

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2025

7pm

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor: Russell Hall-present
Councilperson: Dave Norton-present
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson- Ken Burdick-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk
David Pullen, Attorney

Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Trevor, Hallenbeck, Dell & Michelle Baker, Ashley Smith, Bill Beck, Wes Sortore, Ed Yagger, Sabastian Merrill, Sarah Trumpp

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2025, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Dave Norton.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for March, 16, 2025, in the amount of \$117,888.02, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho.

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

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for March 2025, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

Supervisor Hall – Advised that the Town is being offered a parcel, they want to Donate it to the Town. It is parcel #182.12-2-60.2, it is the Barn behind the Holly Farms use to be Janet Mahoney's now owned by Craig Tarello, the Town would have to pay this year's taxes. Board Members to review information and make a decision at next month's meeting.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE-Council member, Linda Mascho spoke about Sheridan Benefits(broker) for Health Insurance. They offer all Insurances and look For the best deal. Linda advised she had spoke to several employees and they were Not happy with Kim McCarthy as she was not very responsive. Kari Butler with this Sheridan seems very helpful. We can keep the same Insurance Plan, but as in every Year Insurance will go she the Town members have the best insurance out there. Supervisor Hall advised that Linda Mascho should look into making sure that it is the same Insurance, need to see it written, make sure.

Motion to have Carolyn Carney and Linda Mascho authorize the Insurance through Sheridan as long as it is the same coverage, they may execute the renewal with Sheridan, Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

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

Public Concerns-Ed Yagger requesting that the Town have a Community Garden, A lot of other Towns have these and very successful. He asked if the Town would have Any potential property that can be used. Supervisor Hall advised that the property On Baxter near the old Jail probably could be used. The Allegany Co-op will get involved per Ashly Smith. As far as Insurance, Supervisor Hall stated people who wanted to Participate would need to sign a waiver. After discussion the following motion was set forth:

Motion to proceed with Community Garden, using the property on Baxter near the old jail and to proceed with any needed paperwork, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Main Street Grant up date by Ashley Smith with Allegany County Economic Development. She sated that the RFQ's proposals were done and scored. One Architectural firm "Insight" stood out and had good reviews. They would go into the buildings and assess the structure and what can be done. With the Grant the Town's share is 1500.00, however the Town has to pay the whole amount of \$21,500.00 up front and get reimbursed the \$20,000.00. Allegany County Landbank is looking to invest. After Discussion the following motion was brought forth:

Motion to engage and accept the recommendation of Insight Architecture to go ahead With the assessment of the Main Street Bldgs., offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Roll call vote:

Dave Norton: aye

Ken Burdick: aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Oakley Sortore-Sent is missing items needed from EFC. Wastewater information needs to be amended on the application d/t the EDU's they have.

There has been GAR Vandalism again. 3 Youths used a downspout to damage the vinyl on the Hall. Supervisor Hall advised that a Police report needs to be done when this happens.

Belmont Refuse is having trouble with their truck so Friendship is helping them out and letting them use the Town's truck to pick up the garbage, Agreement has been signed. As far as Friendship's refuse picker quitting, a person is needed for the garbage as Kevin Snyder is doing it all alone right now. Linda Mascho and Dave Norton(Refuse Committee) have reviewed applications they had at the office.

Motion that Linda Mascho and Dave Norton should review and make recommendations offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Updates to 2 additonal Easements- Russ has signed the easements and Attorney Pullen is to file it at the Courthouse.

Motion to approve the Rod Pusher Box in the amount of \$10,177.81, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Linda Mascho-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russ Hall-aye

4-6 Depot Street(owner William Friend)- 8 meter bill request for forgiveness \$632.16 is tabled till next meeting in May, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approved.

Highway-

Motion to approve the shared Services agreement between the Town of Friendship Highway Dept. and New York State DOT, renewable every 4 years, Superintendent of Highway to sign, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Dell Baker stated the Armstrong Farm on the Springbrook Rd. is tearing up the Road again. The Highway Dept. can go out there and repair and turn back around and its back to being torn up. Cattle are in the road, equipment in the road. There are also 4 wheelers that are going up and down the road and tearing the road. It was suggested that a Police Report needs to be done and complaints sent to the Police Dept. and Pictures taken to back complaints.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS RECEIVED

Town Clerk Report- March 2025

Highway Dept.-March 2025

Water Report

Police Report-

Justice Reports

8:28 pm Motion to Adjourn, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk