

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2019

7:00PM

Deputy Supervisor Russell Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

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

Also Present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Kevin Snyder, B.J. Howe, Mark Voorheis, Kelly Anderson, Cindy Mueller, Rob Johnson, Paul Sardina, Bob Marcello.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney All approve.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of April 24, 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for April 2019, offered by, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills in the amount of \$57,204.01, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CONCERNS

Deputy Supervisor Hall advised about the problem with the road on Springbrook/McCarthy road; farm equipment being in the road, blocking the stop sign, road mudded up so bad you can't tell where the road was. B.J. Howe advised Mr. Armstrong was spoken to about this and he stated he had the equipment in the road to slow people down as he has little kids, but he would remove them from the road.

The Deputy Supervisor also advised there was a water break near the Wellman House, but the water Dept.fixed it, there was help from the Fire Dept. and John Ricci. Oakley Sortore asked if it was ok that letter of appreciation could be sent. Deputy Supervisor advised that we will send the letters.

Motion to approve the Allegany SPCA Agreement, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the Cattaraugus County SPCA Agreement as back up shelter in case Allegany County is full, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

FYI-Next meeting to discuss increasing the dog kenneling and impound fees.

DISCUSSION REGARDING atv-luv Local Law- Board members still waiting for other information, the following motion was brought forth:

Motion to authorize the Board to send their proposed Local Law to the Town Attorney so that he may put together the Introduction to a Local Law to be submitted at the June's Regular meeting, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye, Caroline Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

*Paul Sardina advises that he bought the Hatch house at 51 E. Main St. at the County tax Auction. At the time he paid past due taxes and a water/sewer relevy to find out that he owed addt'l water/sewer from July-Sept., Oct.-Dec. 2018 and Jan. – March 2019. There happen to be a leak Oct-Dec.2018 quarter, making the total due(for all 10 units) over \$5,000.00. The water was turned off once there was found to be a leak. Mr. Sardina doesn't believe he should have to pay the whole water bill, and is asking for a credit. Deputy Supervisor advised that the Town has to be cautious because they cannot treat him any different than anyone else. There was a discussion with the Board and assemblage and the general concensus was that the Town Board should help him out and give him some kind of credit. Jim Monheim advised he the thought everyone should be looked at by case by case. The Hatch house is a Historical Bldg. and it would be a shame to have it sit there empty.

Deputy Supervisor Hall advised that #1 it has to be fair, #2 you have to justify why you decided what you did and #3 how you came up with the numbers. Town may have to look at a Policy change. Deputy Supervisor Hall asked Mr. Sardina what would he offer to pay, and he stated \$1500.00. The Current bill would put him over his budget and he would have to back out at the County Level.

After discussion the following motion was brought forth:

Motion to authorized the Chief Fiscal Officer, Russell Hall and Oakley Sortore of the Water Department to have a meeting and sit down to come up with a solution, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Russell Hall-aye.

**Rob Johnson, Cindy Mueller, Kelly Anderson have complaints regarding the residents residing at 7 Maple Avenue. These residents are the same people who were living on Main St, there were the same problems there. These people are living in a house once owned by Cornerstone who filed bankruptcy and it is owned by a Bank and ME Management is managing it. Mr. Johnson had to break up a fight; the people from 7 Maple were beating someone up on the corner, that kid ended up running away and it was told he would not press charges. Mr. Johnson is convinced that if he hadn't broke up the fight the kid could have died. The Troopers came after Mr.Johnson/Cindy Mueller called 911. The people from 7 Maple were not ticketed or anything and the Troopers never even asked for a statement from the witnesses. The Johnson's state they cannot watch TV without their windows vibrating from the base of the people at 7 Maple. You cant go outside where they are using fowl language. The Troopers or sheriff's cannot enforce the Town's Local Noise Law. B.J. Howe, OIC is aware of these people and he stated so are his officer's and they are keeping an eye out for any disturbances. Deputy Supervisor advised the Town has had this situation before, there is nothing you can really do but wait till they do something wrong, the Town's police officers are aware. There is no fast fix but together we will work on this problem.

Motion TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$124,100.00 FROM THE IMM Account back into the Highway Equipment Reserve account(grant money received from State DOT-funds from reserve were borrowed for excavator until this grant money was received from the NY State DOT, approved Feb. 2019 meeting), offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. Roll Call: Jill Hoopes-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

Motion to accept the written resignation of part time bookkeeper, Secretary to Supervisor , Claire Granger resignation date of 5/3/19, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for 2019, only changes was Russell Hall as Deputy Supervisor, the OIC officer to Bradley How, and the Secretary to Supervisor was removed due to the resignation, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Friendship American Legion to have a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019. Requesting Friendship Police and Fire Dept. Control and reroute traffic during the parade, motion offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Department Reports Received:

Town Clerk report for April 2019

Dog Control Report

Waste water Report

Shared Refuse/Cuba/Friendship

Police Dept. Report

DPW Report

Justice Report March 2019

Motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. Oakley Sortore asked into executive session. 8:25pm

Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Oakley Sortore advised that the water pumping is the lowest it has been in history.

Oakley Sortore advises since the water dept. has all the old meters and there is a lot of scrap /brass and he is asking the board for permission to "scrap" the meters to use the funds for a ductile iron chainsaw; he needs that tool , he has borrowed one twice now. The cost of the saw is around \$2,100.00. Whatever he gets from the scrap would be used to put towards the chainsaw.

Motion to approve the selling of the scrap meters/brass and to apply the funds from that to the ductile iron chainsaw, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

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

Oakley Sortore states he is in the need of a trailer. He searched prices and he found one at Teastworth from Geneseo, a P&J trailer. Budgeted for it and under the procurement Police(under 10,000.00), no motion is needed. He just wanted to keep the board informed and aware.

Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

