

Town Board Minutes
August 9, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on August 9, 2002 at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and called to order by Supervisor Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Peter Martini Councilmen: Colby Petersen, Grant Downs, Lawrence Martin, Bruce Henderson

Others present: - Terry Button - Legislator District II, Robert Miller, Jim Smith, George & Rosa Thompson, John Ghidiu, Jim Riesenberger, Gary McIntee, Bob Hill, Beth Cain, Kem Campbell, Tim Chambers- Hwy Supt.

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of Allegiance.

Abstract of vouchers - Supervisor Martini presented the abstracts for review.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Downs that the bills on the General A & B Funds in the amount of \$ 15,915.67 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd Mr. Henderson, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Funds in the amount of \$7,712.73 be paid, carried by all.

July minutes: Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Martin approving the July minutes with correction, carried by all.

Supervisor presented a resolution for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant to be administered by Municipal Solutions.

WHEREAS, the Town of Torrey engaged Clark Patterson Lee Engineers to complete an engineering report for the Town's Water District No. 1 distribution system identifying the current system shortcomings, the proposed infrastructure improvements necessary to improve performance, and the projected costs for residents of the district: and

WHEREAS, affordability for Town residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

WHEREAS, the Town is eligible for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) funding and must now submit a competitive application to obtain WIIA funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town Board authorizes Municipal Solutions, Inc. to prepare an application for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
2. The Town Board authorizes Supervisor Peter Martini and Betty Daggett in her role as Town Clerk to execute the application for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Martini Aye, Petersen Aye, Martin Aye, Downs Aye, Henderson Aye 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Downs authorizing Supervisor to sign Municipal Solutions Contract Amendment No.3 to prepare the WIIA, carried by all.

Supervisor presented a **Lead Agency letter** request from the Village of Dresden for a Water System Main Replacement.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen authorizing the Supervisor to decline Town of Torrey as the Lead Agency on the Village of Dresden Water System Main Replacement, carried by all.

Discussion on need to increase **Fee Schedule** as advertising has increased considerably, Code Officer James stated these new fees would be in line with the rest of the local town fee schedules across Yates County.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Henderson to amend fee schedule for: **Watershed Inspections for Property Sales \$ 100., Special Use applications \$ 250. Area/Use Variance applications \$ 250.** Carried by all.

Judge Thompson sent a letter requesting permission to apply for an Office of Court Administration Grant called JCAP (Justice Court Assistance Program) for the improvement on security in the building and court essentials.

Supervisor presented the **JCAP RESOLUTION** and offered the following resolution 2nd Mr.

Downs authorizes the Town of Torrey Justice Court to apply for the JCAP grant for the 2022-23 cycle up to \$ 30,000.

Whereas, the Town Justice has made a request of the Town Board for permission to apply on the Town's behalf, for a grant to improve the security system in the Town building and,

Whereas, the Town Buildings presently has no security system in place for either the outside or inside of the buildings beyond secured doors, and

Whereas, there is a greater need for security due to recent incidents occurring in and around the buildings,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Town of Torrey authorizes the Torrey Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$ 30,000.00 in the building, carried by all.

Procurement Policy: After a discussion on NYS Guidelines for procurement policy the board concurred to revise the Town Policy to read: "**A procurement policy and procedures applies to: Purchase contracts involving expenditures of \$20,000 or less, • Contracts for public work involving expenditures of \$35,000 or less.**" Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Petersen to amend current policy to above revised wording, carried.

Supervisor announced a assessor replacement has been chosen by the committee of Benton and Torrey officials.

Motion by Supervisor 2nd Mr. Downs to appoint Stephanie Holtz on interim period Associate assessor until Assessor Patricia Brede retires. Carried by all.

Ms. Holt will start working in September with Mrs. Brede. She will be assessor for Barrington, Benton and Torrey.

Supervisor set first budget 2023 workshop for September 22nd at 7:30 in the Town meeting hall.

Highway Report: Tim Chambers gave the report. Tree trimming along roadsides and bush removal.

New price increase on radial tires for excavator, misunderstanding at last month meeting when he was given go ahead to purchase tires. He found AEOLIS brand tires 18 ply, 8 tires for \$ 6,100.

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd Mr. Martini authorizing Mr. Chambers to purchase the 8 Aeolis 18 ply radial tires for the excavator carried by all.

Changing culvert pipes on Downey.

Oil & Stone Norris and Hazard roads in September.
He has collected prices on mowing tractors
Massey Ferguson 110HP Side & Rear Mower \$ 126,000.
John Deere 118 HP Side & Rear Mower \$ 154,420.
Presently, the 2003 New Holland Mowing Tractor has 8,000
hours on it and still mowing roadsides.
Historical signs on Townline and Hewitt Roads are in need
of replacement.

Code Report; Dwight James gave the monthly report.
1 Special use app, 1 Site visit. 18 building progress
insp., June & July-167 Miles
Due to the size of the Red Tail Ridge Winery Bottling
Facility and Warehouse building application the Code
Officer's sent the application to CPL engineer for review.
Applicant are required to bear the cost of the engineer's
review. Clerk will send an invoice to Red Tail Winery \$
1,877.50.

Torrey Station- owner has agreed to let his Special Use
permit lapse and would like a 6 month extension to get
into compliance. Per Mr. Higgins Special Use Permit
Stipulations dated June 8, 2020 he was not in compliance
within a year -June 2021. He was notified of his violation
and requested an extension to end of 2021. To date Mr.
Higgins is still not in compliance, therefore
Motion by Supervisor, 2nd Mr. Downs to deny Mr. Higgins
request for more time on compliance that no further time
extension for compliance his property at Route 14. He must
be in compliance in 30 days and allow access onto property
for Code Officer.

Water District 1- No response from OSC to date on
application.
Beth Cain inquired where District 1 is located.
Discussion on next step of project, with State Comptroller
approval shovels could go in ground by early winter.

Perry Point WD 2- Mr. Martin stated Pat Brede has updated
information for CPL to work on Map Plan Report.

Gary McIntee inquired about the brown outs last week, does
anyone know what the cause was. Due to the hot weather

increase in demand for electricity may have been the cause.

Jim Smith asked why all the real estate signage is allowed to remain at intersections. These signs Advertising short term rentals etc. This needs to be addressed. Mr. James will send out letters to sign owners.

Terry Button County Legislator gave a report on Yates County projects. Survey of Rte. 14 Corridor positive in Torrey & Milo.

Greenidge officials spoke on the upcoming expansion. Meghan Kincaid of Real Property spoke on the Veterans exemption.

Highway Facility Construction has a project Manager onboard to oversee all the sub-contractors.

Bidding Fuel system and catwalk, elections will determine project.

Yates County Historian has Bi Centennial 2023 Video Broadband project has had a lot of snags and delays meeting requirements.

County Budget planning, sharing sales tax and occupancy tax will aid towns.

Mr. Downs reported an issue at the public beach property. Neighbors on the northside are disputing survey line. No action taken.

There being no further business, Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr Henderson to adjourn at 9:30PM carried

Respectfully submitted,