

Town of Dix Public Hearing &
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024

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Present: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Deputy Supervisor Brian Ervay
Councilman Alec Moore
Councilman Jeff Meehan
Councilman Alan Gregory
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw

Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose of Public Hearing – to accept Local Law #4 of 2024 – “Tax Cap Override” for the 2025 Tax Year. Supervisor Smith stated that this DOES NOT mean that the Town will increase taxes over the limit, but it gives us the option (without penalty) if needed.

No public present, meeting left open. Supervisor Smith closed the public hearing at 6:30 pm. Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Public Be Heard – no public present

Reports:

- a. Supervisor – spent 3 hours today chasing water/sewer issues. The town is in good shape for now and the attorney is making headway, the ball is in the village’s court now. Budget issues – 30% increase in insurance and everyone can see that spending looks to be higher than last year. Clerk has been given the preliminary budget for 2025. There are issues with the new neighbor of the old town hall. Installed a cellular line at the Highway Dept and removed the land line which hasn’t been used in years.
- b. Deputy Supervisor – spoke to Jeremy Horton regarding signs for the parking lot and building. Attended the Council of Governments meeting where the Humane Society was discussed. There was no representation from the Humane Society and no numbers were given to support their requested increase. There is another meeting scheduled for the 26th.
- c. Bookkeeper - none
- d. Superintendent of Highway – Report – oil and stones service treatment on Townsend Road, Pearl Street and Hedden Road; shared service with Montour 2 trucks, 1 day; Reading 2 trucks, 3 days; Hector 3 men, 2 trucks, 4 days; County tire day 1 truck, 1 man. Mowing road sides; service summer equipment so ready for next spring; Volvo 6 broke down – erg issues, exhaust, brake issues, ignition was smoking at the repair shop; hauled in some stone and gravel for stock pile. Weed whacked a 3-foot perimeter around the water towers.
- e. Code Officer – 12 permits issued since last report, 3 building permits issued, 3 electrical permits issued, 1 heating permit, 1 sign permit, 2 tent permits, 2 firework permits, 1 violation issued (garbage), 1 fire call (tree fell on house). Total fees collected \$836.00. Beaver Dams Solar project is moving along slowly and a new retaining wall was put in at the Kingdom Hall to make an ADA compliant parking area.

- f. Planning Board – None
- g. ZBA - None
- h. Town Court – report filed
- i. Dog Shelter – None
- j. Committee Reps:
 - i. EMC - None
 - ii. FD - None
 - iii. Landfill - None
 - iv. Solar - None
 - v. Short Term Rental - None

RESOLUTION #83 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay
Resolve to approve August 12, 2024 meeting minutes, Town Clerk’s Report August 2024, Audit and Supervisors Report for August 2024. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

AUDIT – Abstract #10		
General Fund – Townwide	338-369	\$ 9,481.47
General Fund – Outside Village	343	\$ 64.82
Highway Fund – Townwide	354-367	\$ 10,673.11
Highway Fund – Outside Village	353-368	\$ 69,340.00
Special Sewer Fund	39-40	\$ 26,637.32
Special Water Fund	39-41	\$ 17,503.93
Trust & Agency	19-20	\$ 5,292.87

Correspondence: - none

Old Business:

- Fagan PUD/Meads Hill updates – None
- Greener Now Application for Expansion – Nothing official
- Water and Sewer Rates and Operations –Normal
- Cronk Rd Bridge – None

New Business:

- Community Notification Software – discuss during budget workshops
- 3100 Wedgewood Rd sewer issue –Steve Oliver gave an estimate of \$1200.00 and he can do it this week. It will be installed just off the Town right-of-way in their yard.

RESOLUTION #84 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to accept Mr. Oliver’s estimate and authorize the work to be done. Ayes – 4, nays – 0.

- Budget Workshops and meeting schedule – tentative schedule every Monday in October at 6:30 pm
- Dog Control Contract – next meeting will be Sept. 26th.
- Tax Cap Override

RESOLUTION #85 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the filing of Local Law #4 of 2024 “Tax Cap Override” Ayes – 4, nays – 0

- Harris Beach Agreement for Representation for Litigation – This is for the Tax Grievances that have been filed, the County attorney has a conflict. They will represent the Town and the Corning-Painted Post School District.

RESOLUTION #86 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the appointment of Harris Beach for Representation for Litigation. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

- 2025 Budget Preliminary Review – 20% increase in health care alone
- Planning Board training approval 5 persons @ \$80 = \$400.00. This is being held in Corning

RESOLUTION #87 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the planning board members to attend the training in Corning at a cost of \$80.00/person. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

- Parking Lot Paving Approval – contacted Dalrymple, they will be paving State Route 414 in October so they will be in the area. An estimate was given

RESOLUTION #88 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the paving of the Town Hall parking lot (both sides) Ayes – 4, nays – 0

Code Officer Tremblay reported that he has been looking into new software and found one that he thinks would work better than what we have now. The first year the cost would be \$5,500.00 and then \$3,500/year after. Currently the Town is paying \$2,000.00/year.

Motion offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore to enter executive session for litigation.

Entered executive session at 7:31 pm.

Returned to regular session at 7:50 pm, there being no further business, Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk