

March 12, 2024

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

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Councilperson Colella.

Guests Include: Yvonne Smallwood, Charlie Perkins, Karen Norton, Kurt Gerber, Rick Lafford, and Donna Didas.

Privilege of the floor: Privilege of the floor was given to Kurt Gerber, a homeowner on Depot Road. Mr. Gerber expressed his concerns to the board regarding water run-off from the railroad track bed onto the properties on Depot Road. He asked if the Board would do cleanup work on the ditch at the areas that would have the greatest possibility of damaging property if there were to be a land slide due to heavy rain and water runoff. The Town did work there two years ago when there was a landslide. Mr. Gerber was trying to prevent anything happening to his property, as well as other properties in that area if a landslide were to happen in the future. Supervisor Horr stated that the Highway crew will work on this and keep him informed of what the plan will be when they decide.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to approve the regular meeting minutes from the February 13, 2024, meeting. In favor: Councilperson Bacon, Infantino, Luce, Supervisor Horr. Abstained: Councilperson Colella.

The Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2024 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$1757.00 of which \$1388.84 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 was not submitted this month as she was attending a conference.

Justice reports from Justice Werth, and Weidman for the month of February 2024 were presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$9859.00, and \$3515.00, respectively. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town /Village Planning Board: Non- meeting minutes submitted for the date February 27,2024. There was no meeting held. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the non-meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes submitted for the February 15, 2024, 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.

Comprehensive Plan Work Group: Minutes from the February 12, 2024, meeting was submitted. A motion by Councilperson Bacon, and a second by Infantino to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The preliminary agenda for the Livingston County Planning Board were submitted for information only.

Dansville Area Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes from February 5, 2024, were submitted for information only.

Executive Summary report for the month of February 2024 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to accept the summary as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Sexton report for the month of February 2024 was submitted. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the report as submitted. All in favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Horr stated to the board that he received a letter from Snyder Brothers that they will be raising the rates effective April 1, 2024. The rates will be as follows: Grave opening and closing \$425.00, There will be an additional charge of \$300.00 for Sundays and Holidays, and \$250 for Saturdays and an overtime charge of \$150.00 per hour for Funerals that arrive at the cemetery after 3:00pm. Supervisor Horr will look at our rates and decide if they need to be adjusted accordingly.

Cemetery: Superintendent MacWhorter asked for a date of Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> for the seasonal workers to return. He requested they work 4 10-hour days. Supervisor Horr said they would allow the change on a trial basis. If it is determined it will not work, then it will go back to 5 days. Two of the seasonal workers are coming back, Superintendent McWhorter will ask the third worker if he will be returning. If not, we will advertise for a seasonal worker.

Highway: The railroad tracks on Meter Road are still an issue. Superintendent McWhorter discussed the issue with LMC, and they agreed to temporarily patch the bad areas. Supervisor Horr sent a registered letter to the railroad company last week about the repair of the railroad bed. He will wait for a response from them.

The Town Highway crew has been working for Livingston County in Tuscarora on a culvert repair project.

The Town crew has installed new lighting at the Town Barn. The lighting has improved dramatically.

Airport: Councilperson Bacon updated the board on the Ferguson wedding that is to take place at the main hangar in June of this year. He stated there were additional forms that had to be filled out and sent in, which had been done.

Councilperson Bacon reported to the board that he and Councilperson Colella, as well as Rick Lafford, had a phone conference call with C&S engineering. It was decided during that conversation that the Town needs to decide what it would like to do with the airport. Councilperson Bacon stated that before the Town can make any decisions, it will need to have a conversation with the FAA. Rick Lafford has done some leg work on pricing a new fuel farm. It is unclear the path the Town is going to take. More information is needed, and more meetings and talks with the FAA and C&S need to happen. Councilperson Bacon stated they will keep the meetings and conversations going over the next few weeks. Councilperson Colella stated that C&S did not offer any revenue building ideas, which is what the town is looking for.

The Town needs to form a plan for the fixed base operator agreement that will expire on August 31, 2024. This will need to be out for bid ahead of the August 31<sup>st</sup> expiration.

