

Town of Friendship Special Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Councilperson: Jill Hoopes-present
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present
Deputy Supervisor: Russell Hall-present

Also present: David Pullen, Attorney
Town Clerk: Patricia Schurr

Assemblage: Tom Taber, Sandi Taber, Stephen Ritter, Craig Clark, David Sortore, Carl Miller
John R. Ricci, Dwight "Mike Healy, Dan Hoopes, Burt Young, Brett Clouse, Kevin Snyder, Karl Kruger, John Pfahler, Oakley Sortore.

Deputy Supervisor Russell Hall opens up the Special Meeting Regarding Crossroads Water Contract. Advised anyone that wanted to speak why the water should, or why the water to Crossroads should not go in, could do so with a time limit of 5 minutes to speak.

Steve Ritter asked if it was true that the Hotel pulled out he saw it in the paper. Craig Clark advised that's not true. Out of the two developers, one of them pulled out. That one investor is looking for another developer.

Karl Kruger- He is in favor of water going to Crossroads, he just believes the water tank should be in first. People need to look at prior County projects. The Landfill that was supposed to last a lifetime and now both sites are closed. The County jail that was supposed to take out of County prisoners, jails are just costly. The Courthouse is a hot mess, with no place to park. These are the same people that are involved with the water contract. He states this is the 3rd time for a contract. If that 12" line to crossroads should break the Town of Friendship will run out of water in a timely manner. He thinks it is a bad deal for Friendship they could go weeks or months without water. He believes there is a conflict of Interest even though the Town Attorney says different.

Burt Young advised that there are pros for the water going to Belvidere. The possibilities for the Crossroads were determined with a 12 " line. There will be fire protection for those on that route, and does not see a hindrance for the residents of Friendship or the water system. The estimated yearly \$30,000.00 min. that the water extension will bring in will go into Friendship's water system.

It was noted that the Water tank will go in once the water threshold is met , it is included in the water contract.

After discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

RESOLUTION # 11-2019

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes, to wit;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship has the power to authorize the Town of Friendship Water District to sell water to the Allegany Crossroads Utility Corporation pursuant to Article 12, Section 198(3)(b) of the Town Law, and

WHEREAS, THE Town Board of the Town of Friendship, having fully investigated and considered all issues relating to such sale, believes it to be in the best interests of the Town to enter into an Agreement for such sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby authorizes the Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Friendship to execute the Out of District Water Service Agreement a copy of which is attached hereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DULY ADOPTING, this 24TH day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

Councilperson Jill Hoopes voted-aye

Councilperson Carolyn Carney voted-aye

Councilperson Linda Mascho voted-aye

Deputy Supervisor Hall voted-abstained

Motion to adjourn offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approved.

adjourned 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk