

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 18, 2018**  
**7PM**  
**DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Supervisor Blouvet calls meeting to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor James Blouvet- present  
Councilperson- Russell Hall-presented late  
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present  
Councilperson- Carolyn Carney-present  
Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-presented late

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Mike Stump, Kevin Margerum, Mary Chappell, James Monheim, Mark Voorheis, Brett Clouse, Oakley Sortore, Jeff Smith, Phil Stockin (Legislator and on Board for the Code Enforcement Consortium)

Motion to Approve the Minutes from March 21, 2018 meeting , offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to Approve the Supervisor's Report for March 2018, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to Approve the Audited Bills for March 2018 in the amount of \$154,576.94, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by James Blouvet.

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

### **SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS**

Supervisor Blouvet speaks about the State pushing for "Consolidation" for shared services within the County. Some of the subjects brought up for consolidating: Assessor, Tax Collecting, Code Enforcement, Some aspects of the Highway Dept. Phil Stockin who presently is a Legislator with the County and also on the Board for the present Code Enforcement Consortium, states that there presently are 8 Towns and 1 Village that are in the Consortium. The Town of Friendship is looking into joining the Consortium. The Cost to be in the Consortium is \$5.00 per parcel and all Permit fees generated from the Town go to the Consortium. The advantage would be Code Enforcement are available 5 days a week, currently the Code Enforcement officer(Kevin Margerum) is in about 2 days a week. All the other Towns within the Consortium have said it was the best thing they ever did.

James Monheim questioned if there were any draw backs.

Changes would be that the price of the permits would increase slightly and large construction, such as houses would be charged so much per square footage. The permit for would initially be generated from the Town Clerk but then would be then completed through the Code Enforcement and stored at the Town of the Consortium(Rushford). The final record once closed would end up in Friendship. Town of Friendship residents would not want to travel to Rushford to obtain a permit.

Councilman Russell Hall stated he was unsure about joining the Consortium, he does not like giving up control.

Supervisor Blouvet after brief discussion with the Board advised there should be a Public Hearing regarding the Town joining Consortium, a Public Hearing will be held prior to May's Regular meeting at 6:15pm. Notice to be posted to the appropriate places.

Supervisor Blouvet advised the Towns and County are trying to put together an electronics drop off this would also include refrigerators. There will be a charge. He will keep the Town updated.

**NO PUBLIC CONCERNS**

Mary Chappell and Jeff Smith with Municipal Solutions advised the Town Board members that they are aware that almost all of the new meters are in. The first "Good complete" reads with the new meters will be the end of June, so there should be some good data. They advised they are here today on funding updates. There are some good grants right now, one that would be due by June. Now is the time to apply for grants because of inflation. Information that would be needed to apply would be: Adopted Engineer Report, Bond Resolution, SEQR and Negative declaration and the Application.

It was questioned on the cost for this application as Oakley Sortore stated there is no money. Mary advised the cost would be 8,000.00 -10,000.00 and that the Board could use 10,000.00 of the money borrowed on the meters to help pay for that; then if you get the grant it could reimburse for that cost.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that he would have office personnel get in touch with Mary Chappell and get started on the grant application.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that the water rates and revenue that is being collected it is not enough, the rates will have to be increased again. The Water committee has been meeting and gathering information on what is actually needed to get the Water out of the negative. Supervisor advises this needs to be done as soon as possible so a Public Hearing will be set prior to the next Board Meeting at 6:30 regarding the Increase of Water & Sewer Rates. Notice to be posted to the appropriate places.

**RESOLUTION 5-2018**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STANDARD WORK DAY**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** THAT THE Town of Friendship, location 30708 hereby established the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard Work day(Hrs./day)
Councilperson	6
Town Clerk	8
Supt. of Hwys	8
Supt. of Public Works	8
Code Enforcement	6

Bookkeeper	8
Clerk-P.T.	7
Dog Control Officer	6

Motion to approve the Standard Day work Day Resolution offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye  
Russell Hall- not present  
Linda Mascho-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye  
Jill Hoopes-not present

Motion to approve the EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP OFFERED BY James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

FYI: Oakley Sortore has passed all Tests and received his official certificates.

Motion to formally approve the resignation of Robert Cummins dated 4/12/18, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the resignation of Earletta Swift for member of the Board of Assessment Review date 4/12/18, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by James Blouvet.

When asked if there were any suggestions for someone to fill in for the Board of Assessment Review member, no one knew of anyone that would serve that position. They will work with the members they have on it for this year.

FYI Grievance day is Tuesday, May 22, 2018(3-7pm), however they would have to go to training on April 23, 2018 from 6-8pm.

#### Code Enforcement-

Code Enforcement officer, Kevin Margerum advised the Board about 8 West Main Street bldg.(structure). The bldg. structure is cracked and crumbling- the wall is moving prob. from water damage. He has had a engineer look at pictures and the Engineer is also concerned and told Mr. Margerum if should be condemned. Mr. Margerum has sent a Remedy Order to Mr. Santiago advising him he needs a structural analysis and recommending an engineer to do it. It was asked how this was found and he advised Sue Strickley approached him about it because she was concerned about it.

Mr. Margerum also advised the Town received its ISO Report and our Town was rated a 9, now it is a 5, which is good ( 1-10 rating, 1 is the best, 10 is the worst). This report usually affects the Towns people's insurance rates.

Supervisor Blouvet also asked Mr. Margerum about the Barn on Elm Street that is being dismantled, it is next to a residences house and she voiced she was afraid of it falling on her house. Mr. Margerum advised he is on top of this and has spoken to who is taking it down and about making sure it is stable.

#### REPORTS RECEIVED

Highway Report for Jan. and Feb. 2018  
Town Clerk Report for March 2018  
Code Enforcement report for March 2018  
Town Justice Report for March 2018

Public Works report Water Systems Report

Waste Water Report

Cuba/Friendship Refuse Report

Fuel Farm Report for March 2018

Dog Control Report for March 2018

- Connie Otto was donated a Micro-Chip reader from AVID. The NYS AG. & Markets will be making it mandatory to have one.

**\*Connie is working on getting donations from Purina of Dunkirk.**

Motion to Approve Town officials to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference held(Southern Tier West) on5/8/18 at the cost of \$40.00 a person, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by James Blouvet.

Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

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

8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk