

Town Board Minutes
May 9, 2023

The monthly meeting held on May 9, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George Thompson, Gary McIntee, Richard Harper, Tim Chambers, Bob & Jean Constantine, Linda Downs, Bob Miller, George Dowse, Susan Conrad

Stephanie Holtz- Town Assessor appeared before the board to discuss the revaluation plan for 2023. She anticipates average assessment increases of 30%, may be 50% increase on the lakefront, farm sales of \$11,000 or more per acre. The state would like to see town at 95% equalization rate it is presently at 75%. This was based on sales through mid-2022. Property sales have slowed due to rising interest rates. She will hold informal meeting but advises the Town Board to budget for 2024 Board of Assessment Reviews cost. There will be an increase of property owners grieving creating more review hours for BAR members to attend. She has currently 67 sales for the Town and 13 sales for the village. She will be looking at sales from 7/2/2018 through 7/1/2023.

Mr. Martini introduced a resolution for **Revaluation of Property for 2024 Tax Roll**

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson the following resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey:

WHEREAS, the Town of Torrey desires to maintain equity with a revaluation project of all properties for the 2024 assessment roll to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Torrey wishes to have New York State and the County of Yates assist the Town, where necessary, in doing a 2024 update:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, Yates County, New York, that the Town of Torrey hereby requests assistance from the New York State Department of Taxes and Finance and Yates County to assist where necessary, in completing a revaluation project to achieve and maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Law.

This by roll call vote,

Mr. Martini - Aye, Mr. Martin - Aye, Mr. Downs-Aye Mr. Henderson - Aye
Adopted 4-Ayes 0 Nays (Mr. Petersen absent)

Ms. Holtz will start reassessment of the Town in June 2023.

April Minutes Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson to approve the April minutes, with correction of Mr. downs carried with Mr. Martin recusing.

Abstract of vouchers - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Martin that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 29,776.02 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Henderson, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 21,143.12 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Martin, that the 2nd installment to the Fire Contract in the amount of \$ 34,500. be paid, carried by all.

Supervisor presented Water District #1 Form E Payment #3 for approval. Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Henderson authorizing Supervisor to accept and sign Form E, payment #3 in the amount of \$ 93,685.75, carried by all

Hazardous Mitigation Plan update: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Downs working on plan. Meeting with Soil & Water to get their input. Town received Preliminary copy of FEMA Flood Insurance rate Map which will help. Dwight James will be lead contact on the plan.

Employment Policy: Tabled to July

Yates Co Sheriff Annual 911 Report presented.

Highway Report Mr. Chambers reported the generator is installed and working. Concern on water runoff from roof falling on generator. Brief discussion on gutters or covering for generator.

He would like to change the length of terms to 4 years. Need to have a referendum resolution to Board of Elections to get on the ballot for November elections.

Water District 1 progress slowed by rock and also culvert issues.

Highway crew will be changing out another culvert near 903 Serenity Rd the road will be closed two days.

He has borrowed the County Mini Track excavator which County delivers and picks up. A great shared service.

Yates County Highway Superintendent Doug Rapalee has invited municipalities to submit big culvert project applications to the County to be incorporated in a proposal the County will submit for grants.

Torrey has 3 large culvert projects 2 on Perry Point Rd and one on Long Point Rd.

Cemeteries mowed for first time.

New tractor should be delivered next month, arrived at dealers for mowing equipment to be attached.

Code Report Submitted. Labella Engineering **Soil & Groundwater**

Management Plan NYDEC Spill #0707836 report on Torrey Citgo Station has been sent to NYS DEC and the Town.

Perry Point WD 2 Mr. Downs reported the Village of Dresden is securing a water infrastructure grant to update the 1939 water system and replacing an 8" water line.

Jeremy DeLyser - Engineer, is exploring new options for a more cost-effective water line direction.

Jean Constantine inquired if WD #2 will have fire hydrants installed. It is mandatory was the answer.

Gary McIntee inquired when Torrey Station debris is to be cleaned up. Code is working on this.

Discussion on water line and flushing, ditches and manholes at the end on line.

WD # 1 Mr. Downs discussed the need to increase Quarterly water cost Bob Miller Chairman water committee will call for a meeting to discuss this and other issues with Perry Point Rd.

George Dowse appeared on behalf of the Planning Board. He updated on Cannabis Law and short-term rental regulations.

Richard Harper District II Legislator gave a report on County actions. Communications System will be coming online shortly.

Coverage will be broader.

New highway structure, groundwork is started.

Reconnect grant received 3 million additional funds to cover cost increases.

Ambulance concern, no volunteers to cover standby. County ambulance will be Keuka Park and Dundee locations 24 hours.

State will not fund Medicaid.

Met with Senator O'Mara and Assemblyman Palmisano Highway "Chips" money has increased.

Jessica Mullins has been named County Administrator Assistant to be reviewed in January for full position.

Hazardous waste paint care at Yates Co Fairgrounds September 23.

No further business before the board Mr. Downs made a motion to move into executive session for an employee issue 2nd by Mr. Henderson at 9:00PM

Motion to move back into regular session by Supervisor Martini at 9:10pm

Motion by Mr. Henderson 2nd Mr. Downs authorizing clerk to contact accountant firm Mengal Metzger & Barr for guidance on refiling federal income tax for employees for three years prior. Federal taxes were

taken out for retirement contributions, which are exempt. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Martini adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted

Betty M Daggett