

July 11, 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: Donna Didas, Yvonne Smallwood, Amber Ferguson, and Cheryl Ferguson

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Deputy Bacon.

Privilege of the floor: Amber Ferguson addressed the Board regarding her wedding she is planning for June of 2024. She was seeking approval from the Board to hold her wedding at the airport hangar here in Dansville. At the June meeting, Supervisor Horr stated that the FAA did not approve this. Supervisor Horr had received new information since then with new guidelines to follow to allow a private gathering at the airport. He has been out of town on a family emergency, therefore was not able to share those guidelines with Amber, or the board.

Amber did speak to the board and let them know that it was important to her and her family that they hold the Wedding here. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Luce to allow the wedding to take place in the main airport hangar if all the new regulations by the FAA are followed. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Horr will be in contact with Amber regarding the new regulations and application process when he returns.

The Town Clerk presented the minutes from June 13, 2023, regular meeting, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor: MOTION CARRIED.

The Town Clerk's report for the month of June 2023 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$4161.00 of which \$2460.71 was turned over to the Supervisor for placement in the appropriate account. A motion by Councilperson Colella 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 June 2023 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Colella 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 June 2023 was presented. No report presented by Justice Weidman. Copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$11,233.00. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town /Village Planning Board: No report presented.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes submitted for the June 15, 2023, copy on file. There was no meeting held. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Infantino to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Summary report for the month of June 2023 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to table the summary pending Supervisor Horr's return to review the documents for accuracy. The executive summary for June 2023 will be approved at our next regular meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

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

Cemetery rate discussions are ongoing. Supervisor Horr has gathered rate information from the Town of Mt. Morris, Geneseo, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Dansville for comparison. More information on this at upcoming meetings.

Superintendent MacWhorter states that the Cemetery grounds look nice. He is still receiving compliments on the condition of the grounds. There is another local worker from Livingston County that will be there for about a month.

Deputy Supervisor Bacon asked if there was water back in the drums for watering flowers at the cemetery. Superintendent MacWhorter stated they do not fill the drums anymore because people were not closing the valve properly. They were spending too much time and money refilling the drums as they would run dry constantly.

Highway: Benjamin's tree service cut three trees down on Greenmount Ave. that were rotted. The town crew helped cut and remove the trees to save on cost. The stumps still remain. It will be up to the Town if they want to grind the stumps down. Councilperson Colella asked MacWhorter to get a price estimate from Benjamin's, and Farrell's.

Dugway Road repair has not been done. Supervisor Horr will ask Mayor Haywood how they want to proceed with it. We still do not have written law or policy on how our roads get repaired. Councilperson Colella will draft a local law to present at an upcoming meeting.

Town road work will begin in the coming weeks. There are certain areas that need blacktop. Kidd Road and Sandy Hill Road will be stoned and oiled. The County has asked the Town of North Dansville to stone and oil Stones Falls Road for them. They will reimburse us for the work and material.

Airport: Hot Air Balloon Management has decided not to sign the lease agreement the Town presented them. They will not be moving forward with the festival.

Mowing of the airport has continued as usual. There will be discussions at future meetings on alternatives for the upcoming year regarding mowing at the airport.

Runway lights were addressed at the last meeting. Approval was granted for an estimate on getting a circuit put in to prevent runway lights from turning on during the day. Follow up at the next regular meeting to see where this is at.

There has been no word on Damon Flick's Eagle Scout Project. Supervisor Horr reached out to him to see if he was willing to change his location. He has not heard back.

There was a roof leak at the office building at the airport. Upstate roofing was called to do an emergency repair to minimize further damage. They repaired the leak and fixed some broken and clogged gutters. The total cost of repairs was \$1457.63.

Soaring Club lease expired on 6/30/2023. Councilpersons Bacon and Colella met with two members of the club to negotiate the lease as well as a monthly fee. The Council members suggested a fee of \$500.00 per month. The Soaring Club members rejected and said they would have to move if that was going to be the fee. Councilpersons asked the members what they thought the fee should be. They presented a comparable lease agreement from Laconia Airport in Gilford, NH. In that lease agreement the Soaring Club was asked to pay twenty cents per square foot annually. Our lease states 9,000 square feet which would equate to \$1800.00 annually. It was decided that the offer would be brought back to the remaining board members.

Councilperson Luce wanted to have more information on the Soaring Club in general. It was discussed that the original lease was signed in 1993. It was a 20-year lease agreement with a ten-year extension. During that time, the Soaring Club was paying \$1.00 per year.

A motion by Councilperson Luce and a second by Colella to keep the amount in the lease agreement at \$500.00 per month. Councilperson Bacon will send notification to the Finger Lakes Soaring Club that the lease offer remains at \$500.00. If they cannot agree to this fee, they have until August 31, 2023, to move. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Solar: Councilperson Colella stated he wrote to the Association of Town's with questions regarding a battery storage moratorium. He has not heard back so will try to reach out again.

Clear Watts update: Councilperson Colella contacted Tommy Freeman. It was sated by Mr. Freeman that the data they are compiling will come in from NYSEG at the end of July to early August. Once that data comes in, they will have more knowledge of the project. There is a meeting with the head of Delaware River Solar and Clear Watts sometime in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4th week of July. Councilperson Colella requested to be at that meeting as well to gather more information.

There is a 700-acre solar farm that is in the initial stages of planning in the Town of Wayland, NY. In the code officer's report, there was a map provided. The board discussed the location and decided that the Village owns the land where there was a concern for contamination. The board

discussed that the reservoir is not the primary water source anymore for the residents of Dansville. If there was to be any contamination, it should not affect the primary water supply.

There is no obligation or jurisdiction for the Town of North Dansville, therefore there is nothing for the board to do on this project. The reservoir will be the Village's responsibility.

Recreation: Superintendent MacWhorter stated that there are people living/camping in the woods near Frontage Road Park. He had to escort a group out that had been tenting there and starting campfires. It was discussed by the board members if there were any resolutions, or signs for trespassing. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Luce that we have no trespassing signs made up and posted. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Building maintenance: Air conditioning units continue to be an issue. Late last week another air conditioning unit broke down. It services the auditorium, the Town Clerks office and part of the Village administration office. LMC fixed one unit that services part of the auditorium, but the other air conditioning unit that services the rest of the auditorium as well as the two offices mentioned, will need to be fully replaced. LMC will work on an estimate and get it to the Town Clerk. Councilperson Luce would like to see the heating and cooling units replaced rather than keep fixing what we have. The Town Board should look into other options.

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 June 30, 2023, for their review. The materials did not get e-mailed to the Board members. The board will review the documents and bring any questions to the next regular scheduled meeting.

McWhorter Road: No update. Still waiting for a response from the Army Corp. of Engineers. Donna Didas, who was in attendance, forwarded information to Supervisor Horr from the DEC on funding that the Town could get.

### **Resolution NO. 07-1-2023**

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Resolution NO. 07-1-2023 for the Town Board Meeting Dated: July 11,2023

The following resolution was motioned by: Councilperson Colella

And seconded by: Councilperson Luce

WHEREAS, this country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and



A motion by Councilperson Infantino and a second by Colella to pay all bills as audited, General Account Vouchers #130- #155 incl., totaling \$49,892.79, and Highway Account Vouchers #41- #46 incl., totaling \$6,024.67. 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 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tyler  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector