

Town of Dix
Regular Board Meeting
November 13, 2023

Present: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman Brian Ervay
Councilman Dave Hertl
Councilman Alec Moore
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
Scott Yaw 6:07

Supervisor Smith opened the Public Hearing at 5:45pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The public hearing was for changes to the Towns Solar Law. The change request was brought forward by the Planning Board, issues they found as they were going through the process. Property line setbacks are set at 500' and any prospective applicants will have to pay the engineering and attorney fees and such up front instead of after the fact. If people have issues with the setback they can always go to the ZBA. Public hearing was left open until 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Smith closed the Public Hearing on the Solar Law changes at 6:00 and opened the Public Hearing on the 2024 Town Budget. 3 members of the public were present. There will be a 1.9% tax increase. Last year rate was 3.97/1000 and will go up to 4.13/1000 For a \$100,000.00 home it will mean a \$16/year increase. Public hearing on the 2024 Town Budget was closed at 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Smith introduced James Gensel with Fagan Engineers. The Town is looking at hiring Fagan to work with us on the Meads Hill Road PUD project to make sure our assets are protected. James reported that he is the President of Fagan Engineers and has worked in land development design for 30 years. He is on board to support the Town and Planning Board through the review processes and to make sure SEQR is done properly. It will most likely be a 4-6 month review depending on the quality of what is submitted.

Reports:

- a. Supervisor Smith - spent most of the month working on the budget, supervisor reports are up to date and worked with Highway Supt. on budget items.
- b. Deputy Supervisor - none
- c. Bookkeeper - none

- d. Superintendent of Highway – the Volvo excavator went down right in the middle of Meads Hill Road, had it diagnosed and fixed. Received pricing on a flail mower from Bradco, \$23,057.85 off the bid contracts. The price is good for one year. Received quotes for two new trucks also.
- e. Code Officer - none
- f. Planning Board – nothing this month, maybe next month
- g. ZBA – needs 2 members.
- h. Town Court – received a report from Sept. Court budget is for rest of year, with elected officials - if over it comes out of their personal pocket
- i. Dog Shelter – 15 dogs brought in county wide to shelter, 2 were from the town.
- j. Committee Reps:
 - i. EMC - none
 - ii. FD - approved contracts last week,
 - iii. Landfill - got bids in for brush control, FLX land services, testing company having personnel issues, need to look for another company. Money moved to Chemung Canal, took out 1 year CD, still trying to close it.
 - iv. Solar - public hearing held 500' set backs, lawyer and engineering fees up front

RESOLUTION #89 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Ervay

RESOLVE to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes, the Town Clerks' report for October 2023 and the audit. Ayes 4, nays 0

AUDIT

General Fund-Town Wide	2881-2910	\$27,073.75
General Fund-Outside Village	2886-2909	\$682.98
Highway Fund-Town Wide	1866-1891	\$17,811.22
Highway Fund Outside Village	1869-1894	\$22,137.39
Fire Department		\$
Special Sewer Fund	523	\$10,013.58
Special Water Fund	523-526	\$13,219.96
Trust & Agency	409-412	\$5,828.80

RESOLUTION #90 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan

RESOLVE to approve the Supervisors Reports for September and October 2023. Ayes 4, nays 0

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Water and Sewer update in lost water – figures were doing ok then were way off again

New Business:

RESOLUTION #91 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to approve the proposed 2024 Town Budget as presented. Ayes 4, nays 0-

RESOLUTION #92 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Hertel
Resolve to hire Fagan Engineers as consultants for the Meads Hill Road PUD. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #93 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Ervay
Resolve to approve SCT Computers annual contract to perform monthly preventative maintenance on computers. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #94 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Meehan
Resolved to required Direct Deposit for all employees starting Jan. 1, 2024. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #95 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to relevy past due water/sewer account on 2024 property taxes. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #96 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Moore
Resolve to authorize Highway Superintendent Yaw to order two new trucks. One 2024 CV 4x4 with Valley Fab Equipment from the Onondaga Contract for a total delivered price of \$186,929.00 and one 2025 Freightliner 114SD plus set back tandem acle cab and chassis and Valley Fab Equipment at a delivered price of \$302,969.00. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #97 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Hertel
Resolve to approve a new PTO policy for new hires. Ayes 4, nays 0

RESOLUTION #98 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Hertel
Resolve to offer Tyler Kennedy the position of laborer at a starting rate of \$20.50/hr. Ayes 4, nays 0

There being no further business, Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk