

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2024

7PM

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson: Steve Ritter-present

Councilperson: Kenneth Burdick-present

Also, present Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Also present: David Pullen, Attorney

Assemblage: Dell Baker, Michelle Baker, George Ritter, Pearl Harris, Burt Young, Christine Young, David Norton, Fred Cook, Trevor Hollenbach, Les Dahill, Kevin Mole (Union Rep.), Oakley Sortore, BJ Howe.

Motion to approve the minutes from public hearing at 6:00 pm on Sept. 18th, 2024, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the Regular meeting on Sept. 18, 2024, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for September 2024, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for September 2024 in the amount of \$127,001.55, Offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

**Received from Catherine Reese template for "Conflict of Interest Policy" (if we didn't already have one the Town will have to do one).

Will go over the template and will have at next meeting if one is not found. Board members to look over the policy.

#1 Fuel Farm still not right, Tina and Shelby from the account firm have spoken to the Supervisor about this. Need to get this figured out, it's complicated. The Board is supposed to meet with the school at least once a year. Supervisor Hall asked for 2 Board members to volunteer to work with the Bookkeeper /accounting firm maybe to find a solution to the problem.

Fuel farm looks to be funding the school. Board Members Linda Mascho and Kenneth Burdick volunteered to be on the committee. May have to have a web meeting with the accounting firm with Tina and or Shelby.

#2 Current Accounting firm are slow, looking into possibly Baldwins taking the Town back they are willing to bring the software to their firm that the Town is now using.

Board Member Steve Ritter questioned the decision on Ambulance Squad and the refuse worker that had to do the job of 2 people last week and make sure he was properly paid.

#3 Ambulance Squad-Motion to make the ambulance squad inactive and to liquidate the equipment, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

#4 Last Tuesday Kevin Snyder had to pick up the refuse by himself, so he did the work of 2 people, Motion on the floor to pay him the “other” persons wage that he would have gotten, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Resolution to approve the to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan-

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP ADOPTING THE Allegany County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Plan

WHEREAS the Town of Friendship recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Friendship; and

WHEREAS the Town of Friendship has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Allegany County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Allegany County multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 10/16/24(date) identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Friendship from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Friendship demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Allegany County multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 10/16/24.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, NEW YORK, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with local rules for adopting resolutions, the Town of Friendship adopts the Allegany County multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 10/16/24. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call vote:

Carolyn Carney: aye

Linda Mascho: aye

Steve Ritter: aye

Ken Burdick: aye

Russell Hall: aye

Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Bret Clouse stated that the Fire Department and community room outside of building was painted and he had a \$4,000.00 estimate and asked if the Board would help the Fire Dept. and split the cost of the job with them.

After Board discussion the following motion was brought forth:

Motion to approve to split the painting job on the Fire Dept./Community Room with them in the amount of \$2,000.00(half of the bill of 4,000.00), offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Burt Young-

Mr. Young voiced he has spoken to Supervisor Hall about the same person on Austin Rd that has all the dogs and the ongoing dog problem.

Reciting that the Local Town law says that dogs 4 months and older must be licensed.

That dogs should not chase, jump, harass, intimidate or cause fear.

Dogs should be restrained by a leash unless accompanied by the owner who is able to control it by command.

Mr. Young claims the dogs' shelter is not adequate.

Claims dogs do not listen under command, they bark, whine and does not think it's reasonable that he has to listen to them bark. He claims his family member had a picnic in the middle of 20 acres and had to listen to the dogs bark. Burt young stated the Town has not enforced the law they have. He stated it took 90 days for the prior dog control office to respond.

Supervisor Hall questioned what is the remedy?

Give them notice to comply. Let them know they are in violation and give them time to correct. If they do not, ticket them and let the Court decide.

Supervisor Hall advised that the health Dept. has been out to the residence with the dogs and they corrected the minor problems, the animal cruelty has visited, found dogs to be in good condition, healthy, minimal issues. The dogs they had received their rabies, were licensed.

Board member Steve Ritter questioned Mr. Young and stated that other residence around has complained but the Town has no written complaints or has not heard from anyone other than Mr. Young. Burt Young advised the complaints were given to the prior dog control officer.

Steve Ritter advised that these complaints should come to the Board members. Burt Young stated that the Law doesn't say the complaints go to the Town but the dog control officer. Board member Ritter stated he wanted these complaints.

The current appoint dog control officer, Trevor Hollenbach stated he has been up to the residence with the dogs on Austin Rd. and he stated he was threatened, degraded and cursed at. He also stated the dogs at that time were not barking till he got out of the truck. He thought this was more a civil dispute. He advised the people with the dogs who have new puppies that they supposedly have a call out to Dr. Bailey to come out to vaccinate the dogs, so they can then be licensed.

Supervisor Hall stated he will consult with the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Hall advised he will just have to contact Ag. And Markets.

Supervisor Hall advised that if the dogs are not vaccinated and not licensed then the DCO should write the violation.

**Note that the Tentative Budget for 2025 was given to the Board members to review 9/30/24.

Motion to approve the tentative as the preliminary Budget and set the Budget Hearing Date For October 30, 2024 at 6:00pm, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

*Information to the Town Board: Water/Sewer as well as unpaid frozen water meters to be releived onto the Town and County Tax Bills:

Water: \$42,440.51, sewer: \$ 39715.76 total \$82,156.27.

Unpaid water meters: \$80.26

Motion to approve the UBEO Business office printer and to have the Supervisor sign contract for 36 month term for the rental of \$63.53 plus copies \$.0109 if we keep the same copier, (new copier quoted at 94.29 per month plus copies), offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Caroly Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Department Reports:

Town Clerk Report for Sept.

Highway Dept. Report Sept.

Police Dept.

Water Report

Dog Control Report

Motion to go into executive session regarding Union contract/and filing of grievance, Dell Baker, Oakley Sortore, George Ritter and Kevin Mole(Union Rep) asked into session. Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter. 8:16pm

Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. 9:12pm

All patrons were let back into regular session.

Motion to adjourn offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. 9:14pm

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Schurr
Town Clerk