

MINUTES  
TOWN OF DIX REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2021

Executive Session called by Supervisor Russell, seconded by Councilman Smith, at 6:10 PM  
Out of Executive Session at 7:05 PM

The Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Dix was called to order by Supervisor Harold Russell,  
At 7:05 PM.

PRESENT:               Supervisor Harold Russell  
                          Councilman Dominick Smith  
                          Councilman David Hertel  
                          Councilman Jeff Meehan  
                          Attorney Rob Halpin  
                          Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes  
                          Town Clerk Helen Teed  
                          Deputy Supervisor F. Joe Hammond

VISITOR:               Michael Alan Hurley

REPORTS:

-Supervisor Russell:

-Energy Company doing the Duval Road Solar contacted-Private Road, told them if the road needs repair the Energy Company or Road Owner need to fix it.

-Deputy Supervisor Hammond-Nothing to Report

-Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes:

-Trying to Complete the 2019 Freed Mac Audit

-Will start the 2020 Freed Mac Audit when 2019 is finished, both with Thresa Silvernail, State Auditor.

-Processing Water Bills-Trying to Talk to the Village of Watkins Glen about the Over-Charge Bill for Water, Not Getting Anywhere!

-Superintendent of Highways Yaw

-Shared Service with Town of Hector-Hauling Sand and Gravel

-Hauled Crushed Stone for Repairs on some of Our Dirt Roads from Weather

-Started to Repair some Roads' Shoulders from Weather

-Hauled 23 Loads of (375-385 Tons) of Waste Salt from US Salt-est. Value, \$18,000

-Repairs made to #18 Volvo and #6, Serviced Rear-ends in Both Trucks

-Prepping #6 to be run for Summer, #20 International will be used Sparingly/Back up to Save on Motor Life

-Will be Starting Brooming in the Next Few Weeks

-Code Officer-Supervisor Russell is covering as best he can until the Board chooses a new Code Officer

-He took pictures of the Footers at the "Glamping" Site next to the WGI Race Track

-The Annual Report of Code needs to be done by April 1, 2021

-Took pictures of footers at the CR 17 Solar Site

- Planning Board-Nothing to Report
- Zoning Board of Appeals-Nothing to Report
- Committee Representatives
  - Environmental Management-Councilman Hertel
    - The Core Group of 4 met
      - Discussed the Bit-Coin Project in Dresden
      - Senator Gillibrand and the Group agree that the Finger Lakes need to Be an Environmental "Safe Zone"
      - Energy from the system is said to be outdated
        - Recently Equipped with Code Filters
        - New Scrapers said to be Inefficient
  - Fire Departments-Councilman Smith-Nothing to Report
  - Landfill-Councilman Meehan-No Meeting-Budget needs to be done by May 1, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #13: TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2020 AUDIT AND THE FEBRUARY 2021 AUDIT**

On Motion by Councilman Meehan, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Resolution was

APPROVED:            AYES: 5                    NAYES: 0

December 2020 Audit:

General Fund-Town Wide	Claim A 2026-2031	\$ 14,901.58
General Fund-Outside Village	Claim B 1361-1381	\$ 3,890.49
Highway Fund-Town Wide	1378-1380	\$ 28,764.41
Highway Fund-Outside Village	1381	\$ 9,544.80
Special Water Fund	388-392	\$ 142,178.12
Special Sewer Fund	387	\$ 7,377.16
Trust & Agency	269-271	\$ 5,759.30

February 2021 Audit:

General Fund-Town Wide	Claim A 2076-2099	\$ 38,482.04
General Fund-Outside Village	Claim B 2092-2097	\$ 632.55
Highway Fund-Town Wide	1416-1436	\$ 14,092.63
Highway Fund Outside Village	1431-1432	\$ 2,221.61
Special Water Fund	405-406	\$ 3,519.43
Special Sewer Fund	404	\$ 48.09
Trust & Agency	278-280	\$ 1,845.13

**RESOLUTION #14: TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT-FEBRUARY 2021**

On Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Resolution was

APPROVED:            AYES: 5                    NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION # 15: TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2020 MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES:**

On Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Resolution was

APPROVED:            AYES: 5                    NAYES: 0

Supervisor's Reports-Tabled (Executive Session)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- In Supervisor Russell's Mailbox
  - Building Code Question on Ice Jams
    - Environmental Management Council?
    - Housing/River or Lake?
    - Commercial Building?
  - Annual Report of Code Enforcement Activities for the Town of Dix-due April 1, 2021
- Council +
  - Southern Tier Clean Energy Communities Winter 2021 News Letter
    - Adopt a Resolution Joining-in on a Small Communities Grant? NO (Board)
  - NYS Board on Electric Generation and Siting and the Environment-Notice of Public Statement Hearing
  - NYS Deferred Compensation Plan 457B Benefit
    - Costs the Town nothing, self-funded by the Employee, to Build Retirement

RESOLUTION # 16: TO APPROVE THE NEW YORK STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN 457B BENEFIT, SELF-FUNDED BY EMPLOYEE:

On Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Hertel, Resolution was

APPROVED:            AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

- NYS Climate Action Council Advisory Group Meetings
- Legislative Updates from Association of Towns (AOT)
  - News Letter and Legislative Updates  
(Town will receive funding at the 2019 level)
- Webinar: "Communities, Campuses, and Venues of the Future"
- Webinar with Chuck Schumer-Federal Funding Update
- Virtual Public Statement Hearing on the Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center LLC-March 23, 2021@6 PM

RESOLUTION #17 TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFERRING \$3,100 FROM A-FUND TO WATER AND SEWER FUNDS FOR BILLIE JO CARNES, FOR COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS

On Motion by Deputy Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Resolution was

APPROVED:            AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

- Amendment for a Standard Work Day for Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw and Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes-now a New York State Requirement-Board wants to see the Breakdown of time, since both employees started their jobs-TABLED
- Water Billing Issue-Village of Watkins Glen Charging more Gallons than the Tow of Dix can Bill for-Supervisor Russell talked to Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers who is investigating the problem-TABLED
- Applications for Code Enforcement Officer-The Town Board will interview the candidates at a Later specified time-TABLED
- Councilman Smith- Need to Re-visit an Extreme Winter Relief Fund

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

-Howard Zucker Letter-Department of Health-dissolving the Towns' of Dix and Reading Consolidated Health District.

-The Towns of Dix and Reading have to have separate Boards of Health and Health Officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #18 TO APPROVE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

On Motion by Deputy Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Meehan, Resolution was APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 1 Supervisor Russell

-Re-Approving the Solar Amendment-Tabled

EXECUTIVE SESSION-called by Councilman Smith @7:38 PM  
Out of Executive Session @8:15PM

On Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Supervisor Russell, Meeting was ADJOURNED @ 8:15 pm

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