

Town Board Minutes  
January 10, 2023  
Reorganization meeting

The first monthly meeting of 2022 was held on January 10, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York and called to order Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Councilman; Colby Petersen, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs Excused: Bruce Henderson

Others present: George & Rosa Thompson, Gary McIntee, George Dowse, Dale Irwin, District II Legislators Tim Dennis, Linda Downs, Skip Jensen, Dwight James- Code Officer

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 25,633.03 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 7,013.45 be paid, carried.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the December minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, with the minor correction noting Mr. Petersen's absence. Carried by all.

Mr. Martini introduced resolutions for Local Laws, motion by Mr. Downs and Mr. Petersen: entitled "**A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c**".

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Torrey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Torrey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Torrey sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for its consideration; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law. Adopted

By Roll call vote: Supervisor Martini Aye, Councilmen Petersen Aye Martin Aye, Downs Aye, Henderson Absent 4 Aye 0 Nays

**Local Law entitled "Amending the Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption from Real property Taxation". WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled, "A Local Law Increasing the Alternative Veteran's Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Torrey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Torrey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

**WHEREAS**, this action by the Town Board is a "Type II" action under the regulations promulgated by authority contained in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which appear in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, thereby requiring no further action by the Town Board, in that Part 617.5 (c) states that actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA include, "(33) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list" and subsection (26) on this list includes "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment". This action involves continuing agency administration and management in that it will replace an existing local law regarding the alternative veterans' exemption for town taxes.

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By Roll call vote: Supervisor Martini Aye, Councilmen Petersen Aye, Martin Aye, Downs Aye, Henderson Absent 4 Aye 0 Nays

Mr. Martin introduced the slate of 2023 Appointments and Compensation.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin to accept and approve the following slate of Appointments and Compensations

- ❖ Any town official /employee, board members to attend training sponsored by the Association of Towns & local trainings during the year, at the Towns expense.
- ❖ Finger Lakes Times, Chronicle Express as official newspaper of the Town
- ❖ Town Board Meeting date 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM
- ❖ Community Bank NA official bank of Deposit for Health District, Town Clerk/ Tax Coll. and NYSDEC
- ❖ Community Bank NA, Lyons National -official banks of deposit for Gen. A & B, Highway DA & DB, Fire Protection, Trust Agency
- ❖ Code Officer - Dwight James \$ 17,918./ year & mileage
- ❖ Setting mileage reimbursement for .65.5 per mile.
- ❖ Deputy Supervisor-Colby Petersen \$ 500./year
- ❖ Deputy Highway Supt. - Josh Wood \$ 2000./year
- ❖ Deputy Town Clerks- Darlene Conley,\$ 14.20/hr
- ❖ Supervisors Bookkeeper- Betty Daggett \$ 25./hr
- ❖ Justice Data Entry Clerk - Betty Daggett \$ 20./hr
- ❖ Town Attorney - Jeff Graff at 150./hr
- ❖ Make necessary Inter fund transfers of money on overdrawn accts for General or Highway
- ❖ Highway HEO Fulltime- starting at \$21.80 with medical benefits and OT
- ❖ Highway Plow P/T \$ 18./hr, No benefits
- ❖ Highway Laborer part time - \$ 15.00/hr no benefits or OT
- ❖ Lifeguards/ Rec. Leaders- \$15.20/hr no benefits
- ❖ Beach/ Rec. aides- \$ 14.20/hr no benefits
- ❖ Planning Board Chairmen/Sec. each \$ 300./year
- ❖ ZBA Chairman/ Sec - \$ 150./year

- ❖ Planning members each - \$ 200./year
- ❖ ZBA Members each - 100./year
- ❖ Historian \$ 150./year
- ❖ Janitor \$ 20./hr
- ❖ Board of Review (Assessment Grievance) \$ 100./ year,  
additional reviews \$ 15./hr .

Motion to adopt, carried by all.

Mr. Martini presented a 3 year Information Technology contract with SCT Computers Co. in Penn Yan to service all town computers.

Motion to Mr. Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs authorizing Supervisor to sign 3 year contract for IT service with SCT Computers carried.

**Highway Report-** Hauling stone, cleaning ditches. Removed a tree at Serenity Rd.

Discussion on Perry Point Rd drainage problems. Main water flowing from Binghamton Boat Club property on west side of Perry Point Rd. Need to replace 4 culverts on Serenity Rd, will research cost of this project.

**Code Report-** Dwight James submitted his report traveled 77 miles for code.

Discussion on Torrey Station. Roll off present and building has been torn down.

**Perry Point WD** Regarding water committee letter to residents. Supervisor will draft new letter to be sent out.

**Water District 1** Pre-Construction meeting January 18 at 10:00AM in the town meeting room.

**Planning Board** George Dowse Chairman of Planning Board appeared to update work on the Town Short term Rental Law He referred to the Town of Canadice STR Law using it as a model law.

Mr. Dowse asked about the acoustical test at Greenidge.

He was asked by a resident about the screens being installed on the intake pipe at Greenidge.

Dale Irwin President of Greenidge gave an update on screen placement. The project is complete cost over 6 million \$.

They have achieved refinancing for plant. Continuing discussion with the Friends of the Outlet to extend the trail to the lake. DEC is involved, may extend timeline of project. The Outlet trail lake to lake will be a great tourism attraction.

Discussion on large solar farms that are growing in the area. He discussed prime ag land rating for Torrey.

With no further business before the board Mr. Downs made motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> My Petersen carried at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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