

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
7:00PM**

Supervisor Blouvet called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: James Blouvet-present
Russell Hall-present
Linda Mascho-present
Carolyn Carney-present
Jill Hoopes-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Devon Stuck, Dale Clark, Fred Cook, Jim Monheim, Brett Clouse, Mike Bidwell, Tim Hall, Mark Voorheis, Kevin Margerum, Oakley Sortore, Jacob Blouvet.

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 17, 2018 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills from January 2018 in the amount of \$79,785.00, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. Roll Call Vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for January 2018 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

7:05 Opening of Bids

Only one sealed non-collusive bid received-Rinker Oil

**ULSD#2-\$2.1796/gal: All weather – ulsd#2-2.2096/gal

** NL Gasoline(E10)-\$1.9707/gal.

** Above prices will increase or decrease only to reflect any increase or decrease received from the suppliers as calculated on a weekly basis.

Motion to approve the above bid for fuel received from Rinker Oil, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approved.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

A "thank you" to Oakley Sortore for passing all tests this far and for all the hard work on getting in the water Meters. He has one more test in March.

Supervisor Blouvet advises that the assessor is saying a revaluation needs to be done again, the equalization rate is at 91%, and if you have an outside company do the reval, the cost per the assessor is \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00. Will have to look into the options.

Supervisor Blouvet advises he met with the consortium in Caneadea(group of Towns that share Code Enforcement officers) and he received some good information, he is to meet with them again and at that time will report to the Board. He thinks there would be a good savings to it.

There was a discussion regarding Competitive Part Time Police Officers. The Board would have to make a motion to approve the office for the position and approve to pay the medical exam that is required. The Board was giving the copy of the email from Julie Hoshal from the Allegany Co. HR Dept.- Cost to the Town would be \$200-300 for the medical exam. It was mentioned that only one officer as competitive part time was needed.

After the Town Board discussion the Board brought forth the following motion:
Motion to approve Shaun Fields to be "Competitive Part time", offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Supervisor Blouvet brought up the Town's Insurance Coverage stating that the Town was severely "Uninsured", and was looking into getting quotes for other Insurance.

Tim Hall, from Schenk & Miles Insurance stated that this is untrue. He states that Inland Marine is separate from Trident, they saved the Town \$2,000.00 this year. He stated the Town should have enquired with the Insurance company if they had any questions, but Supervisor Blouvet disagreed and stated that the Insurance Company should set at time to get with the Town and go over the coverage.

Brett Clouse stated the getting Insurance under one Company is tuff. The Insured needs to sit down and go over the policy with the Insurance Company.

Dale Clark stated that the Town needs to keep the business in Town.

Councilman Russell Hall stated any contract needs to be reviewed.

Mike Bidwell advised that Mansfield Town had a fire with equipment & vehicles and they were covered 100%,

Tim Hall stated if you have a concern address it with that company and he wanted a chance to go over the policy and give them a chance.

It was decided that Supervisor Blouvet would meet with Schenk & Miles Insurance and go over the Town's Insurance Policy/coverage tomorrow afternoon 3:00pm.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Brett Clouse- representing the Fire Dept. and advises they are down to 1-1 ½ heaters. They received pricing and the price for 3 heaters installed is \$10,850.00. The Cost for each heater is \$1,500.00.

He is asking if the Board will pitch in and pay for 1 of the heaters and help the Fire Dept. put them up. Oakley stated they would have to find a piece of equipment to put it up because those heaters are heavy. He stated he wouldn't mind helping the Fire Dept. put them up with his men but he will not put his guys in jeopardy.

After Board Discussion the following motion was brought forth;

Motion to buy one heater(1,500.00) for the Fire Dept. and assist in putting it up, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye.

New House numbers assigned and updated to County Rd. 31 , there are 6 houses that will be in need of new Fire numbers and the Town Board agreed to pay for the signs @26.50/ea.

Motion to approve Fire number signs for the Houses on County Rd. 31 @ \$26.50 ea. (6 houses), offered by Russell Hall, seconded by James Blouvet. All approve.

Motion to approve the renewal Facility Contract Agreement with the Allegany County Board of Elections and the Town of Friendship for the Election site, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All Approve.

Motion to approve the DWI Agreement with Allegany County, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the bids from Shane Bedow to put in water meters as specified in the bid Specs, Jim Monheim to install meters at the same bid, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Supervisor Blouvet advised he was at the Crossroads meeting, Oakley Sortore was also there. Supervisor Blouvet stated he brought up at the meeting that he thought a Trucks stop should go there, but he advised they stated a convenience store, Hotel, Cracker Barrel is being talked about going in at crossroads. The Supervisor did state that Crossroads will **not** get the water without paying for it. AS far as the getting help from the USDA; all the meters need to be in and get a full quarter of good readings with the new meters, then the Town can get with Municipal Solutions and they will help with some grants.

Motion to approve deleting billing for Brian Bingaman account at 18 W. Main St.(upper), as the apartment has be removed and it is being renovated, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Jill Hoopes. Roll Call Vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye.

Motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Friendship and the SPCA in Cattaraugus County for any unclaimed dogs in the kennel. It was decided that there were too many expenses in leaving a dog at Catt. Co., this was tabled.

Department Reports Received:

Town Historian Report for 2018

Town Clerk report January 2018

Code Enforcement report January 2018

Justice Report for December 2017

Public Works

Water systems Operation report for January 2018

Waste Water report for January 2018

Cuba/Friendship refuse report for January 2018

Fuel Farm Report for January 2018

Department Reports con't.

Dog Control report for January 2018
Ambulance report – given by Tim Hall

Motion to adjourn offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

adjourn 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr,
Town Clerk