

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
11/17/2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Parish Town Board held 11/17/2022 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish NY in the Village Gym. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bernys at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT:

Gary Wood, Councilor
Doug Houghton, Councilor
G. Richard Horning, Councilor
Jim Bernys, Supervisor
Kelly Reader-Petit, Town Clerk

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Cronk, DCO; L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; John Horning, Sue Horning, Barb Horning, Steve Isabell, Paul Ruffos, Mercedes Seeber, and Lynn Wood.

PRESENT BY ZOOM: Sue Halbritter, Queen Central News Reporter; Jacqueline Murphy, and Eleanor Kinney.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Bernys made available the meeting policy that the Board had adopted. This policy provides the public the procedures on how the town board meetings are conducted in regards to the open meeting portion of the meetings and how public comments will be allowed.

John Horning expressed concerns regarding raises that were given in the 2023 Budget, meeting requirements, and the posting of Town Official's salaries.

Steve Isabell had concerns on a pending litigation case and salaries. Mr. Isabell had a list of questions that he had and provided his e-mail address. Mr. Isabell would like his questions answered.

Paul Ruffos had questions regarding a small claims case and pending litigation. Mr. Ruffos had other questions regarding salaries, personnel, and budget lines.

Supervisor Bernys responded that he would try and answer any and all questions outside the meeting. Supervisor Bernys commented that if anyone wishes to discuss these issues further, they could give him a call or stop by the town office. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to conduct town business and for the public to view and listen to the Board during this process.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Bernys had no comments at this time.

COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS:

Councilor Horning commented that he wanted to tell the public that the pen was mightier than the sword.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the 10/20/2022 Public Hearing Minutes as received. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

Motion: Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the 10/20/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as received. Roll taken...All in Favor... Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1)

Motion: Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the 10/27/2022 Public Hearing Minutes as received. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor's Reports: Assessor Trudell submitted a written Assessor's Report read by Supervisor Bernys.

CEO/ZEO Report: CEO/ZEO Hamacher submitted a CEO/ZEO Report read by Supervisor Bernys.

DCO Report: DCO Cronk reported that he was dealing with unlicensed dogs and compliance. DCO Cronk commented that he gives everyone an opportunity to license their dogs before he issues tickets.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Chief's Report for October 2022.

Highway Report: Highway Sup't Horning was excused due to the weather. Supervisor Bernys stated that he appreciates the hard work that the Highway Dept. does.

Tug Hill Report: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep gave the following report:

The major item on Paul's schedule for the last month has been assisting with the 2023 budget process in the towns that Paul works with.

Paul has received the laptop formally used by the town assessor and has removed all the old files. Paul has set it up with new programs for the use of the Planning Board Secretary. The new town bookkeeper has some questions regarding her e-mail and Paul was able to assist her.

Paul recently assisted the new Parish Court Clerk and was able to assist her with some printer issues caused by several power interruptions. In the process of doing so, they determined that the court computers do not have a battery backup. Paul would be happy to assist the town in ordering those.

Paul will be attending the workshop on state accounting being conducted by Laird Petrie sponsored by Tug Hill Commission.

Paul attended the recent NYS SeaGrant workshop on floodplains and watersheds held at Tailwater Lodge.

There is nothing new to report regarding reimbursement status to Parish and other eastern Oswego County towns and villages for Wildlife Management Areas they contain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Records Room Shelving: Clerk Reader-Petit reported that the order has an eight week lead time. Once the sales rep. nails down the exact date he will let the clerk know.

ARPA Funds: Councilor Wood commented that he was still getting information on security cameras. Board members will get a list together for discussion on projects for use of the ARPA funds.

Highway Garage Columns: Supervisor Bernys presented bids for repair of 1 column at the highway garage. Two bids were received, one from C&S Engineers for the amount of \$4,700.00 and one from Henderson Brothers for the amount of \$9,121.00.

Discussion was held that this repair was placed out on bids several times.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to authorize C&S Engineers to repair the column at the highway garage as specified in their bid for the amount of \$4,700.00. Roll taken...

Councilor Wood: Aye Councilor Horning: Aye

Councilor Houghton: Aye Supervisor Bernys-Aye

Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1)...motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor Bernys reported that the roof at the Highway Garage has been started. The covering of the roof membrane has been completed and they are continually working on it. A representative from Firestone will be in contact for inspections as it has a 20 year guarantee.

The new Loader has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with Global LED Solutions:

Supervisor Bernys met with Global LED Solutions to conduct an evaluation on all the lighting at Merrill Park and the Highway Garage.

The company will provide a report on how much it would cost to change to LED lighting and how much the cost savings would be by doing it.

NEW BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:

Payment of Dog Board: Discussion was held regarding the release of dogs without the dog owners being responsible for the board fee and the town being billed for that amount.

DCO Cronk commented that it didn't happen often. One instance the owner was deceased and a family member took possession of the dog. The other instance was a dog owner retrieved the dog after two days.

Supervisor Bernys commented that he didn't feel it was right that the dog owners didn't have to pay for the board, but the rest of the taxpayers have to pay for it.

CEO Cronk commented that some dog owners can not afford the board fee. CEO Cronk made reference that it could possibly cost the town more if they have to pay vet bills if the dog had to be euthanized.

It was consensus of the Board to revisit the issue if it continues to be a problem.

Local ATV Law: DCO Cronk presented an ATV Local Law adopted by the Town of Albion regulating the operation of ATV on roads ways within the Town of Albion. DCO Cronk requested that the Board review the local law for consideration of adopting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The Supervisor's Report for October 2022 was reviewed by the Board and filed with the clerk.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Transfers:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the following transfers as presented:

From: A1990.4- Contingency-\$850.00

To: A3510.4-Dog Control CE-\$850.00

From: A1310.41-Payroll Service CE-\$1,226.00

To: A1220.4-Supervisor CE-\$1,226.00

From: A1410.2-Clerk-EQ-\$350.00

To: A1410.4-Clerk-CE-\$350.00

Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

General Fund A:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account, those being claims #212-#232 for a total warrant of \$24,586.46.

Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

Highway Fund DA Account:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DA Account, those being claims #127-#135 for a total warrant of

\$16,369.61. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1)

Highway Fund DB Account:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Houghton to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DB Account, those being claims #136-#138 for a total warrant of \$13,778.62. Roll taken...All in

Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss a past Town Official's ongoing litigation. Roll taken...

All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjourn from Executive Session to the Regular Meeting at 7:49 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried.

Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

Reschedule December Meeting:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to change the December Meeting time and date from December 15th, 2022 at 6:30 pm to December 14th, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(0) Absent-(1).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0) Absent-(1).

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit
Parish Town Clerk