

Town Board Minutes
November 14, 2023

The monthly town board meeting held on November 14, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George Thompson, Gary McIntee, George Dowse, Tim Chambers, Jim Smith, Bob Miller, Kathy McGrath, Terry Button- District Legislator, Kathy Jamison, Linda Downs, Stephanie Holtz

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Abstract of vouchers - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts. Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Downs, the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 12,877.19 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 47,911.69 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Martin, the bills on Water District 1 Administration account in the amount of \$ 4,507.00 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen, to pay the final installment on the Fire Contract for 2023 in the amount of \$ 34, 666.00 carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Henderson to approve the minutes of October meeting carried by all.

Supervisor presented Water District 1 contractor (Nardozzi) payment # 5 in the amount of \$ 119,604.62. Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd Mr. Petersen to approve payment # 5, in the amount of \$ 119,604.62, carried by all.

Supervisor presented Water District 1 contractor (Nardozzi) payment # 6 in the amount of \$ 117, 023.96.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Martin to approve payment #6 in the amount of \$ 117,023.96 carried by all.

Supervisor presented **Yates County Snow and Ice Contract for 2024**. Mr. Chamber stated there was no change in the contract.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Martini to authorize Supervisor to sign 2024 Snow & Ice Contract with Yates County, carried by all.

Supervisor presented **Yates County Animal Control Contract for 2024**.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Henderson authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2024 Animal Control Contract with Yates County carried by all.

Employee Policy is still being drafted with addition of "floating holiday", 12 holidays total per year = 120 hours per employee. This does not include vacation and illness time.

Highway Report Mr. Chambers gave the. Had the pickup undercoated at Ziebart and ordered new tires.

Discussed visibility issue at Townline and Quenan intersection. The tree is off the ROW but will remove it to help avoid accidents.

Fire Alarm went off as a piece of machinery was being brought into shop. The arm of machine was too high and blocked the laser beam setting off alarm. Mr. Chambers has made arrangements with Covert Security to come and explain the system to employees.

Code Report- Mr. James gave his report. He stated Code software program he uses has been sold and the price of annual software has gone from 600 per year to 18,000. He presented three proposals. Civic Plus is \$18,000. Edwards 12,000 and Williamson Law \$ 6,000. All with annual support fees.

Board asked to have clarification on if there is a charge when he calls with questions. He will check and report back next month's meeting

Assessor Report- Mrs. Holtz submitted her report.

Water District 1- Supervisor reported Nardozzi will mobilize on November 20th and begin work on November 27th.

George Thompson questioned why the public was not invited to the water contractor meeting held earlier.

Supervisor stated it was a contract meeting involving two town officials, he and Mr. Downs, Jeremy Delyser - CPL Engineer, James and Michael Nardozzi- Contractors. The main goal is to get the project moving amicably and with no additional cost. The highway crew will be doing more work with the roadway and culvert.

Jim Smith asked if Nardozzi will go forward with the agreed upon price. Supervisor stated yes with the highway completing certain agreed upon tasks.

Rock issue on Albany and Route 14 delayed the project.

Gary McIntee questioned if the project is not completed will the residents still have a levy on their tax bills although they have no water.

Assessor Stephanie Holt stated the debt of service levy will not go on the Town taxes until 2025.

Mr. McIntee questioned if the contract is being followed. Was litigation ever discussed? Supervisor states if this had gone to litigated, the project would be delayed longer and the additional legal financial cost would fall on the district residents.

Clerk left meeting due to illness.

Mr. McIntee updated the board on his researching on building a well for water source on Perry Point, similar to the water source project Town of Milo did in Himrod. His opinion from the information he has gathered so far this may be a feasible project for Perry Point residents. He will continue researching and report next month.

George Dowse has feedback from the Town Board and is adding the changes to the draft of the Short-Term Rental regulations the Planning Board has been diligently working on. He will present the Final Draft for adoption to the Town Board next month.

There being no further business before the board Supervisor made a motion to move into executive session

for an employment/ contract Issue at 9:39PM 2nd by Mr. Downs, carried.

At 10:20 Supervisor made the motion to move back into regular session, 2nd Mr. Petersen, carried.

Executive Session Action: Assessor position for 2024 will no longer be shared by contract with the Town of Benton. Assessor will be contracted with the Town of Torrey alone.

Mr. Downs made motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Henderson at 10:25pm carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Daggett/Dwight James