

February 13, 2024

Supervisor Horr called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken, and found Councilperson Luce, Infantino, and Bacon present. Also present was Supervisor Horr, and Highway Superintendent James MacWhorter. Absent: Councilperson Colella.

Guests include: Yvonne Smallwood, Paul Kennedy, Dave Werth, Rick Lafford, Kim Coleman, Karen Norton, Bill Waterhouse, Charlie Perkins, David Luce Jr.

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Councilperson Luce.

Supervisor Horr asked Clerk Tyler to read the public notice for the bid opening of the 5.2-acre land lease on Forbes Street, which is currently used for agricultural purposes. Two sealed bids were received. Bid #1 was submitted by Rob Schramm Farms in the amount of \$1,100.00 per year. Bid #2 was received from Todd L. Wolfer in the amount of \$362.00 per year. The lease term is for five years. Supervisor Horr stated the motion to accept will be approved later in the meeting.

Privilege of the floor: Paul Kennedy from Union Hose addressed the board for permission to hold the annual tractor pull on the airport grounds June 8, 2024. Paul stated that the company is working on the FAA application currently. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Bacon to allow the use of airport grounds for the tractor pull on June 8th, 2024. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Justice David Werth addressed the board to inform them that the current court clerk will be retiring at the end of this year. There are ongoing discussions between the judges on what they would need. They may want to hire one full-time, or possibly two part-time. Justice Werth will get information to the board on how many hours this job requires for a decision to be made. Councilperson Bacon let everyone know the Town has set aside funds in the 2024 budget for the training of the new court clerk. Ongoing discussions will be at future meetings, and a plan will be formed.

Bill Waterhouse from trail otter addressed the board on his previous request about hiking at the old railroad bed. There is an indemnity policy that needs to be written by our attorney. This is the only thing left to obtain. Permission to access the area was already granted. Supervisor Horr will work on this and get back to Bill Waterhouse.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes from January 2, 2024, organizational meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor: MOTION CARRIED.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes from the January 9, 2024, regular meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor: MOTION CARRIED.

The Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2024 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$2684.00 of which \$1996.30 was turned over to the Supervisor for placement in the appropriate account. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning/Code Officer's report for the month of January 2024 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Justice reports from Justice Werth, and Weidman for the month of January 2024 were presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$12,498.00, and \$4724.00, respectively. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the reports as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town /Village Planning Board: Minutes submitted for the January 23, 2024, meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes submitted for the January 18, 2024; no meeting held as there were no items on the agenda. Copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Summary report for the month of January: None submitted. Local Government Support Services sent a letter stating that they are putting all resources on end-of year reporting. The items that must be submitted are time-consuming and to meet the deadlines, they will not be putting reports together this month. There will be two reports next month.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the January 2024 Cemetery report. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that it is too late in the season to bleed the lines at the cemetery house. This will be assessed and done in a timely fashion next season.

A letter from the Kanestio Valley Daughters of the American Revolution requesting the placement of a bronze plaque on the grave of Harman H. Hartman in the Greenmount Cemetery. The plaque would be no larger than 6x9 inches and placed on a cement base no more than 18X18 inches. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Recreation: Nothing to report.

Highway: Superintendent McWhorter stated new blades were purchased for the one-ton plow truck. Superintendent McWhorter also asked the board for permission to rent a lift for tree and branch trimming along the roadways and at the cemetery. There were no objections from the board to renting a lift.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to sign the agreement with the County to spend highway funds in the amount of \$135,108.00 on 12.24 miles of Town Highways. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Horr reminded Superintendent Horr that there is some money set aside in the budget for minor repairs and improvements to the Town Barn. Superintendent would like to start with new lighting, roof reseal/repair, and fix part of the block foundation. Supervisor Horr suggested the roof first, then move on to the lighting.

Airport:

Soaring Club Lease has been finalized and all requirements have been met.

Councilperson Bacon updated the board on the Ferguson wedding that is scheduled to take place at the main airport hangar in June of this year. Councilperson Bacon stated that he received a phone call from the FAA, and we would need to fill out paperwork as we will be closing the airport temporarily. Councilperson Bacon has completed the required paperwork to the best of his ability. He has met with the parties and explained that the FAA may not approve this request. Councilperson Bacon also included a letter written by the parties and a request for temporary closure of the airport for non-aeronautical purposes.

Fixed Base Operator lease will be expiring in August of this year. We will need to advertise the opening for an FBO at the airport. Councilperson Bacon asked the board to wait until he meets with C&S and McFarland Johnson to see if they can offer any guidance on the FBO lease. He also asked if Dansville Aero should be notified about the expiration of the lease. Supervisor Horr will reach out to them. Rick Lafford suggested working together to make a lease proposal attractive enough to put it out to aviation publications to get a broader audience.

DePaul properties: A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Bacon to accept the Pilot and Community Benefit Agreement by DePaul properties with a few minor adjustments in the language. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the bid for the 5.2-acre land lease on Forbes Street by Robert Schramm in the amount of \$1100.00 per year for 5 years. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Audit reports and bank statements were not sent this month by Local Government Support Services. We will have double reports and statements next month.

McWhorter Road Land Erosion: Councilperson Luce met with an organization that monitors the Genesee River Valley. The group feels that a lot of debris is coming from the Canaseraga Creek, spilling into the Genesee River. They came to assess the creek in this area. They are looking for ideas on how they can clean the water in the creek, to preserve the cleanliness of the Genesee River. Supervisor Horr stated is still waiting to hear from engineers on grants that may open to help with the land erosion issue. The engineers said a rough cost to prevent further erosion would be \$500,000. The Town has \$100,000 budgeted for this project and hopes that grants will open to pay for the remainder.

Building Maintenance: The Town is still looking to hire a part-time/on-call maintenance person.

30 Maple Street: Supervisor Horr stated the FAA would not allow the sale of this lot. The lot was purchased with grant money, preventing the sale of the lot unless the grant money was paid back.

Canal Street: Supervisor Horr will be seeking legal counsel to assist with the Canal Street property.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the quote from hurricane technologies to replace Supervisor computer, and deputy clerk computer totaling 2811.98 for both computers, and set up time. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Sparta Fire Department requested permission to sell chicken BBQ tickets in the lobby of Town Hall a few times in the month of April. No objections from the board.

The Town Clerk presented the Board with the Semi-Annual Liv.Co. Dog Control report. This report is for information only.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that the CDs that were approved for purchase at last month's meeting have been purchased. One out of the general fund for \$1,000,000.00 that will mature on 12/02/2024, one out of the Highway fund for \$700,000.00 that will mature on 12/2/2024 with 5% interest.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to approve the Comprehensive Plan Work Group secretary pay of \$150.00 per month. Katie Infantino was approved for this position at our last meeting. All in favor: Councilperson Bacon, Luce, Supervisor Horr. Abstained: Councilperson Infantino. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that Livingston County Administrator Ian Coyle will be at the Town Hall on March 12th 6:00pm for Q & A with the public and board members.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to pay all bills as audited, general account vouchers #9- #35 incl., totaling \$98,255.50 highway account vouchers #3- #13 incl., totaling \$15,965.31, water district account voucher #1 incl., totaling \$475.75. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Infantino, and a second by Bacon to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Tyler Town Clerk/Tax Collector