

Town of Friendship Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025

7pm

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilman- Carolyn Carney-present

Councilman- Linda Mascho- present

Councilman- Ken Burdick- present

Councilman- Dave Norton- present

Also present: Town clerk-Patricia Schurr

Attorney David Pullen

Assemblage: Brad Blouvet, George Ritter, Jim Monheim, Mark Voorheis, Oakley Sortore.

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 19, 2025, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for February 2025, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills in the amount of \$ 128,703.20, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS-none

Motion to approve the AFR(Annual Financial Report)(reports emailed to each Councilman) for the Town for 2024, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Russell Hall-aye

FYI-Houghton Conference date-June, 5th. Please let Tiffany know if you want to attend prior to April's Board Meeting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS-None

Update on Fair Housing Grant- an update done on recert on fair Housing includes Code enforcement and the assessor(Linda Mascho). RFP was put in the paper, there has been a few responders received by Ed Yeager, Fair Housing Grant member. Recertified for fair Housing with enforcement/assessor on Housing.

Motion to approve the Lease Agreement with the Allegany County for the lunches for the Office of the aging and to have the Supervisor sign agreement, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

All approve

Resolution

Be it hereby resolved to approve the Justice Court examination results from 2024 and to pay LGSS(Accounting Firm) \$750.00 for doing the Court Justice examination, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Water/Sewer concerns-

RFQ Publication results-Sanitary Waste water System-Only Engineering firm that responded was HUNT Engineering.

Resolution

Request for Qualifications- Engineering Firm Selection.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was distributed and advertised for engineering services for the Water System Improvements project on February 12th, 2025. The RFQ was posted in the NY State Contract Reporter, our online website, local newspaper, and direct reach out was completed. The RFQ was due on March 17th, 2025, at 3pm. Only one response was received, and that was from HUNT EAS. We have reviewed the content and found the submission meets all requirements requested and HUNT EAS is well qualified. It is the recommendation that we award the engineering to HUNT EAS and authorize Oakley Sortore to request HUNT EAS to develop a draft agreement to be presented to the board for review and approval.

Motion to approve the Resolution offered by Ken Burdick, seconded Dave Norton. Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

David Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russ Hall-aye

Motion to approve the Draft Engineering Contract with Hunt EAS for the Wastewater Project, and Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the necessary documents offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

EPA- The EPA application is done, there is nothing to do till its reviewed.

Generators-Scope of work change -one too small, other was too big. Wish he would have had the generators the other day with the wind, it had knocked out the electric.

Motion to approve Supervisor Hall to sign the Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Fiscal Advisors for the Water Systems Improvements Project, Offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

EFC – Funding update-Working on missing items, needed to meet deadline.

Overall Project updates- Per Oakley Sortore he advised Surveyor doing work on 275 from Main to line. Working on Easements, several homeowners involved. There is a end of the month deadline however the Attorney cannot do anything until info on the easements are received. Phase I money will run out shortly.

Water/Sewer bills for 4-6 Depot total of 8 units- Decision on billing(8 meters removed) Acct #s 5050, 5052,5053,5054,5060,5062,6064,6066.

After Board Discussion the following motion was put forth:

Motion(to keep it fair as to what has been done in the past for other residents), for water/sewer billing :1 water cap for 4 Depot, 1 sewer cap for 4 Depot
1 water cap for 6 Depot, 1 sewer cap for 6 Depot.4 Depot and 6 Depot will have separate bills,

Offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Dave Norton-aye, Ken Burdick-aye, Russ Hall-aye.

**Highway Concerns-
BOND RESOLUTION-HWY**

The following resolution was offered by Linda Mascho who moved its adoption and seconded by Carolyn Carney, to wit,

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$104,300.00 SERIAL BONDS BY THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST OF AN EVEREST HARDBOX STEEL 14’ DUMP BOX, EVEREST OWSK9H-HD-CT PLOW, AND EVEREST W-144-HD-10 WING WITH ACCESSORIES.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, by resolution duly adopted on March 20, 2024, authorizing the purchase of an Everest Hardbox Steel 14’ Dump Box, Everest OWSK9H-HD-CT Plow, and Everest W-144-HD-10 Wing with Accessories for use by the Town of Friendship Highway Department to be purchased at a total price of \$129,850.00, and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing of said equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purchase equipment is hereby authorized at a maximum cost of \$129,850.00.

2. The plan for the financing of said equipment is by payment of \$25,550.00 from current appropriations and by the issuance of \$104,300.00 serial bonds of said Town, pursuant to the Local Finance Law, which bonds are hereby authorized; therefore, further details pertaining to said bonds may be prescribed in another resolution or resolutions of this board.

3. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of said notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief fiscal officer. Said notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

4. It is hereby determined that the period of the probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is five years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph A of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the said bonds will mature over a period not in excess of five years.

5. The faith and credit of said Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively becomes due and payable.

6. The bonds hereby authorized are declared to be "exempt bonds" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 inasmuch as the Town of Friendship will not issue more than \$10,000,000.00 of bonds during the year of issue.

7. The validity of such bonds or notes or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds may be contested only if:

i. Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the municipality, school district or district corporation is not authorized to expend money, or

ii. The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution or summary thereof, or certificate, as the case may be, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

iii. Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Russell Hall _____ voting

David Norton _____ voting

Linda Mascho _____ voting

Carolyn Carney _____ voting

Ken Burdick _____ voting

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AND FOR NECESSARY HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

The following resolution was offered by Linda Mascho who moved its adoption and seconded by Carolyn Carney, to wit,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship has previously established a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Necessary Highway Equipment for use by the Town of Friendship Highway Department, and

WHEREAS the Town Board now wishes to adopt a resolution authorizing the withdrawal and use of up to One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$168,851.00) from such Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to pay the cost of purchasing (1) 2025 Mack Granite Truck in accordance with the provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law and New York State Education Law,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the withdrawal and use of up to One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$168,851.00) from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Necessary Highway Equipment is hereby authorized by the Town Board of the Town of Friendship.

2. That the Town Supervisor of the Town of Friendship is hereby authorized and directed to withdraw and directed to withdraw use of up to One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight

Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$168,851.00) from funds already deposited into such Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of Necessary Highway Equipment.

The foregoing resolution was put to a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russ Hall-aye

The Supervisor of the Town of Friendship declared the resolution to be duly adopted and directed the Town Clerk to implement the provisions of the resolution as expeditiously as possible.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

Town Clerk Report

Highway Report

Water Report

Police Report

Justice Report

8:03 Motion to go into executive session for Attorney/client session, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

9:06 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho.

9:06 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

