

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2025

7:00PM

Supervisor Hall calls Meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call:

Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilman: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilman: Linda Mascho-present

Councilman-Ken Burdick-present

Councilman-Dave Norton-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Attorney Pullen- presented late.

Assemblage: Wesley Sortore, George Ritter, Evan Rinko, Jim Monheim, Oakley Sortore, BJ Howe, Mark Voorheis

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 18, 2024, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Organizational meeting from January 6, 2025, offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Linda Masho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for December 2024, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited bills for December 2024 in the amount of \$101,362.45, offered by David Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Klen Burdick-aye, David Norton-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

A Thank you to all Firefighters, 1st responders, Water/Dept. Town workers, and volunteers That assisted with the Fire and families from the Depot Fire.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Wesley Sortore – Thanked the Board for working on the Union negotiations.

RESOLUTION 5 of 2025

Title: **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

Offered by Allegany County town Highway Superintendents Association

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby

Agrees to allow George Ritter, or his designee to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement.

Offered by: Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

David Norton-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

RESOLUTION 6 of 2025

Title: **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.

Offered by Allegany County town Highway Superintendents Association

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby

Agrees to allow Oakley Sortore, or his designee to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement.

Offered by Kenneth Burdick, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

David Norton-aye

Kenneth Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Highway Superintendent appoints Dell Baker as the Deputy Highway Superintendent for 2025.

Water/Sewer-Public Works- Oakley Sortore

RCAP-Community Service Agreement-

(Catherine Reese of RCAP has done a lot of work for the Town of Friendship, she has been very helpful with our Grants)

RCAP Community Service Agreement(CSA)-(to help with Sewer Grant and project)-

Motion to approve the supervisor to sign the agreement for Catherine Reese(@ N/C) to assist with the Waste Water project, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Kenneth Burdick. All approve.

INFORMATION

The Town of Friendship established a proper basis to demonstrate that it has met one to More of the cost share waiver criteria, as identified in the Guidance, and because the EPA substantiated the Town of Friendship's claim through verification of supporting documentation, the Town of Friendship is hereby granted a waiver from the Community Grants Programs Cost Share requirement for the FY 2024 \$500,000 appropriation for a Water System Improvements Project.

Information-Water Quality Improvement Project award

Friendship Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project

The Friendship Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project has been selected to receive up to \$6,821,155 through the WQIP(Water Quality Improvement project).

Motion to approve sewer credit for a late pool fill on acct.#2740 for 13,528 gallons for a credit to sewer o/m of \$97.40, offered by David Norton, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Kenneth Burdick-aye, David Norton-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

Motion to approve a credit on sewer for 29 Depot #2910 in the amount of 9,000 gals/ \$64.80 credit to sewer offered by David Norton, seconded by Kenneth Burdick. Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Kenneth Burdick-aye, David Norton-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

Motion to approve the Town Historian's Report for 2024, offered by David Norton seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

*** Tabled from December's meeting....Code of ethics Local Law that was tabled in December's Meeting d/t not enough Board members.

Motion to not go through with updated Code of Ethics Law at this time, not using USDA, which was requiring this, offered by Dave Norton, Seconded by Kenneth Burdick. All approve.

Motion to approve to for the Town's (EFPR) Accounting firm to Audit the Justice court for the Calendar year 2023 as requested by the Court, offered by David Norton, seconded by Kenneth Burdick.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN CLERK ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024

HIGHWAY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024

WATER REPORT

TOWN JUSTICE REPORT

POLICE REPORT

7:29 Motion to go into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations(Wesley Sortore invited into session), offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

8:00 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

8:05 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by David Norton.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk