

Town of Dix
Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 2024

Present: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman Brian Ervay
Councilman Alec Moore
Councilman Alan Gregory
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley

Supervisor Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public be heard

Patty Eisenhart – Meads Hill Road project, prospective owners should be able to afford their own water. Another issue - the speed limit on County Road 17 is 45 mph from CR 16 to Wedgewood, but the speed limit on Wedgewood 55 mph. Supervisor Smith responded that a request was brought forward to have all of County Road 17 reduced to 45 mph but the State rejected the section from State Route 409 to County Road 16. We can forward another request for Wedgewood Road again. She also asked if the water is tested? Supervisor responded that yes it is tested daily and a report is sent to Board of Health monthly. She also asked how long water meters are good for and should they be changed. Supervisor responded that they should last 20-25 years. Some have been in 18 years and some less. She asked why the yield sign at the intersection of Meads Hill and Wedgewood was changed to stop sign. Supervisor Smith stated that was done before he was on the board and did not know why.

Elaine Dalrymple – would like the board to request a 90 day extension from DEC to allow more response time for the Padua expansion project. Geology needs to be looked at. Supervisor responded that there will be more discussion later.

Scott Burnside – added to Ms. Eisenhart's thought regarding the speed limits and reiterated the Supervisors response that requests go from the Town to the County and the County petitions State and then a study is done. The Supervisor will talk to the Highway Superintendent and start the process. It will probably be six to eight months before we hear anything. Mr. Burnside asked if the SEQRA for the Meads Hill project will include noise and traffic study. Supervisor Smith responded that yes it will and many other issues also.

Steve Yancey – thanked the board for being on top of what is going on and interacting with the public regarding the Meads Hill Road project. He has been frustrated and disappointed on how that came about and the response from other entities.

Tom Laughlin – he is afraid of rural gentrification; an elitist group is coming in and the indigenous people will be pushed out.

Bonnie Laughlin – how are they already advertising sales of these? Supervisor responded, they are not buying a lot, just a spot on a list.

Additions – ZBA appointment

Reports:

- a. Supervisor Smith working on Meads Hill trying to understand. Year end 2022 done
- b. Deputy Supervisor - went to DEC meeting at Community Center, lot of information given. Reached out to Tony Vickio about signs for building - willing to do them.
- c. Bookkeeper – none
- d. Superintendent of Highway – Hauled ice control sand from Angelo and Padua, plowed and sand/salted roads; installed driveway culvert pipe on Bronson Hill Road; repair work done on Chevy and 2007 Volvo 10-wheeler; flooding issues on Cooley Road-found box culvert plugged in inlet side of train track culvert, removed debris and now running fine; Shop roof is coming apart on top outside from high winds, going to obtain drone video to check out how bad it is; Mower that was approved to purchase did not go through and order was cancelled, the mower is not the same as what we have and its too heavy for tractors, discussed possible alternatives with Supervisor, may take a few months. Yesterday one of the overhead doors came back down after opening up, the cable came un-sprung, fortunately no one was under it at the time. Thank you to Supervisor for the Christmas feast he put on for the guys. Came up with the cost of plowing one round of town roads and emailed to board.
- e. Code Officer - none
- f. Planning Board – met last month – Duvall Road special use permit - nothing this month
- g. ZBA - none
- h. Town Court - none
- i. Dog Shelter – no dogs
- j. Committee Reps:
 - i. EMC - none
 - ii. FD - none
 - iii. Landfill - none
 - iv. Solar – none
 - v. Short Term Rental – letters to residents by end of next week

Resolution #30 - offered by Ervay, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes, Town Clerks' report and the audit. Ayes 4, nays 0

AUDIT

General Fund-Town Wide

46-99

\$ 58,193.18

General Fund-Outside Village	51-98	\$ 905.79
Highway Fund-Town Wide	46-87	\$ 9,167.71
Highway Fund Outside Village		\$ 0.00
Fire Department		\$ 0.00
Special Sewer Fund	11-13	\$ 27,353.59
Special Water Fund	2-14	\$ 17,019.46
Trust & Agency	2-4	\$ 10,107.33

Correspondence: - none

Old Business:

- Resolution to Approve Foil Request Form from Attorney Halpin - Tables
- Water and Sewer update in lost water – been good the last few month, probably because the track isn't using any water and we are drawing from our tanks
- MMB to do Town audit 3/11-3/12 for year 2023
- Fagan PUD updates, nothing as we have no application
- Meads Hill Rd. Development – closed on property, names project the ESSESS

New Business:

Resolution #31 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to accept the DOT Mutual Aid Agreement. Ayes 4, Nays 0

The Board will hold a public hearing March 11, 2024 at 6:15 pm for the rezoning of the Water and Sewer District per the Planning Board letter/SEQRA.

Resolution #32 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore
Resolve to approve the Tompkins County Health Consortium 2024 agreements. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolution #33 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to table the issue of the Justice budget overage until we can get clarification from the lawyer. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolution #34 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Ervay
Resolve to send a letter of support to Watkins Glen Promotions regarding their use of State Highway/NYS DOT property for the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival to be held on Friday, September 6, 2024. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Deputy Supervisor Ervay attended the afternoon session of the Its Greener Now Application for Expansion public hearing. He felt that the information was well presented but that there is great opposition to the project. There really isn't anything that the Town can do but express our concerns as it is a State issue. Councilmember Moore participated in the online discussion and feels the same.

Resolution #35 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay.

Resolve to have the Supervisor send a letter of opposition and request an extension to the time to respond. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolution #36 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to allow the Highway Supervisor to attend Advocacy Day in Albany at a cost of \$250.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolution #37 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolved to accept the following policies, Employee Health Insurance 15% Cost Share, Fraud/Whistleblower, Capitalization, Fund Balance and Data Backup Policy. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolution #38 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to appoint Ian Campbell to a 4 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk