

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
September 19, 2022

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor John Cammarata 6:30PM
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata ALSO: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Board members: Bob Whitmore
Shane Butler
Pam Holcomb and
Russell Wark

CORRESPONDENCE 6:55PM
none

NEW BUSINESS 6:55PM

NB1) Community Center Inspection Report: Chenango County inspected the Community Center on Sept. and found 3 violations: 1) the front door does not open freely, 2) the emergency light in the main room needs repair and 3) a carbon monoxide alarm is recommended. Supervisor Cammarata asked to have Fred Eaton be contacted to see about the front door as he worked on it before. The emergency light in the main room seemed to be working and Supervisor Cammarata indicated he would call County Code Enforcement to ask about the carbon monoxide alarm placement.

NB2) NYSLRS Resolution: The NYS Resolution for 2022 RS 2417 was reviewed by Board members. A typo in a number was recognized and corrected and the Resolution was approved for submission to the NYSLRS.

RESOLUTION # 43 (2022): ESTABLISHING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, A 6HR. WORKDAY WITH 7 EMPLOYEES, and AN 8HR WORKDAY WITH 1 EMPLOYEE AS MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BASED ON THE ROA's KEPT AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

On a motion by Board member Holcomb , 2nd by Board member Whitmore the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED:

AYES: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to establish for the New York State and Local Retirement System a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution (RS 2417-A) with the Standard Work Day being 6 hours and the following 7 employees: Alison Owens, Shane Butler, Roger Barrows, Bruce Kinney, Pam Holcomb, Faline Ward and Jordon Lilley as current members of the Retirement System; also an 8 hour Standard Work Day with 1 employee, Vince Witkowski.

Such Resolution will be posted on the Town's website and at the entrance to the Town Clerk's office for 30 days.

NB3) Digital Solutions proposal for website:

Digital Solutions has presented an updated quote for moving maintenance/updating of the Town website over to someone else on the Town level. Since the Town had just paid the current website maintenance company for 1 year of maintenance and hosting, and also pays a domain renewal in February of each year, it was recommended to ask Digital Solutions how much of the billing could be eliminated by moving the maintenance directly to the Town of Smithville.

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NB4) Snowmobile/Seasonal Roads to be considered for Nov.1-Apr 1

Board members reviewed the list of snowmobile and seasonal roads from the 2021 Public Hearing. A spelling change was noted for one of the roads. Board members were ok with holding a Public Hearing for both snowmobile and seasonal roads for the October 17th meeting. The following is a Resolution stating such.

RESOLUTION # 44 (2022): POST LEGAL NOTICE IN NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 17, 2022 FOR SNOWMOBILE AND SEASONAL ROAD USE FROM NOV 1, 2022 TO APRIL 1, 2023.

On a motion by Board member Whitmore , 2nd by Board member Butler the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED:

AYES: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to advertise for a Public Hearing October 17, 2022 at 6:35pm for Seasonal Roads not plowed from November 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023. Also RESOLVED to advertise for a Public Hearing October 17, 2022 at 6:40pm for Snowmobile Roads designated in the Town of Smithville for Nov. 1, 2022-April 1, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

7:00PM

OB1) further discussion on dog enumeration:

- The enumeration will have a deadline of November 1st. The DCO will go out after that to recoup any dogs not licensed.
- The DCO should have some identification for the Town of Smithville. It was recommended to get pricing for caps and magnetic car strips which say "Town of Smithville DCO" or something similar
- It was also noted the \$2.00 fee to mail a dog tag was not included on the enumeration flyer. Town Board members recommended this still be collected as it is posted on the Town website.

OB2) updates on ARPA project

- Cameras are up but not yet finished
- Ball Field will be done shortly
- The Generator for the Town has been delivered but there is no concrete pad yet to put on it. A door needs to be framed and finished
- The new gas tank has been sitting there for about 2 months and needs to be installed.
- Banners for the light poles have been ordered

Board member Whitmore left on an emergency call at 7:15pm

OB3) update on Code Enforcement letter (Attorney)

- Nothing has been heard from the Town Attorney regarding sending a form letter

REPORTS

7:15PM

R1.) Highway: report not submitted. Supervisor Cammarata has a report he made up in the Hwy Sup't's absence

- Graded roads

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- Grader had dry rot on tires; McKees of Cincinnati was called and had 2 tires at \$1000. Ea. These were put on the grader. The grader needs 4 additional tires which will be done in the spring.
- A private contractor has finished grading the roads
- Repairs to the 2010 dump truck will include fixing a leak in the exhaust and a broken axle
- Williams Rd was blacktopped for 7/10 of a mile.

R2) Assessor: report submitted

- Reviewing exemptions
- Homeowners tax rebate credit
- A Church on Stone Quarry which is now defunct will see the property coming back on the roll

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted

- 3 permits coming; wants Supervisor to sign a septic application for a house on Water St.

R4.) Planning Board: no meetings in June, July, August, no report submitted for September

R5.) DCO: report submitted

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

- Budget A1660.4 and A1670.4 funds have to go to an appropriated account before it can come out of ARPA funds
- Frontier never disconnected the Highway phone, internet or the Town fax line
- Budget figures for this year still looks good.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Holcomb. All four Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Board member Whitmore was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 15th and Sept 7th meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes of both meetings with the correction of the spelling of Brendon Becker's name was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark. All 4 Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Board member Whitmore was absent.

WARRANTS

7:35PM

General Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 140-160, in the amount of \$4,937.68 were reviewed for payment.

General Vouchers paid early were # 143, 147, 148, 149 in the amount of \$841.00

Adding # 161 for the generator Barnes Electric \$22K at the Town Barn which will be taken from ARPA funds for a grand total of \$26,937.68;

A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Holcomb. All 4 Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Board member Whitmore was absent.

Highway Warrant # 9, Vouchers # 111-123 in the amount of \$32,047.94 were reviewed for payment. Stadium Truck is now Alta Equipment.

A motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark. All 4 Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Board member Whitmore was absent.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:45PM

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel situation was made by Board member Wark, 2nd by Board member/Butler. All 4 Board members in favor. Into Executive Session @ 7:45pm

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Board member Holcomb, 2nd by Boardmember Butler. All five Board members in favor. Out of Executive Session @ 7:59pm.

Board member Whitmore returned @ 7:50pm

BUDGET WORK:

The 2023 Budget was worked on for the remainder of the meeting. It is projected taxes will go up by approximately 6.75%, but this depends on the County Treasurer reviewing the proposed Budget. A motion was made to override the 2% Tax Cap in case this review would indicate such.

RESOLUTION # 45 (2022): OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX CAP FOR THE 2023 BUDGET PENDING VERIFICATION.

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Whitmore the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED:

AYES: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to override the 2% tax cap for the 2023 Budget by approximately 6.75% pending verification by the Chenango County Treasurer

OTHER: There was no other business to come before the Board. The next Board meeting will be October 17, 2022.

CLOSE: By Supervisor Cammarata

8:55PM

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk