

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Deputy Supervisor Russell Hall.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

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

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk
presented @7:45 pm Town Attorney David Pullen

Assemblage: Donna Cooper, Karl Kruger, Sue Strickley, Mike Stump, Les Dahill, Donette Shelley, Lee Shelley, Mark Voorheis, Steve Ritter, Jim Monheim, Ken Cottrell, Brett Clouse, Ross Ward, Ken Cottrell.

Motion to approve the Minutes from July 15, 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for July 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills for July 2019 in the amount of \$59,277.56, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. Roll call: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

Budget workshop session with Baldwin Acct. firm on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 9:00 am. in Nunda, NY.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Donna Cooper voices concern over her water/sewer bill it is higher than normal that she cannot pay it, and she denies that she could ever use that much water. Oakley Sortore advised he data logged it and the water went through the meter, so it was used, but also it stopped. Donna advised it has only been her in the house and she compared her water bill and no one has a bill like hers. It came to the conclusion by the graph that water went through the meter, there was a leak and then it was back to normal usage, leaked stopped. After the Board discussion the Board decided that they wanted to be fair so the following motion was brought forth.

Motion to average 3 quarters and give a sewer credit on the o/m only, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Russell Hall-aye.

James Noble advised he also is here about the water/sewer bills, he stated he has a petition with 266 signatures against the water/sewer bills. He wanted to know why the bills have to be so high. Russell Hall advised a lot of time was spent into figuring the rates. This is what it costs to run water. The Town has lost Leachate that they counted on, the rates had never been raised. It is a lot of money but everyone is feeling it. Eventually the water going to Belvedere will help.

Steve Ritter- Spoke in regards to the GAR Hall. Still one light not working and the pull chain for the ceiling fan is gone. He asked the meals on wheels could use the Town's meeting hall. Russell Hall advised he didn't think it was large enough and there is only one way out. He suggested seeing if some church had enough room for the Meals on wheels, possibly check with Pastor Broadwell.

Oakley Sortore advised that the park bathroom doors were kicked in again and this seems to be a constant problem.

Sue Strickley spoke briefly in regards to the Walt Taber Fund, she is here to advise if the Board approves putting the Taber funds from the Alco credit union to the Allegany County Area Foundation, it will benefit everyone. The Allegany County Foundation will now be the advisory board. The Town Board will not have to be in the middle of it, but if any money is given away the Town Board will still be made aware. Grants will be done throughout the year. Friendship residents will only be eligible for the grants. The Allegany area foundation brochure will have a page just for the Walt Taber Foundation. There will be no more donations from the Walt Taber family, but anyone else can donate to it. The money will also make more on interest than being at the Alco credit union. After discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

RESOLUTION 15-2019

RESOLUTION to Transfer the Walt Taber Funds account balance to the Allegany County Area Foundation

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes depositing the Walt Taber account balance funds of \$41,400.54 which includes interest to the Allegany County Area Foundation, so that it may draw more interest, and appoints the ACAF as the Board of Advisors to distribute the grant monies, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho.

RESOLUTION 16-2019

RESOLUTION to relevy outstanding/unpaid water and sewer bills as well as unpaid broken water meters onto the 2020 Tax Roll(bills) for the Town of Friendship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York will relevy all delinquent water and sewer rental fees/bills as well as outstanding bills for broken water meters on the Real Property taxes no later than November 1, 2019, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Russell Hall-aye

RESOLUTION 17-2019

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TIMOTHY J. DANNHEIM AS ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship at the regular Town Board Meeting held on August 21, 2019 agreed to the appointment of Timothy J. Dannheim as the Assessor for the Town of Friendship, and;

WHEREAS, the term of appointment is a period of six years in accordance with Real Property Tax Law 310 and will commence on the 1st day of October 2019 and continue through the 30th day of September 2025, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Russell Hall-aye

