

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES
April 19, 2017
7:00PM
DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM

Call to Order by Supervisor Blouvet.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: Supervisor James Blouvet-Present
Councilperson: Russell Hall-Present
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-Present
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-Present
Councilperson: Donette Shelley-Present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Jacob Blouvet, James Monheim, Brian Blouvet, Brett Clouse, Mike Stump, Leslie Dahill, Mark Voorheis, Oakley Sortore, Donna VanCuren, Kevin Margerum, Michael Bidwell, Fred Cook, Ryan Thur, James Monheim, Doug Ward, Presented Late- Legislator Dwight Healy

Motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2017, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills from March 15, 2017 in the amount of \$164,438.17, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Russell Hall. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Donette Shelley-aye.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for March 2017 offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

Motion to approve to take down the tree behind the United Church, E. Main St. which is the Town's property, If not taken down it could cause property damage to the Church. A quote was given by Cutting Edge Tree Service total of \$1400.00 offered by Russell Hall seconded by James Blouvet. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russ Hall-aye, Donette Shelley-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

Motion to approve Competitive part time for Police officer Jeremy Clawson for the Friendship Police Dept, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho. All Approve.

STATUS Re: Brett Glover who lives on E. Water is wanting to purchase property next to him which is currently the Towns property. It was suggested to Lease it to him for 1.00 or would he want to purchase property and pay all Attorney Fees: Tabled till he is approached about this.

The Town Board is not interested in working with **Allegany County Land Bank**.

Supervisor Blouvet stated that the town **will not** be volunteering to have a "clean up day."

Supervisor Blouvet stated that Recycling for Cuba has more Recycling than Friendship, as it was weighed out. The Recycling Company won't pay any money for the recycling; there is no money in it. Supervisor Blouvet also stated he has not signed any contract with Casella.

Supervisor Blouvet stated that County wants 30,000 gals of water/day from Friendship to Belvidere. The Town's Engineer is working on the plan. Legislator Healy was updated on the Town's priorities, that the Town's water situation would be taken care of first and then they will look into the Resolution to provide crossroads with the water. The USDA will not help us until we have a plan in place.

The Supervisor voiced concerns regarding Baldwin's accounting firm and the Departments not getting financial info when they need it. A suggested formal letter should be sent to Baldwin's.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Donna VanCurren voiced concerns with her neighbor, Marie Lochner. She states trash is brought in there, music played all hours, that they have been living in a camping trailer for more than 30 days. She also complains that she has rats and claims they come from these people. Kevin Margerum has been up there multiple times and has found no trash on the property or has seen no rats. He thinks if there are rats, they are coming from the abandoned house that has been condemned and is owned by the County. He will check with the County on this house, thinking it should be demolished by them. Any other trailers on the Lochner property are supposed to be removed off the property. Mr. Margerum stated " he cannot regulate camping trailers under the Code. As far as property maintenance he does not see garbage, only construction debris, which was removed". Fred Cook went on to say that these people used to be good friends with Donna and she now just harasses them. He went on to say he thinks they may be moving.

Leslie Dahill states that there has been many complaints over the years on neighbors on Queen Ann St.

Fred Cook- stated his son owns 5 Howard and they had all new lines put in and had Darrell Stuck dig and put in new pipes, he claims there is still no water pressure in the house. He asked if the water dept. could somehow check the water flow to figure out where the problem is. Oakley Sortore stated he will take a look at it.

Motion to approve to (9) officials to attend the Houghton Annual Government conference on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in the amount of \$40.00 per person. Offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Russell Hall **Roll call vote:** James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Donette Shelley-aye.

Departmental Reports Received

Highway Department report for March 2017
Town Clerk report for March 2017
Tax collection report thru 4/2/17
Code Enforcement report for March 2017
Public works activity report for March 2017
Cuba/Friendship refuse report for March 2017
Recycling report for Friendship and Cuba
Fuel Farm report for March 2017

Monthly Water System report for March 2017

Monthly Wastewater Report for March 2017

Monthly Ambulance report for March 2017

Dog Control report for March 2017

8:05pm

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel financial matter offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. all approve

8:25pm

Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. all approve

Motion to Amend/Correct Oakley Sortore's Salary. After Board Discussion it was changed to read: Salary at present \$45,000.00; after 1 year and passing the test Salary would increase to \$50,000.00; next year 50,500.00, next year 51,000.00, next year 51,500, next year 52,000.00, next year 52,500.00 -every year with a cost of living raise as determined, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall –aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Donette Shelley-aye.

8:40 Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr
Town Clerk