Supervisor Horr stated that there was a TSA inspection at the airport recently. The one item that needs to be addressed right away is the keypad access gates. Some of them are not working and there is an issue with the number of people knowing the combinations to the keypads. The Town will address the gates and find a source to fix the gates.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that he was approached by the Rally in the Valley Committee expressing interest in having a band at the airport Labor Day weekend. Supervisor Horr and the board briefly discussed this and how difficult it is getting this type of function approved by the FAA.

Also discussed by the board was an email from Daniel Irland, Technical Sergeant, Troop E Traffic Supervisor with the New York State Police. He was requesting use of the airport grounds to conduct driver training and EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) instruction for the State Police. Although this has been done in the past, the board is uncertain if these training exercises can be conducted on short notice without proper notification to the FAA. Rick Lafford stated that in the past that

there have not been any issues with this type of training, and there is no part of the airport that needs to be closed for this. Rick Lafford was going to check into this and communicate to Supervisor Horr. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to allow the training exercise to happen with the understanding that Rick Lafford will call the FAA to make sure it would be ok to do so. Rick will follow up with Supervisor Horr to let the NYS police know the outcome. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino not to allow Rally in the Valley to hold a concert at the airport hangar. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Recreation area: Superintendent MacWhorter stated there are still issues with people using Frontage Road to work on their vehicles. This is a roadway and cannot be impeded by this. Jim was instructed by the board to call the Sherriff's Department if he encounters this in the future.

Superintendent MacWhorter is going to get an estimate on repairing the wood beams and ropes in the parking lot on Frontage Road, as well as an estimate to stone and oil the parking lot. There is \$20,000 in ARPA funds to use towards parks and recreation.

DePaul Pilot Agreement: Supervisor Horr signed the agreement and forwarded it on to DePaul for signatures. This completes finalizing the agreement.

Review of monthly payroll summary/registers and bank statements: E-mails were sent to all board members Reconciliation Summary of Banking Accounts and Bank Statements (General, Highway, Airport, Water District and Trust & Agency) for the period ending January 31, 2024, for their review. Town Clerk presented a hard copy of these materials for board review if they so wished. Board members had no concerns with the information contained in the financial material.

McWhorter Road Land Erosion: Supervisor Horr stated he received an email from the Army Corps of Engineers asking if they wanted to apply for funding of this project again this year. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to submit for funding from Army Corps. of Engineers to help fund the land erosion issue at Canaseraga Creek on McWhorter Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Building Security: The Town Clerk asked the board to revisit the door security to the Town Hall, as well as the Town Clerks office. We received an estimate last year to change the locking mechanism on our three exterior doors. The Town Clerk will get estimates on cost to bring back to the board. Supervisor Horr will reach out to the Village to see if their crew would be interested in constructing a window at the Town Clerks office, like what the Village has.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that our Town Hall cleaning contract will be expiring July 31, 2024. We can extend the current contract for two additional years or advertise for new bids. Discussions on this will continue at future meetings.

Canal Street: Supervisor Horr did speak to attorney John Vogel about the property on Canal Street. He stated he would like to assist with this matter, as he was the attorney with the same situation for the Town of West Sparta. He is familiar with this situation. Councilperson Colella asked if we knew what the rate of pay would be. Supervisor Horr will find out and let the board know.

A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Infantino to allow the Deputy Clerk to attend the annual Town Clerk Association Conference held in Albany April 21-24. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Colella to approve a quote from Hurricane Technologies for sonic wall computer security protection. This will protect all the Town computers for 1 year at \$535.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Horr let the board know that Genesee/Finger Lakes Planning Council has grant money available for green energy reduction. Supervisor Horr would like to try to apply for grant money through this council, but the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Bacon to allow Supervisor Horr to try to obtain grant money through the council. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to pay all bills as audited, General Account Vouchers #36- #54 incl., totaling \$34464.25, and Highway Account Vouchers #14- #23 incl., totaling \$7,472.75. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tyler  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector