

Thursday June 16, 2022
Parish Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting
Parish Village Gym

Supervisor Bernys called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Jim Bernys, Supervisor; Gary Wood, Councilor; G. Richard Horning, Councilor; Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor; Trudy Engst, Town Bookkeeper; Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Steve Cronk, Dog Control Officer; John Dunham, Planning Board Member; Bob Genant (6:04), Town Attorney; L. J. Harvey Parish Fire Chief; Jack Rucynski, Supervisor's Confidential Sec.;

Absent: Doug Houghton, Councilor.

ZOOM: Eleanor Kinney; 2 others.

Public Comment Period: Supervisor Bernys opened the meeting for comments from the public. Hearing none, he closed the public comment time.

Supervisor's Comments:

Supervisor Bernys spoke of Operation Oswego County and the budget.

Supervisor Bernys thanked Os. Co. Highway employees Craig Petit and Joe Potter for putting in the AC units in the Town offices.

Supervisor Bernys thanked Tug Hill Rep. Baxter for going through the old electronics on the balcony and marking the bad for disposal.

Supervisor Bernys thanked Councilors Eaton-Novak, Horning, Houghton, Wood and Trustees Chatterton and Murphy and highway workers George Horning and Al Van Sanford for helping at the Annual Community Clean-up Day.

Supervisor Bernys thanked Scott and Kathy Allardice for the planting of the flowers in the Community.

Supervisor Bernys congratulated the APW graduates.

Councilors Comments:

Councilor Eaton-Novak said she thought the Community Clean-up Day was a fun and productive day with the dumpsters filling up fast.

Councilor Wood said alot of items were brought in and they were told this would be the last year the Town could accept electronics for disposal.

Approval of Minutes: Councilor Wood motioned to accept the May 2022 Reg. Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Roll taken.....carried.

Committee Reports:

ARPA Funds: Councilor Eaton-Novak said the Board needs to earmark money for the Highway Garage.

Robin so said. she had spoken to the Easteru Security Co. and they are limited to installing security t Merrill P k as it has to be electrifl..ed and temperature controlled.

Robin also spoked to Spectrum and was forwarded to person after person without getting positive results.

Highway Garage Repairs: Sup. Bernys said the Board does need to break down the ARPA funds. Robin asked if Highway Sup. Horning had said what needed to be done first at the Highway Garage. Sup. Bernys said definitely the Highway Garage roof The Board agreed to have Sup. Bernys put the roof project back out to bid. Co. Wood suggested to put it in the Mexico Independent newspaper as well as the Queen Central News, our official newspaper. Co. Wood said the Highway garage boilers also need to be looked at.

Merrill Park: Sup. Bernys said he had a video conference call with Grant Writer Jay Grasso and Engineer Doug Miller about the first phase of the park's improvements which will be the repaving of the tennis courts. This has to be applied for by July 29, 2022.

Sup. Bernys said the grass is being mowed regularly and the garbage taken care of

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Report: Sup. Bernys read the Highway report in the absence of Highway Sup. Horning.

Town Clerk, Justice and CEO's Reports were given to Sup. Bernys.

Assessor's Report: was unavailable.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Mr. Cronk handed out his report. He added three items which he spoke on. He showed cards which some Towns hand out for the Dog Enumeration. He said he spoke to a lady from Syracuse that has been feeding the stray dog that he has been attempting to catch. The dog being fed regularly is the reason D.C.O.Cronk hasn't been able to capture it in his trap. The lady said she would like to adopt the dog. Mr. Cronk also picked up an unlicensed dog and took it to the Vet. The dog was full of tumors and it had to be euthanized. The owner was found and the Board has to see if they can recoup the Vet charges from the individual.

Fire Company Report: Chief Harvey handed out his report and read it to the Board.

Tax Collector Report: Since this is the off season for taxes, no report was needed.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report: Paul went over his report with the Board. Paul gave out hand-outs on video conferencing for Board Members. The Board needs to review these and make a resolution.

Paul also said an on-ramp is being installed temporarily off Dimon Road for use to transport windmill parts down Route 104 to Route 81 South, from the Oswego Harbor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Mowing Agreement: Highway Sup. Horning signed the agreement on Monday. The County raised their rate.

Banners: Co. Eaton-Novak said she hasn't heard anymore about the banners at this time so she said the topic could be removed from the agendas for the time being.

New Dog Enumeration Fees: With increased costs, the Board decided to increase the Town's Dog License fees. A license for a spayed or neutered dog would go from \$6 to \$10 and for an unneutered or unspayed dog the fee would go from \$18 to \$20. New tag fees will be \$5 and late charges will remain at \$2.

Councilor Wood motioned to accept the new license fees, which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Roll taken..... carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Internal Audit: Sup. Bernys said Bookkeeper Engst agreed to do the Internal Audit for all offices except the Supervisor's. Councilor Wood motioned to hire Engst to do the audits at a rate of \$15 per hour, which was seconded by Councilor Horning. Roll taken....carried. Co. Eaton-Novak said she could assist Engst and we could also call on former Comptroller Laird Petrie for help.

Video Conference Policy and Local Law Hearing: The Board will review the information Tug Hill Rep. Baxter gave the Board and make a decision. The policy would be good until July 1, 2024. Councilor Eaton-Novak motioned to table making a policy, which was seconded by Councilor Wood. Roll taken..... carried.

Olde' Home Day: It is held in the Town's Corner Park (Lot). The ORD Committee has several vendors already lined up to come. Fire Chief Harvey offered the Firemen's Field for use.

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Park Grant: Councilor Wood motioned to pay Grant Writer Jay Grasso \$1500 for his work on the Park Grant Paving Project, which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Roll taken.....carried.

Transfers:Sup. Bemys said \$37.09 should come out of the DA account.

Sup Bemys said \$266 came out of the Flood Erosion account and should have come out of the Snow Removal account as it was for a wingmen.

Water Account: Sup. Said the Board needed to close out the Water Project Account. Councilor Wood motioned to close out the Water Project Account and transfer it to the General Fund account, which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Roll taken..... carried.

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General Fund B: Co. Eaton-Novak motioned to approve vouchers 111-124 in the amount of \$9,282.08, which was seconded by Wood. Roll taken carried.

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Highway Fund DB: Councilor Wood motioned to approve voucher 70-74 in the amount of \$20,681.05, which was seconded by Councilor Horning. Roll taken.....car.ried.

Executive Session Enter: The purpose is to discuss litigation of past employees. Councilor Wood motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:38 PM, which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Roll taken. carried.

Executive Session Exit: Councilor Wood motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:53 PM, which was seconded by Horning. Roll taken..... carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting: July 21, 2022@ 6:00 PM.

Olde' Home Day: August 6, 2022; 9 AM-3 PM.

Co. Eaton-Novak said the ARPA Committee would meet before the July Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment: Councilor Wood motioned to adjourn at 7:56 PM, which was seconded by Councilor Horning. Roll taken..... carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy Town Clerk