

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2024

7PM

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance Observed.

Roll call: Supervisor: Russell Hall-present

Councilman: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilman: Linda Mascho-present

Councilman: Kenneth Burdick-present

Councilman: Steve Ritter-absent

Also Present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Leslie Dahill, Mark Voorheis, Fred Cook, Don Wir, David Norton, George Ritter, Oakley Sortore, David Pullen, Zeb Thompson(paralegal).

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 19, 2024, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor Report for June 2024, offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$63,424.42 offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

Charter Franchise Renewal/procedures-Renewal due May of 2027. Attorney Pullen given a copy of letter from Charter, will start to work on in the future months.

Code Enforcement Issues/concerns-4-6 Main Street questions on the sidewalk caving in-Supervisor Hall advised owners had an engineer come out and look at it.

Dog Control-filling in is Trevor Holleback for July . He is not sure he wants the job permanently. There a few Towns currently without a dog control officer. Will advertise in the Town's newspaper and on the Town's facebook page for a Code Enforcement officer. Councilman Kenneth Burdick volunteered to do it, however the Attorney will have to look into seeing if he can hold the dog control position and be a councilman.

Ambulance- Recap is that our ambulance is not operational, needs sufficient staff and there is a lot of paperwork, with no one to do it. In the next few months will have to decide whether to contract long term with MTS. If you close the doors on the ambulance and you loose the certificate of necessity then it is hard to get back.

Approval for Maintenance contract on 5 Generators for 7 years-\$3,000.00,

Offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell-Hall-aye

PUBLIC CONCERNS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-2024

APPROVAL FOR MAIN STREET ENGINEER STUDY GRANT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Friendship is authorizing the Engineering Study Grant for Buildings on Main Street. Grant is worth \$20,000.00 With a \$2,000.00 Town match. Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.
Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Kenneth Burdick-aye
Russell Hall-aye

Pro-Housing Communities Resolution

Any city, town, or village government in New York State can take part in addressing the housing crisis by adopting the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. The resolution must be adopted as written below by the highest body of elected officials (e.g., town board or council). The final resolution document must include a signature from the municipal clerk verifying the authenticity of the resolution and indicating the date of passage. Local governments should then designate a primary contact person to complete the online registration form and upload the resolution as part of their submission to the Pro-Housing Communities program by following the steps at [<https://hcr.ny.gov/phc>].

PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION No: 13-2024

Linda Mascho moved and Kenneth Burdick seconded that

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City/Town/Village of Friendship, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Motion to approve the Town Attorney to prepare the Introduction to the Local Law to override the tax cap of 2% and set Public Hearing set for August 21, 2024 at 6:45pm offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

***Dog Control proposed revision of Local Law-

Presented revised dog control local law on dog control and licensing, a few changes to be made and a then Local law will be presented to the Town Board at the August meeting then will set up Public hearing to pass the Local Law.

Motion to approve the yearly pool credits on **sewer o/m for** the following accounts, offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Account #1480 , 99 W. Main- 3805 gallons credit in the amount of \$27.40

#2270, 49 W. Main- 9019 gallons credit in the amount of \$64.94

#3970 20 E. Water.- 3884 gallons credit in the amount of \$27.97

#4070, 9 Stevens Ave-7768 gallons credit in the amount of \$55.93

#2740, 20 High St.-5309 gallons credit in the amount of \$38.22

#3661, 6952 Co. rd. 31- 6764 gallons credit in the amount of \$48.70

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Water/Sewer/Public Works-Oakley Sortore concerns:

*Red van is no longer running and is dead. Discussion as to what kind of vehicle and whether new/used, as another vehicle is needed. Supervisor Hall suggested that they look for some kind of full size SUV or suburban, for a budget around \$15,000.00-20,000.00. The following Motion was set forth. Motion to set limit for multi vehicle at \$15,000-20,000.00(will be able to spread over 7 budget lines), offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

*Motion to authorize Supervisor Hall to sign any Langworthy grant paperwork grant of \$2,000,000.00, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

*Motion to authorize Supervisor Hall to sign any last minute paperwork for WQIP or USDA, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

*Paperwork completed on both the Stuck and Johnson Property Purchase.

Final papers to be signed on 7/26/24. Supervisor Hall to sign final paperwork.

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Highway Dept.-No concerns

Attorney Pullen brought up topic from last month's meeting, his intern Zeb Thompson did some research for Alternative Vets Exemption. There are 3 categories: #1 time in combat #2 If in a combat zone #3 if there is some kind of disability. It is up to the Town Board to what level to set it. Example: #1 -15,000.00 #2- 10,000.00 #3- 50,000.00. Supervisor Hall advises he will check with other Towns to see what they are doing and will have to look at to see what the Town can Afford.

Reports Received:

Town Clerk Report- June 2024

Highway Report

Water Report

Police Report

Final Report DCO-June 2024

9:09 Motion to go into executive session for Attorney/client session and to discuss a Union employee issue, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

10:29 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

10:30 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk