

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2023

7PM

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson-Steve Ritter- present

Also present: Patricia Schurr

Assemblage: Mark Voorheis, Jim Monheim, Dell & Michelle Baker, George Ritter, Fred Cook, Carl Krueger, Dee Wolf, Tony France, Oakley Sortore.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing from March 15, 2023, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 15, 2023, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for March 2023, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited bills for March 2023 in the amount of \$98,106.31, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

Supervisor Hall advises that Councilperson Jill Hoopes has resigned due to health reasons.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Karl Kruger just advising that he received his letter from Real Property as to the training for the Board of Assessment Review. He also questioned the notice Cathy Hochul sent regarding the reduction of Medicaid funding to the Counties he was advised that if he would like to read it is on the Towns website. If there is a reduction in the funding from the State to the Counties to cover the Medicaid then it will have a ripple affect down to the Towns and Villages. Supervisor Hall advises that people write to their Governor against this.
Dee Wolf is requesting on behalf of the library Arts program music on the Lawn if they could plug into the electricity at the Police Station. It would be 3 times in June, July and August.
After Board brief discussion the following Motion was brought forth:

Motion to give permission to the Library to plug into the Police's electric at the Wellman house if needed for the 3 events; one in June, one, in July and one in August, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

Motion to approve the Homecoming's parade the 29th of July late in the morning on that Saturday, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

██████████ is requesting that the Town Board remove his name off the concerns from March's meeting regarding 25 Maple Ave.

Supervisor Hall advised he didn't see any reason it can't be removed per the request of ██████████, there is an address, so a name is not needed. The following motion's were set forth:

Motion to Amend the minutes of March 2023 to omit ██████████ offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

Motion approving the minutes with the amendment omitting ██████████ name, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

██████████ also is agreeing to be billed for the 25 Maple Ave. water and sewer caps, it will be added to the next billing.

Motion to approve the Lease agreement between the County of Allegany and the Town of Friendship for the Friendship congregate Luncheon Center for the office of the Aging and approval of Supervisor Hall to sign the agreement, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Dog Enumeration-

Dog Control officer is requesting to do a dog enumeration(last one done in 2017), however it was not Budget for this year. The Dog Control was paid \$800.00 and the Town Clerk was paid \$200.00 extra for doing the enumeration. The enumeration fee if dog is found to be unlicensed is \$5.00 plus license fee. Last enumeration \$770.00 (154.00 dogs unlicensed) was brought in .

After Board discussion it was determined that with the \$5.00 fee it helps pay for the numeration, depending on how many dogs are found to be not licensed. The following motion was presented: Motion to go forth with the dog enumeration and notice to the public. \$800.00 to the Dog Control officer and \$200.00 to the Town Clerk once completed with voucher, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

Houghton Annual Government conference-Thursdays, June, June 8, 2023-\$40.00 per person. Motion to approve 6 officials to attend the conference and at this time have not heard if any else would be going, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Motion to approve EFPR Solution Accounting firm(Shelby Bennett) to do the Justice Court Audit for 2022 for the cost of \$900.00, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Carolyn Carneys-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Steve Ritter-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

DPW Concerns:

PFAS- Retainer Agreement

Motion to approve the Retainer Agreement and approve designated person to enter and sign the agreement.

Oakley Sortore advises it does not cost the Town anything, if there is a settlement suit and a payout is made the firm receives 25% of the sum recovered, Town gets the rest. Supervisor Hall advised he briefly read the agreement but really did not get to digest it. After discussion the following motion was brought forth:

Resolution 11-2023

Resolution be it hereby resolved to approve the Retainer agreement between The Town of Friendship and the Law firm of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC regarding pfas, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-abstain

Councilperson Steve Ritter asked how the Garbage truck was running and Oakly Sortore advised him it was running, hopefully it is fixed and will not have the same problem.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

Town Clerk report for March 2023

HWY report for March 2023

Water Report

Dog Control Report

Police Report

Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.
7:52pm

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk