

August 8, 2023

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

Guests include: Cy Kastner, Yvonne Smallwood, Charlie Perkins, Judith Gailbraith, Jari Wallach, Rick Lafford, Margaret Lee (Livingston County News), Kim Coleman, Donna Didas, Zachary Heiman, Kenneth Heiman.

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Deputy Bacon.

Privilege of the floor: Cy Kastner was introduced as an officer with Finger Lakes Soaring Club. He turned privilege of the floor to Rick Lafford, member of Finger Lakes Soaring Club. He is a volunteer instructor in gliders and a tow pilot. Mr. Lafford spoke to the board on ways that the FLSC benefits the Town and Village of Dansville. He gave a brief history of the club. He stated that the FLSC has contributed major improvements to the airport. They built a hangar in 1986. That building today is worth about \$230,000. He stated that they have contributed substantially to the town, village, and county economy by bringing rides in.

He spoke at length about the youth programs they offer. The FLSC offers training to local youth at a fraction of the cost that it would be anywhere else. The FLSC hosts competitions that bring people to the area that require meals and lodging. They are holding a soaring contest on August 11th-20th that will attract business to the local area. They have been in the area for 40+ years and do not want to relocate. They want to work with the town so that does not happen.

Zachary Heiman spoke about the benefits the Soaring Club has provided him with. He is a Dansville Central School student going into his senior year. He has taken lessons through the soaring club and plans to study aerospace engineering post high school. He was there to support the Soaring Club and all it has to offer the area, especially youth. They offer flight training at a reduced cost.

Deputy Supervisor Bacon suggested the FLSC, and the Town Board set a date to continue negotiations on a new lease. He hopes that the two parties can come to an agreement on a new contract. A date will be set and agreed upon by the two parties.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes from July 11, 2023, regular meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Infantino to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor: MOTION CARRIED.

The Town Clerk's report for the month of July 2023 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$4513.00 of which \$2043.77 was turned over to the Supervisor for placement in the appropriate account. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning/Code Officer's report for the month of July 2023 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Justice reports from Justice Werth for the month of July 2023 was presented, Justice Weidman reports from June, and July 2023. Copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$15,954.00, and \$4675.00, and \$2301.00 for Weidman. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town /Village Planning Board: Minutes submitted for the June 27 and the July 25, 2023, meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes submitted for the July 20, 2023, meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Livingston County Planning Board: Agenda submitted for the July 13, 2023, meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino to accept the report as submitted. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Summary report for the month of July 2023 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino to accept the summary as presented. The executive summary for June 2023 will be approved at our next regular meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Cemetery is still looking good. The Livingston County worker is done for the season and worked out well.

Supervisor Horr is still gathering information on cemetery rates and will report back to the board when all information is gathered.

Highway: Roads are ready to stone and oil. Kidd Road and Sandy Hill will be done at the end of this week. The Town will also be working with the County to stone and oil Stones Falls Road and the part of Perkinsville Road that the County owns.

Supervisor Horr spoke with Village administrator Scott Tracy on fixing Dugway Road. He did say they will fix the road, but need to finish the water project first as they are up against a deadline. They will pave it from Highland Ave. to where they stopped digging. The rest of the road Superintendent McWhorter said it is in good shape. Scott asked if they did both sides of the road that they dug up, would the town do the top portion? Superintendent McWhorter agreed and will assess the amount when the time comes.

Superintendent McWhorter also stated the village will be digging up the road on Greenmount Ave. There is a water pressure issue, and a pipe needs to be replaced. Deputy Superintendent Bacon asked if the village will be repairing the road if they dig it up. Mr. Tracy will try to use the shoulder of the road if possible. Councilperson Colella is currently working on a highway draft law that the Town will need to pass to protect our roads and make sure they are repaired properly. A public hearing will be held.

Cemetery: A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to accept the July 2023 Cemetery report. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Cemetery Road abandonment: Mr. Vandurme, property owner on Cemetery Road asked the town if the portion of the road at the end was ever abandoned. The Town Clerk reached out to the previous clerk and the Supervisor Horr reached out to the previous Supervisor. Upon research it was understood that the portion of the road was not abandoned. The Town will investigate this further to make sure that is the case. Superintendent McWhorter is under the impression that if a road is not maintained for 7 years, it becomes abandoned. This discussion will continue at next month's meeting. The board requests the Code enforcement officer to be present to further explain the Town's responsibility to the road. More information should be gathered before the next meeting.

Airport: Supervisor Horr communicated via email. He stated that the airport will not be shut down for the event. Supervisor Horr will communicate with the parties to make sure rules are followed and that nobody will access the runway at any time during the event. Councilperson Colella would like to devise a contract for the wedding with a fee for usage, and rules to abide by. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Airport circuit lights have not been completed yet. Superintendent McWhorter will ask Jeff Shaver if there is any new information on this.

Solar: A battery storage moratorium will be developed. Council person Colella would like to make the moratorium for 1 year. Council person will work on this and get it to the Town Clerk to

forward to the Livingston County Planning Board. A public hearing will be held regarding this matter.

Clearwatts update: Councilperson Colella stated there is no new information. He expressed that of the 90 acres of land that the town owns, not much of it is suitable for any building. If a solar farm was to go on this land, we would need to utilize some of the 40 acres that is owned by the county. There is still interest by clearwatts to use the airport grounds as well. Information is still in the process of being gathered regarding this.

Recreation: No trespassing signs have been posted for the woods at Frontage Road Park. Superintendent McWhorter will monitor the area to make sure there are no violators.

Other Business: The 2024 budget schedule has been handed out. Timeline of events are included in the handout. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Infantino to approve the following budget transfers:

TOWN OF NORTH DANVILLE			
PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS AT YOUR 08/08/23 MEETING:			
GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE			
<i>Transfer From:</i>	AA.1990.400	Contingency	\$ 2,841.00
			<u>\$ 2,841.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	AA.9050.800	Unemployment Insurance, Empl Bnfts	\$ 2,841.00
			<u>\$ 2,841.00</u>
GENERAL FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE			
<i>Transfer From:</i>	BB.8020.400	Zoning, Contr Expend	\$ 600.00
			<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	BB.4020.400	Registrar of Vital Stat, Cont Expend	\$ 7.00
	BB.8010.103	Zoning, Per Ser, Clerk	\$ 120.00
	BB.9030.800	Social Security, Empl Bnfts	\$ 473.00
			<u>\$ 600.00</u>
HIGHWAY FUND			
<i>Transfer From:</i>	DA.5130.400	Machinery, Contr Expend	\$ 26.00
			<u>\$ 26.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	DA9010.800	State Retirement System	\$ 26.00
			<u>\$ 26.00</u>
HIGHWAY FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE			
<i>Transfer From:</i>	DB.5110.400	Maint of Streets, Contr Expend	\$ 26.00
			<u>\$ 26.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	DB.9010.800	State Retirement System	\$ 26.00
			<u>\$ 26.00</u>

Review of monthly payroll summary/registers and bank statements: Town Clerk presented a copy to all board members, Reconciliation Summary of Banking Accounts and Bank Statements

(General, Highway, Airport, Water District and Trust & Agency) for the period ending July 31, 2023, for their review. The materials were e-mailed to the Board members.

McWhorter Road: Deputy Supervisor Bacon read a response submitted by Supervisor Horr "We did not get the approval for the Army Corp. of Engineers, so I have reached out to the engineer that did the LMC project and waiting to set up a meeting with them the week of August 14th. I will let everyone know the date and time." The Town has set aside \$100,000 for the project. Donna Didas asked if Supervisor Horr looked into the grant money that she pointed out to him. Deputy Supervisor Bacon did not know the answer to that question. He will ask him.

Year end audit update: Audit is still in progress.

Building maintenance: Supervisor Horr reached out to two different people regarding being an on-call maintenance person. One declined, and the other did show interest. The supervisor will have more discussions with this person and update the board as necessary.

LMC quotes for air conditioning units and boiler system. There were 5 quotes included for a total of \$26, 307.00. Greg left a note that stated we could take this out of contingency. This will fix the non-working air conditioners in the auditorium, and clerks office. This replaces the old air conditioner on the 2nd floor Supervisors office, as well as fixing the piece of the boiler in the basement that is broken. Also included in this total were new T-Stats for the most recent roof-top units that were put in, so they are the correct phase and work to their efficiency. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Infantino to approve the five quotes from LMC Contractors. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk presented a quote from Eastern Security Services for a new exterior key/fob system. The software that we used for the current system is no longer an option as the program to issue and delete key holders was not recovered from the clerk's computer. This new web-based program would use the current wiring already in place, saving the town money. The cost for installing a new system for the 3 exterior doors was \$4725.00 with a monthly monitoring fee of \$51.00. Supervisor Bacon explained that it was not budgeted this year, let's put it in the budget for next year. The Town Clerk also let the board know that there is still an interior door issue that will need to be handled. The village has expressed getting their interior doors part of the electronic system. Eastern Security stated that would cost approximately \$2,500-\$3,000 per door as there is no wiring currently there. The village can decide if they wish to pursue this option at their own expense.

The Town Clerk presented the Livingston County Semi-annual dog control report. This report is for information only.

Proposed Local Law #3 of 2023:

LOCAL LAW 3 - 2023 PROVIDING A PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS

Section 1. The intent of this Local Law is to adopt a real property tax exemption for certain qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-a.

Section 2. Real Property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or volunteer ambulance service residing in the Town of North Dansville shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed valuation for town purposes provided the owner(s) meet the qualifications set forth in Section 3 below.

Section 3. To be eligible for the exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 466-a and implemented by this Local Law, the real property must be owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in the Town of North Dansville subject to the following additional requirements:

(a) the enrolled member resides in the town, which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; (b) the property is the primary residence of the enrolled member; (c) the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the enrolled member's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and (d) the enrolled member has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years.

Section 4. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service residing in the Town of North Dansville who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, who also meets all the requirements set forth in Section 3, shall be granted the 10% exemption as described above for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Town of North Dansville.

Section 5. An un-remarried spouse of volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker killed in the line of duty shall be eligible to receive the 10% exemption as described above provided that (a) such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member; and (b) such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and (c) such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

Section 6. An un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker shall be eligible to receive the 10% exemption as described above provided that: (a) such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member; and (b) such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years, and (c) such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption prior to the death of such volunteer.

Section 7. The Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Introduced: 8/8/2023

Adopted:

A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Luce to schedule a public hearing on 9/12/23 at 7:00 pm regarding this local law. The Town Clerk will advertise such in the Evening Tribune. Supervisor Horr will gather more information to present at the next meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A letter from Code enforcement officer Tammy Saylor Malone regarding 30 Maple Street was presented to the board members. This property is owned by the Town of North Dansville. Her suggestion to the town would be to sell the property and get it back on the tax roll. Deputy Supervisor Bacon would like to table this discussion for next month's meeting, as the information was just presented to the board, and it was not on the agenda.

A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Colella to pay all bills as audited, general account vouchers #156- #179 incl., totaling \$275,119.39, highway account vouchers #47- #50 incl., totaling \$3,542.53, water district account voucher #3 totaling \$1563.25. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tyler
Town Clerk/Tax Collector