on Greenidge Generation permit renewal. It is opened till November 19th for comment.

Discussion o PILOT payments, as earlier reported the payments will not be lower, 2022 the payments will be @ \$ 800. Higher than 2021.

Correspondence- George Thompson regarding Water District 1
NYS Association of towns- Newly elected Officials School

Motion to move into executive session by Mr. Dowse 2nd Mr Flynn for

1. Discussion relating to proposed, pending or current litigation
2. Personnel matter carried at 8:52Pm

Mr. Flynn closed executive session and moved back into regular meeting at 9:50

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Martini to send to all appointed and elected board members, a letter reinforcing the Towns Code of Ethics Policy Carried by all.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Flynn 2nd Mr. Petersen at 9:55PM carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,