

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

7:00PM

Deputy Supervisor Carolyn Carney calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Deputy Supervisor/Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present

Supervisor James Blouvet-absent

Councilperson- Russell Hall-present

Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-present

Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present

Also present- Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: John Mancuso, Carmen Mancuso, Jeff Ely of Country Meadow Estates, Ross Ward, Les Dahill, Brett Clouse, Jim Monheim, Karl Kruger, Dale Clark, Kevin Snyder, Paige Hoopes, Dan Hoopes, Christine Lewis.

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2018 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for August 2018 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills for August 2018 in the amount of \$50,970.92, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

FYI- \$300,000.00 BAN (for water meters) was accepted by Greene County Commercial Bank, the same bank initially borrowed from, the interest rate is 2.67%.(1.79% this payment) signing of this BAN will be on 9/25/18. Note: \$50,000.00 was placed in a CD.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR-

Crossroads Water Project Contract- Per Deputy Supervisor Carolyn Carney she advised it is best to **table** discussion regarding the contract until Supervisor James Blouvet returns. Karl Kruger advised he would like to be able to look at the contract. He may be of some help with it, as in the past he has been involved with the Crossroads Project, he knows the history. He advised the would like to help to help protect the water users of Friendship, advised to move forward cautiously."

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Dale Clark- Mr. Clark advised that we should keep the business within the Town of Friendship, so why was the Police car taken to Cuba to have tires and a battery put in . He stated it's been there a while and who knows if we are racking up storage fees? The Deputy Supervisor advised that she was not aware that the car had been taken there but will look into why it had been taken there and agrees that the business should stay in Town.

LES DAHILL-Suggested with the new rate coming up that it would be helpful if there was a comparison from a water bill now with a comparable bill to look at with the new rates.

Jeff Ely (Owner of Country Meadows Estates-Trailer Court, Co. Rte. 275)- He is here at the meeting today to ask for some help on his Water bill, there is no sewer. He had a water leak inside the Trailer Court and didn't know it until he received his bill. He states there was a month from the time it was read and when he received his bill. (Billing period ending 6/30/18) He has a lot of senior citizens, he may have to split with them and this will be very upsetting for them. The leak was fixed once he was aware of the leak. He doesn't know why someone from the Town did not notify him. The Town Clerk advised him that that the billing is now in gallons rather in cubic feet and its use from a trailer court of many users so the numbers just didn't jump out at her. If someone had sewer use and advised the Town they know they have a leak the Town can adjust their sewer because it did not go into the sewer, however they still had to pay for their water use. Russell Hall stated that he and the 2 others on the water committee would look at this and try to put a policy together that will figure out something for credit relief.

Ross Ward advised they are thinking about getting cameras at the Little League field because of the field of vandalism there. Frank Schostick has the info on the cameras and can install them. Ross Ward stated the Little League Field will pay for them. Russ Hall stated it's better if Frank can do it independently so the Town doesn't have to get involved.

Christain Lewis questioned a little piece of property off of Austin's property where the School bus garage is. It was thought that that piece of property belonged to the School or look on the maps to find out the answer. He also questioned putting a bldg. within 10 feet of a property, he was told he needed an easement saying it's o.k. from the owner, and then the Town has to approve it.

RESOLUTION 7-2018 TO ACCEPT

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2018- entitled "A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS**, That the Town Board of the Town of Friendship accepts and proposes to adopt a local law to be designated as Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c", to authorized the Town Board to adopt a budget for 2019 providing for an increase in the Town's tax levy that exceeds the 2018 tax levy by more than 2.25%, and that a copy of the proposed introductory local law is annexed hereto and incorporated into this resolution as though set out in full.
2. That a public hearing be held on October 17, 2018, at 6:30pm at the Friendship Community Room located at 7 Depot Street, Friendship, New York.
3. That the Town Clerk, with the assistance of the Town Attorney, is directed to prepare the legal notice required to be published and to provide such notice for timely publication in the official newspaper.
4. That a copy of such legal notice be posted upon the Town Clerk's bulletin board as required by law. Following discussion the foregoing resolution was called to a vote which resulted as follows:
Ayes-4
Noes-0
Absent-1

The Deputy Supervisor then declared the resolution to be adopted and directed the Clerk to proceed to contact the Town Attorney and to complete the publishing and postings as required by law.

Motion to set the Public Hearing for the Local Law No. 3 Of 2018 to override the Real Property Tax Cap levy for October 17, 2018 at 6:30pm offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho.
Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye.

The Town Clerk has given the Board members copies of their 2019 tentative Budget.

Motion to approve the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Russell Hall. Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye, Linda Mascho-aye.

Motion to set the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget on October 17, 2018 at 6:45 pm, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

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

Motion to Purchase a 2ZMOTO Wireless Security Cameras for the Town Clerk's office area; one time fee \$64.23(for 2 cameras) plus annual fee of \$100.00 for the "7 day cloud memory" works off wireless internet for a total of \$164.23, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

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

Resolution to Adopt the Allegany County New York Hazard Mitigation Plan is tabled because Russell Hall has not had time to look it over and he would like to review it first.

Motion to set Trick or Treat Hours for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

- **Note the Fire Dept. and first responders will be doing their usual at the Fire Dept. Hall.**

RESOLUTION 8-2018 TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

Be it hereby resolved, FOR THE Town Board to adopt the "Town of Friendship Sexual Harassment Policy, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes.(Employees will be made aware Policy is in the Town Hall for review)

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

RESOLUTION 9-2018 TO ACCEPT THE PILOT RECOMENDATIONS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLIVED, to accept the PILOT Agreement recommendations for renewal, payable in the amount of \$25,000.00 per year, with a 2% per year increase. Payable in two equal installments of \$12,500.00 with 1st installment due on April 1st, 2019, seconded due Oct. 15, 2019, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes. **Roll call vote:** Carolyn Carney-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Jill Hoopes-aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Justice Report
Town Clerk Report for August 2018
Water Systems Report for August
Cuba/Friendship Refuse Report
Fuel Farm Report for August 2018
Dog Control Report for August 2018
Code Enforcement report for August 2018

Oakley Sortore brought up that he is unable to find a current Fuel Farm Agreement with the School. The only one found is from 2009.The Fuel farm is in need of work now and there should have been a reserve set up for fuel farm.

FOR THE RECORD Karl Kruger complemented the Town Board as a whole, he stated that this Board is the Best of yet! Rather than just throw problems back into the taxpayers lap they listen and try to find a solution . The Town Council here is creative and refreshing and willing to work the people. Carolyn Carney stated that's why we are here, to listen to the people.

8:28

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

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9:30 Motion to go out of Executive Session and back into Regular session offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Russell Hall.

It was checked to see if any assemblage was presented to return to meeting, but no one was present.

After review of applications received for the position of OIC, the following Motion was brought forth:

Motion to Hire B.J. Howe as Officer in Charge(OIC) to oversee the Town of Friendship Police Dept., offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho.

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

9:55pm Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk