

Town Board Minutes
July 11, 2023

The monthly town board meeting held on July 11, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George & Rosa Thompson, Gary McIntee, George Dowse, Skip Jensen, Jim Smith, John Christensen, Bob Brechko- BOE, Tim Chambers, Bob Miller, Frank Busch, Kathy McGrath, Terry Button- District Legislator

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

June Minutes Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Henderson to approve the June minutes carried by all.

Abstract of vouchers - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Downs that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 25,243.32 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Martin, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 26,288.22 be paid, carried.

Robert Brechko- Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner appeared to speak on letter requesting support on changing the deputy commissioners' position from part time to full time. The many changes in the elections process is demanding more work time of the Deputies who only work 30 hours part time. There will be more continuity within the office. Tentative budget impact to the town will be apportioned with Torrey's share @ a \$5,000 increase to BOE cost.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson to send a letter of support to the Board of Elections for changing the Deputy Commissioners part time position to full time position, carried by all.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan is drafted, Mr. Downs and Mr. Henderson are waiting to review the Yates County Plan to finish.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Henderson presented a draft of the Employee Policy for members to review. Final draft will be presented at August meeting.

Public Beach Mr. Chambers reported a call from a concerned property owner stating there was a fire at public beach. Caller stated she saw a boy set a backpack on fire down at the lakeside. Brian Ellis Dresden DPW was called and went to the site. Mr. Chambers inquired as to the protocol for emergency/issues at public beach. There is a signboard at the beach which has emergency call numbers listed Yates Co Sheriff, NYS Police and the Town Clerks Office.

Mr. Chambers reported highway department working on installing culvert pipes. Had Covell's Tree Service cut a tree near electric wires. Dug test holes for WD # 1 on Caton & Boston Rd. Mowing third time around.

Brief discussion on breakdown of mowing tractor used in Hopeton and Mt Pleasant cemeteries. He has found a used Ferris 36" lawn mower he found at Martin Equipment, price of \$ 4200. Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Mr. Henderson authorizing the purchase of the 36" Ferris mowing tractor carried.

Shared services with the Town of Starkey and Milo, also oil & stoning with other towns.

Recent flooding caused a driveway wash out on East Leach Rd the highway repaired.

Reported road debris left from Ricelli hauling from pit on Long Point Rd As it became an ongoing issue, the DEC was called to address the non-compliance of cleaning the roadway.

No Code Report due to illness.

Village of Penn Yan has requested a letter of support on a block grant application to construct a new headworks facility for screening/grit removal and a second force main to provide redundancy should the current force main need to be removed from service for repairs or replacement. Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Martin authorizing the Supervisor to send letter of support to the Village of Penn Yan for such grant, carried.

Mr. Downs reported that Torrey Station is still in non-compliance. He requests permission from the board to seek out litigation lawyer names in case of further action needed. No action.

Water District 1 update. No resolve to the rock issue of late. Engineer is working with the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers on approval of new open trenching plan. Present permits will allow open trenching. Rail Pros states they are available with four weeks' notice for drilling under the railroad.

Frank Busch of Perry Point Rd inquired if ground sonar has been used to map out rock. He suggested asking Engineer to check plans. Asked about survey results on interest in going forward with WD 2 23 properties want to move forward, 17 owners do not. Mr. Martini read the updated estimated capital cost which has almost doubled in five years.

George Dowse reported Planning Board putting last edits to draft of Short-Term Rental Law, reviewing for last time at next week's PB meeting to be presented to Town Board at August meeting.

Donald Jensen appeared as agent of Greenidge Generations. Next week a sound engineering company will be setting up for an acoustic sound survey required by the Planning Board. Mr. Downs requested that if there is future testing at Greenidge, maybe a fact sheet be made available or notification for the public. The pipeline testing last month with the flare and loud noises caused alarm to many concerned citizens in the area.

Terry Button reported on Yates County Legislature doings. Village of Dresden will hold a celebration July 15 to commemorate Yates County Bicentennial. Legislator Carlie Chilson is looking for door steps so parade participants can access floats. John Christensen suggested contacting Sampson theater, Tim Chambers will look into this.

Calendar for Bicentennial celebration in Villages
Village of Dundee July 22, Village of Penn Yan August 12
Village of Rushville August 26.

Hazmat Waste collection slated for September 16 at Yates County Fairgrounds.

Discussion on NY Class: (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) is a short-term, highly liquid investment fund, designed specifically for the public sector. Many of its clients are moving their money back to local banks which will help the area.

Yates County has completed restoration project on old Historic Markers throughout the county.

County has hired more fulltime employees for ambulance service.

Mr. Downs made motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Petersen, carried at 9:14PM

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M Daggett
Town Clerk

