

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN OF DIX BOARD MEETING
APRIL 26, 2021

The Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Dix was called to Order by Supervisor Harold Russell, at 7 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Harold Russell
Deputy Supervisor F. Joe Hammond
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman David Hertel
Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes
Town Clerk Helen Teed
Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw
Attorney Rob Halpin

ABSENT: Councilman Dominick Smith

VISITORS: Michael Hurley
Joe Rebis-Green Spark Energy (Crane Solar Project-County Route 16)
Kevin Schulte-Green Spark Energy (Crane Solar Project-County Route 16)

REPORTS:

-Supervisor Russell:

- Sexual Harassment Training-Mandatory for ALL Employees
- Water Billing Issue with the Village of Watkins Glen
 - talked to Tim Steed at Hunt Engineers-Report coming soon
 - Water Missing-Supervisor Russell-pay the bill-less the 1.5 million gallons that Went to the Watkins Glen State Park, discuss the other problems later.
 - There are over-billings on 3 other water bills that haven't been addressed. One customer put in new toilets in their house, thinking that the leak was inside their house, but the reading is the same.
 - The Village of Watkins Glen just bought new meter-readers, the Town of Dix paid part of the cost. The Village of Watkins Glen is now suggesting the Town of Dix, The Town of Reading, and the Village of Watkins Glen each to put up \$10,000 to buy Meter-Scanners, \$30,000. The Town of Reading has 40 Water Customers on the System, The Town of Dix has 70, the ratio doesn't seem correct.
- "Pot"-Legalizing Cannabis Discussion
- attended Pipeline Safety Training
- Spectrum-former Internet Provider, Empire provides it now.
- Signed a New Contract with Fagan Engineers

Green Spark Energy (Crane Solar Farm -County Route 16):

- Joe Rebis and Kevin Schulte from Green Spark Energy
- Green Spark will type up the Decommissioning Agreement, the Board will have Attorney Rob Halpin look it over, then the Board will vote, and if it passes, Town Representative will sign it.

-Deputy Supervisor Hammond and Councilman Smith: Interviewed 2 Candidates for Code Enforcement Officer

- Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes:
 - Working on Regular Bookkeeping and Paying Bills
 - Supervisor Russell said to pay the water bill to the Village of Watkins Glen, less the 1.5 million gallons
 - The Sewer Portion has been paid all the time, it's just the Water Portion in Question

- Superintendent of Highways Yaw:
 - Permission to buy an Overhead Door for the Steel Barn at the Highway Department
 - Birds are getting in.
 - Estimate is \$4,000. 16' x 14' tall, plus header panel.
 - Exterior Doors on the Town Highway Shop need changing.
 - April 2021 Work:
 - Highway Crew finishing up getting fully vaccinated against Covid-19
 - Shared Service Hauling Material for Town of Reading Highway Department
 - Last 60 Days have gotten 450 Tons of Free Salt from US Salt, Truck no longer parked at US Salt
 - Orange Volvo #18-Removed Box, Found Frame Supports rusted and holes in them, ordered new from Volvo and changed everything ourselves, Needle Scaled Chassis and primed and painted Frame. Took Truck to Valley Fab for the new Box Install.
 - Prepped Roller, Grader, and Mowing Tractor for Summer Projects

- acting Code Officer Harold Russell:
 - Pictures of Footers of Cell Tower-Anthony Road and County Route 19
 - Pictures of House on County Route 17
 - Vote on New Code Officer-Tabled
 - Hunt Engineers wanted to know if the KOA still wanted the Sewer Hookup to go there?

- Planning Board-Nothing to Report

- Zoning Board of Appeals-Nothing to Report

- Town Court-53 Cases, \$5065.00

- Committee Representatives:
 - Environmental Management-Councilman Hertel-Nothing to Report
 - Fire Departments-Councilman Smith-Not Here.
 - Landfill-Councilman Meehan-Need to Meet in May 5, 2021 for Budget

RESOLUTION #19 TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT AND MINUTES FOR MARCH 2021

On Motion by Councilman Meehan, seconded by Supervisor Russell, RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0
 AUDIT FOR MARCH: Town Board didn't vote on-TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

-SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS-TABLED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email ROVER for detection of Road Deficiencies
- Email-Webinar- "What's New for Smart Communities?"
- Email- "Community Campaigns Webinar"
- ELIGO ENERGY-News Letter
- CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS-Renewal of Franchise Agreement
- Email- "Legislation at Lunch" with Sarah Brancatella-Cannabis-Cultivation and Consumption
- Email- "Using NYCLASS for Your American Rescue Plan Funds
- Email-Census Data Summits Catalog and Registration Details
- Post Card-NYS Southern Tier Clean Energy Committees
- 2 Emails-Census Data Summits Catalog
- Secure: Health Information-Quarantine
- Legislation at Lunch: Final Budget and Towns
- Sexual Harassment Training for All Workers
- FINAL NOTICE: Annual Report of Code Enforcement Activities in the Town of Dix-2020
- Call from Supervisor of the Town of Reading, Steve Miller-Cost of Upgrading Equipment for the Water and Sewer System-Meter Readings
- Town Finance School
- "In-Session", Association of Towns News Letter
- ARPA Information from the Treasury Department

OLD BUSINESS:

- Amendment for a Standard Work Day for Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw and Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes-Now a New York State Requirement-Board needs to look at a breakdown of time, since both Employees started their jobs-TABLED
- Appointing a Code Enforcement Officer-TABLED
 - Want to decide on:
 - Wage per Hour
 - Mileage Log for Reimbursement-telephone app for that

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted-----Helen J. Teed
Town Clerk, Town of Dix