

Town of Dix
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2024

Present: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman Brian Ervay
Councilman Alec Moore
Councilman Alan Gregory
Deputy Town Clerk Rebekah Brown

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

The hearing allowed residents to voice their concerns about the rezoning of the Water and Sewer District per the Planning Board's meeting on November 27, 2023. No public spoke.

Supervisor Smith closed the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

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Public Be Heard:

Jane Leszyk – Shared the 2023 Annual Report for the Schuyler County Historical Society with the Town Board, along with a calendar of events for 2024. A new exhibit is on display until October 2024. A copy of the report can be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Steve Yancey – Thanked the Board for posting the minutes on the website and wondered if the names of residents that speak need to be included. Supervisor Smith answered that yes, the names would be included to continue transparent business practices. Unless redaction is legally necessary, Supervisor Smith would like to avoid all redactions.

Scott Burnside – Thanked Jane for her work in the Historical Society and the Board for their transparency and honesty. Expressed concern for middle class in current economy and encouraged attendees to keep attending all board meetings.

Patty Eisenhart – Asked for an update on lowering the speed limit on Meads Hill Rd. Supervisor Smith responded that it was on the agenda in the meeting.

Ray Oliver – Is opposed to the building project on Meads Hill Road and would like to see more low-income housing within the community.

Reports:

- a. Supervisor Smith – Auditors will be finishing soon. The Cronk Road bridge is in need of repairs. As it spans a trout stream, the process is more involved and a plan for repair will be presented in June. The bridge is not a current danger.
- b. Deputy Supervisor – none.
- c. Bookkeeper – none.
- d. Superintendent of Highway – Spring prep has begun. The Department has begun sweeping roads and cleaning bridges and guard rails of debris. A shared wood chipper will be used as well. In response to a public inquiry from the February meeting, Yan determined that the stop sign at the intersection of Meads Hill and Wedgewood Roads was installed in 2008 in response to a public hearing of that same year.
In order to lower the speed limit on Meads Hill Road a formal letter must be submitted to the town. Once the letter is received, the Town will contact the State to do an engineered study of traffic and release an official ruling.
Rural roads do not need to be painted with a yellow line, but will be painted as the budget allows.
- e. Code Officer – none
- f. Planning Board – none
- g. ZBA – none
- h. Town Court – none
- i. Dog Shelter – one dog from the village of Watkins Glen was taken in.
- j. Committee Reports:
 - a. Short Term Rentals – letters to residents are in the process of going out in the mail to inform all residents of the law.

Resolution #39 – offered by Brian Ervay, seconded by Alec Moore
 Resolve to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes with one correction – County Road to County Road 17. Carried unanimously.

Resolution #40 – offered by Alan Gregory, seconded by Jeff Meehan.
 Resolve to approve Town Clerk’s report, Audit and Supervisor’s report. Carried unanimously.

AUDIT

General Fund – Townwide	100-129	27,104.23
General Fund – Outside Village	111-133	975.07
Highway Fund – Townwide	112-127	17,481.64
Beaver Dams Fire Department	130	131,928.00
Montour Falls Fire Department	131	86,581.00
Watkins Glen Fire Department	132-134	42,000.00
Special Water Fund	15	171.69
Trust & Agency	5-6	5,327.97

Old Business:

- Resolution to Approve Foil Request Form from Attorney Halpin
- Water and Sewer update in lost water

- 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, Named Project the ESSESS

New Business:

Resolution #41 – offered by Brian Ervay, seconded by Alec Moore
Resolve to send out a bid for mowing for the Highway Department. Carried unanimously.

Resolution #42 – offered by Alec Moore, seconded by Alan Gregory
Resolve to rezone the Water/Sewer District per the Planning Board Letter/SEQRA. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Health Insurance Items – will be added to the April 2024 meeting minutes.

Justice over budget – a new policy will be drafted and proposed.

Supervisor Smith received a letter from Watkins Glen International with a calendar of events for 2024.

Resolution #43 – offered by Brian Ervay, seconded by Alan Gregory
Resolve to release funds for the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the 42nd Annual New York State Town Clerks Conference for training. Carried unanimously.

Resolution #44 – offered by Alan Gregory, seconded by Alec Moore
Resolve to sign a letter to New York State in conjunction with the Village of Watkins Glen and Schuyler County in opposition of the Greener Now Expansion, as long as Attorney Halpin and the Board are able to review and approve the letter before signing. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Rebekah Brown
Deputy Town Clerk