

Meeting Minutes-September 16, 2020

Supervisor Russell Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present
Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-present
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-absent
Councilperson-Steve Ritter-present
Also present-Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Karl Kruger, Mike Stump, Jim Monheim, Les Dahill, Mark Voorheis, B.J. Howe, Oakley Sortore.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2020, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for June 2020 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills from July 2020 in the amount of \$119,243.83 offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS-NONE just information that the acting ambulance Captain, Ken Cottrell advised that the ambulance covered all ALS calls this past month.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Karl Kruger, not really a concern but he wanted to commend the water department on their water flushing job for the Town of Friendship. Karl lives in Nile, and 4 hrs. after flushing his water was totally clear. He said at first there were some crystals in the bottom, gritty sand, but it cleared. He said their methodology for flushing at night has been working out very well, and he is a very happy water customer.

Councilperson Ritter questioned Mark Voorheis if the Wellman House was still a National Historic Landmark. The House is need of work and there is no money to keep it maintained.

Councilperson Ritter wanted to know what options the Town had. Mark advised he would speak to Sue Strickley of the Friendship Heritage Association, who has historical items upstairs locked up in the Wellman House, if it was possible for them to take over the building. This is not something that would immediately happen, but sometime in the future. The Town would like to get all departments in one building and are not interested in keeping the Wellman House. May have to get the Town Attorney involved.

Motion to dismiss the \$75.00 rental fee for the GAR for the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day (No fee to Public to attend), Saturday afternoon September 26, 2020 starting at 2:00pm.
Offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

Motion to approve the BBS Accounting Contract for Bookkeeping and Payroll services in the amount of \$14,000.00 plus a quarterly fee of \$625.00(totaling 2,500.00/year) for payroll services. **THIS IS TABLED UNTIL THE OCTOBER MEETING.**

BUILDING CODE UPDATE- Per Email Attorney Pullen advised that the Town enforces the NYS Fire Prevention and Building codes and per the email that was forwarded to him from the State it appears that the Town does not need to do anything else since we already enforce their codes, and do not enforce more restrictive or stringent codes.

Building Inspector has CODE schooling this week.

Motion to Approve the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve. (Budget is over .98% and is not over the 1.50% allowed by the State).

Motion to approve the Budget Hearing for October 21, 2020 at 6:30, pm, Town Clerk to put notice into the Town's designated paper, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5-7pm, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

Town Clerk report August 2020

Shared Services Report

Dog Control Report

Police Report

Refuse Report

Motion to approve time & half pay for the 2 remaining holidays left this year for any Police officers working them, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

7:20pm Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel/employee of the police dept., offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

8:13pm Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to adjourn offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

8:14 adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

