

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

Public Hearing 6:45pm

Regular Meeting 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call:

Deputy(Acting) Supervisor- Russ Hall-present

Councilperson: Jill Hoopes-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present

Also Present: Attorney, David Pullen

Town Clerk –Patricia Schurr

Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Ken Cottrell, Steve Ritter, Karl Kruger, Mike Healey, Craig Clark, Jeff Marks, Tony Tatham, Carl Miller, Dan Hoopes, Corey Marks, B.J. Howe, Brett Clouse, Charles LaFluer, John Recci, Brett Clouse

A Public hearing was held before the Town Board at 6:45p.m. to hear all persons interested in the matter of the adoption of the Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Law No. 1 of 1987 entitled "Flood Damage Prevention Local Law, " as amended by Local Law No. 2 of the year 1989." The Local law was prepared to appoint the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to administer, implement and enforce the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Local Law. Apart from changing the Local Administrator the Local Law will remain exactly as it currently exists. The Deputy(Acting)Town Supervisor explained how the proposed local law would operate and the reasons why the Town Board is considering adopting it. The Board members answered questions from those present for the public hearing.

The Deputy (Acting) Supervisor declared the public hearing to be closed.

Following the close of the public hearing the Town Board considered the adoption of the proposed local law for which the public hearing had earlier been held. The Deputy (Acting) Supervisor asked for a resolution that the proposed local law be adopted. The following resolution was offered by Jill Hoopes, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Carolyn Carney, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, State of New York, has determined that the adoption of this local law is necessary to appoint the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to administer, implement and enforce the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Friendship adopt Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 1 of 1987 entitled " Flood Damage Prevention Local Law, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of the year 1987" which local law provides as follows:

SECTION 1 Local Law No. 1 of 1987, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 1989, is amended as follows:

- A. Section 4.1 of said local law is repealed and a new Section 4.1 is adopted in its place which shall provide as follows:

"4.1, DESIGNATION OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR.

The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Friendship is hereby appointed Local Administrator to administer and implement this local law by granting or denying development permit applications in accordance with its provisions."

SECTION 2. Ratification of Remaining Provisions of Local Law No. 1 of 1987.

- A. Except as amended by Section 1 above, Local Law No. 1 of 1987 of the Town of Friendship, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 1989, shall remain unchanged and in full force and affect.

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SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY.

Each separate provision of this local law shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and if any provisions shall be deemed or declared invalid, all other provisions hereby shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of Secretary of State.

The Deputy(Acting)Supervisor asked if there was any further discussion. There being no further discussion the Deputy(Acting) Supervisor put the matter to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Russell Hall- aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Jill Hoopes-aye
Linda Mascho-aye

The Deputy(Acting) Supervisor declared the Local Law to be duly adopted and directed the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to file the Local law with the Department of State as quickly as possible.

7:00pm Town Supervisor opens up the Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 20, 2019, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve, motion carried.

Motion TO APPROVE THE Supervisor's report for March 2019, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Audited bills for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$288,137.77. offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

Electrical damage from last Sunday there was a computer/printer that was damaged from the electric going off and on. The Insurance deductible is \$1,000 and the cost of replacement is right under that.

PUBLIC CONCERNS-

Ken Cottrell- Ken is asking the Town Board to think about implementing a Local Town Law to be able to legalize the use of ATV's on the roads in Friendship. The Town could charge a small fee to be able to use on the roads. He thinks it could bring more people in to camps. As far a liability the Town could demand the occupant of the ATV have insurance on it also they would have to follow the ATV Laws. Other Towns have enacting similar laws; Caneadea, Whitesville, Andover. People in the assemblage all agreed it would be a good idea. Attorney Pullen advised there is another Town that just recently passed a law about this and he would get us a copy of it. After Board discussion it was decided that a Committee would be put together and bring what information they have to next month's meeting. The Committee appointed is:
Jill Hoopes, Linda Mascho and Ken Cottrell.

BOARD DISCUSSION REGARDING ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR WATER/SEWER THROUGH WILLIAMSON. Initial setup cost is \$295.00, annual support of \$240.00 per year. If you want a card swiper \$129.00, a printer for receipt \$309.00. The service card fee is to the customer and its 1.75% if less than 64.00 anything equal to or over is 2.75%. E-checks up to 1,999 is \$2.50.

Motion to approve online payments and for office credit card swiper, initial setup cost is \$295.00, annual support of \$240.00 per year. The credit card swiper \$129.00, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

The Motion to approve the Allegany County SPCA contract was tabled until next month, as so the Board can compare the prior contract with this one.

REPORTS RECEIVED

Town Clerk report for March 2019
Waste Water report
Police Dept. report
Waters systems
Cuba/Friendship refuse
Dog Control Report
Code Enforcement

CROSSROADS WATER CONTRACT

Deputy Supervisor Russell Hall advised that the Crossroads Water contract is ready to be voted on, no more negotiation, the appointed committee has worked on it many hours and it has come down to either approve it or not.

Carl Miller asked if the Town Residents had any review period for the contract, and did it need to be put up for a public referendum. He thought the Board should at least have a meeting on it.

Deputy Supervisor advised that the details of the contract is not up for a Public referendum, The contract can be approved by a Motion or Resolution.
Just about every meeting there was mention of the water to Crossroads.

Karl Kruger advised he was involved in the Crossroads water years ago and at that time the water tank was included in that design, where did the tank go? He also stated that he was told that the Fire Chief was never involved in any decisions on whether there would be enough water supply to a Fire. Mr. Kruger was concerned about the lines supplying the water. If the 8" or the 12" original lines broke and go unnoticed because the water is running under the ground that Friendship could run out of water in 2 hours, this is why a tank should be at Belvidere.

Deputy Supervisor Hall advises that there is a certain amount of risks in any business in anything; there is a risk if we do nothing. If money and time was not a issue than a tank would be down there. It makes no sense to put a tank there in the beginning, spend the money to do that when nothing is even down there. It is in the contract that if the water volume at Belvidere gets up to the threshold then the tank will go in. That is included in the contract.

Mike Healey, Legislator advises that water going to Belvidere will help Friendship, it will help them better to obtain Grants.

After discussion it was decided by motion the following:

Motion to give the Public a 1 week time to review the contract, they may review the contract on regular Town Hall Hours. A Special Meeting will be held on April 24, 2109 at 7:00pm, at that time the Town Board will make a final decision to either sign or not sign the contract,(posting to the Olean Times Herald, Town's website and Town Clerk's officer and Town's facebook page as to the above) offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve, motion carried.

8:03

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Schurr
Town Clerk