The Agreement with the Town of Wellsville and the Town of Friendship for the contractual Assessor will be tabled at this time, due to some clarifications, questions, disagreements on the contract. Motion for Supervisor to return to the Town of Wellsville regarding the questions to the agreement, as Karl Kruger points out; such as #20 as to question as to how Friendship resident is to meet with the assessor, the liability question, disagreement that all records go to Wellsville. Not having someone at Friendship at any designated time, this motion offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

****Deputy Supervisor advises that the Town's equalization rate is down to 87%. Due for a revaluation in 2021.**

RESOLUTION 16-2019

RESOLUTION to relevel outstanding/unpaid water and sewer bills as well as unpaid broken water meters onto the 2020 Tax Roll(bills) for the Town of Friendship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York will relevel all delinquent water and sewer rental fees/bills as well as outstanding bills for broken water meters on the Real Property taxes no later than November 1, 2019, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

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

Motion to authorize Deputy Supervisor Hall sign the Assessor agreement with Wellsville was tabled.

RESOLUTION 18-2019

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE \$50,000.00 CD PLUS THE INTEREST OF \$125.16 TO THE GENERAL IMM ACCOUNT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, TO TRANSFER THE \$50,000.00 CD PLUS INTEREST OF \$125.16 TO THE General IMM Account.

WHEREAS, the \$50,000.00 along with \$60,000.00 will be applied to the \$300,000.00 Water Meter BAN, leaving \$190,000.00 to borrow for 8 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, The total of \$110,000.00 will be applied towards the water meter BAN project amount, leaving \$190,000.00 to borrow for a period of 8 years, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE SEWER CREDIT

Motion to approve the sewer credit at 11 Maple Ave.(acct.2571) in the amount of \$137.96 d/t a water heater leak, (April-June 19159 gals), July amount 2810 gallons in the amount of \$20.24 credit, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

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

FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Motion to approve the acknowledgment of receipt of project information the 2019 aerial and/or underground fiber optic cable construction in the public right of way on roads under Town jurisdiction as part of the New York State Broadband, however placement requires approval of Local water authority and Hwy Superintendent, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho.

All approve.

Motion to approve the Court-Printer fax machine in the amount of \$1998.00 was tabled as to question as to why it was needed, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

SWEB DEVELOPMENT-

Board Discussion and feeling regarding a potential energy project in Friendship with SWEB Development- a wind and solar development company, SWEB Development is looking at a potential project in the Friendship area, for a wind or solar farm.

There is no automatic tax exemption for solar farms in Friendship, but it was advised that the Board could negotiate this. Friendship is a good spot for grid, it could be sold to Buffalo

Motion to credit Acct.#8500 and acct. #8501 under Fred Cook for sewer and water caps(April-June 2019 caps, he made the request at June's meeting-) and no longer charge from this time forward as bldg. is in process of being demo'd – water is off, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

ATV LOCAL LAW # 2-2019

The Town Attorney, Richard M. Buck, Jr., had prepared the draft local law at the request of the Town Deputy Supervisor. It was explained that this local law is necessary for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and well being of persons and property by regulating limited use vehicles and all terrain vehicles within the Town of Friendship. Following discussion the following resolution was introduced by Linda Mascho, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Jill Hoopes, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. 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. 2 of 2019 entitled "A Local Law Regulating Use of Limited Use Vehicles and All Terrain Vehicles on Town Highways" to protect the health, safety and well being of persons and property by regulating limited use vehicles and all terrain vehicles within the Town of Friendship, and that a copy of the proposed revised local law is annexed hereto and incorporated into this resolution as though set out in full.

That a public hearing be held on September 18, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 4 East Main 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

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 posting as required by law.

FYI – SPDES Permit Compliance Inspection-Friendship Wastewater Treatment plant- There were no deficiencies observed during the inspection. As a result was given a satisfactory rating.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY TOWN BOARD

Town Clerk Report for July 2019

Dog Control Report for July 2019

Water Systems Operation report for July 2019

Town Justice reports(Judge Szucs and Judge Lewis) for July

Shared Service Report w/Cuba

Police Report

9:10 Motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

9:50 Motion to go out of executive session back into session. (no one remained to ask back into session), offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

9:51 Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Patricia Schurr, Town clerk