

MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 2021  
TOWN OF DIX REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Regular Town of Dix Board Meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor F. Joe Hammond at 6:32 PM.

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor F. Joe Hammond  
Councilman Dominick Smith  
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan  
Councilman David Hertel  
Administrator Billie Jo Carnes  
Town Clerk Helen Teed

ABSENT: Supervisor Harold Russell (here from 6:15 to 6:20 PM-not feeling well)  
Superintendent of Highways Scott Yaw

REPORTS:

- Supervisor Russell-No Report
- Deputy Supervisor Hammond-No Report
- Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes-Finalizing AUD, Closing Up 2021
- Superintendent of Highways Yaw
  - Shared Services with Town of Montour Falls
  - Hauled Gravel from Odessa
  - Hauled Stone from Seneca Falls
  - Screened left over Creek Gravel with power screen and will be crushing stone that came out of pile
  - 2020 Freightliner went to Batavia for Warranty Work-New Radiator
  - Green Volvo- Fabricated new Chain Guard on Box so Chain would go around without catching
  - Sanded, Salted, and Plowed Roads
- Code Officer Dennis Tremblay-No Report
- Planning Board-Agenda Submitted
- Zoning Board of Appeals-No Report
- Town Court-October 2021-46 Cases for \$5252.00, November 2021-36 Cases for \$3948.00.
- Committee Representatives
  - Environmental Management-Councilman Hertel
    - Met last week
    - Working on Recycling with the Town of Hector
      - Have No Power-Can only make Recommendations
  - Fire Departments-Councilman Smith
    - There has been Movement for the Watkins Glen Fire Department to split off from the Village
  - Landfill-Councilman Meehan-No Report

RESOLUTION #47: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2021 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #48: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> BUDGET MEETINGS AND THE NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> TOWN OF DIX BOARD MEETINGS

On Motion by Councilman Meehan, Seconded by Councilman Smith, Resolution was

APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #49: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2021 AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF DIX

On Motion by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Hammond, Resolution was APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

AUDIT:

|                              |           |              |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| General Fund-Town Wide       | 2265-2279 | \$ 11,506.20 |
| General Fund-Outside Village | 2280-2283 | \$ 374.24    |
| Highway Fund-Town Wide       | 1561-1580 | \$ 11,956.37 |
| Highway Fund-Outside Village | 1581-1582 | \$ 10,753.63 |
| Special Water Fund           | 432-436   | \$123,741.48 |
| Special Sewer Fund           | 437       | \$ 76.08     |
| Trust & Agency               | 317-320   | \$ 1,753.66  |

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2020-TABLED AGAIN

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Animal Shelter Report-11/9/21 and 12/5/21
- 11/12/21 Cannabis Info-On-Site Consumption? (Distance from Building, Schools, Tax on Cannabis-3% in Business Districts
- Virtual Training for Newly Elected Officials-January 6-7, 2022
- To Billie Jo Carnes-Annual Invoice-NYSLRS-Retirement Online-Joining?
- 11/23/21-Southern Tier Clean Energy Communities-Updates
  - Funding for Great Lakes Communities
  - Public Service-Paying for Winter Energy Costs
- 11/24/21-To Billie Jo Carnes-NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program
  - Social Services
- 12/01/21-Municipal Accounting-12/921-6 to 8 PM

NEW BUSINESS:

- Naming Board Member to go to the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City, February 2022-No One Available to Go
- Solar Development
  - Moratorium on Solar?
  - Maintain Farm Land?
  - Price of Property next to a Solar Farm-if being sold?
  - Affordable Housing for New People Moving In?
  - \$25,000/MG-Too Much, Enough?
  - Subsides-Housing Development?

RESOLUTION #50: TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON LARGE (OVER 2.5 ACRES AND MORE THAN 1/MW) SOLAR FARMS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH TO EVALUATE IF REVISIONS TO THE ZONING CODE ARE NEEDED.

On Motion by Councilman Hertel, Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Hammond, Resolution was APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS: LEVEL 3: REPORT FROM EACH BOARD MEMBER PRO OR CON

-PROCUREMENT POLICY

- State Law to Have one-UPDATE EACH YEAR! (Organizational Meeting)
  - Auditor Recommends Passing One-At Least, Every 3 Years
  - State Mandated Numbers Across-the-Board: Same Numbers-Quotes
  - For Capital Equipment-Obtained by Sealed Bid-Then Presented at a Town Meeting
  - DO IT BETTER-DON'T KEEP DOING IT THE SAME WAY IT'S BEEN DONE
- TABLED UNTIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DUVAL ROAD

- Town is in Negotiations at this time.
- Planning Board approved it March of 2020

RESOLUTION #51: TO HAVE ATTORNEY ROB HALPIN WRITE A LETTER ABOUT DUVAL ROAD

On Motion by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Hertel, Resolution was APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

KOA-SCOPED is still interested in getting Water and Sewer lines to the KOA.

- Chamber of Commerce-Trying to Help find Funding for the Possible KOA Water/Sewer Project Extension
- Chris Bond and Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers
  - Water and Sewer can go there

VILLAGE WATER BILL-TO THE TOWN OF DIX

- Harley Connelly-Water Operator for the Village of Watkins Glen through Hunt Engineers
- Hunt has not been paid for work but, will help us.
  - Send Bill and Contract

Charles Franzese sent letter to be appointed back to the Town Board in Vacant Seat left by Dominick Smith, who's becoming Supervisor.

Next Meeting ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING-Monday, January 3, 2022-6:00 PM

- Covid Money for Highway Workers-TABLED UNTIL NEXT REGULAR TOWN MEETING

RESOLUTION #52: TO HIRE HARTER-SECRET-EMERY LLP LAW FIRM FOR SOLAR PROJECT

On Motion by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Hertel, Resolution was APPROVED: AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

- Court Audit by State Auditor-Not finished yet. (Per Auditor-12/20/2021)
- Started Administrative Audit-12/13/21, because they could work on it at home.

Meeting ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM

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