

TOWN OF DIX REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2022

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Dix was called to Order by Supervisor Dominick Smith at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Deputy Supervisor F. Joe Hammond
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman David Hertel
Councilman Brian Ervay
Bookkeeper Billie Jo Carnes
Town Clerk Helen J. Teed
Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw
Code Officer Dennis Trembly

VISITORS: Evan Wheeler-NEXTERA ENERGY
Megan Doritte-HSE
James Gransel-Hunt Engineers

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:31 PM, Called by Supervisor Smith for Litigation, out of Executive Session:
7:05 PM.

Supervisor Smith talked to Alan Gregory on the telephone, he wasn't present for the Meeting tonight.

Evan Weaver-NEXTERA Solar (Watkins Glen International Property)
-He has been working on the Project for about 1 Year
-Sent a Proposed Community Benefit Agreement Draft to Megan (HSE)
-Tentative Completion Date-2024

REPORTS:

- Supervisor Smith:
 - Solar-Discussion on Several Solar Projects
 - Seminars
 - Grants
 - Water/Sewer-Will Discuss Later
 - Working on Budgets 2021 & On
 - Year-End Closing-Next Month-Could Change
 - Scott Yaw (Highway Superintendent)-Budget Discussion
 - Dennis Trembly (Code Officer)-Budget Discussion
 - No More Spread Sheets for Budget-Using Williamson Law for Calculation-2 % Cap
 - Been Going Over Employee Handbook-All Employees, Not Just Highway
 - Insurance Review-Vehicle, NYMIR, Tompkins Trust-Health (Last of 3 Year Plan)
- Deputy Supervisor Hammond-No Report
- Bookkeeper to Supervisor:
 - January 2022 Supervisor's Report will be Looked over by the Supervisor
 - Just Finished Today! Yay!
 - 2021 Reports can be Viewed-Being Checked Yet!

- Superintendent of Highways Yaw:
 - Shared Services with Catlin, Montour Falls, and Schuyler County
 - Mowing with Rental Tractor Started-8/8/22
 - Town of Dix's Mowing Tractor has PTO Clutch Out, Waiting for Estimate For Repair
 - Mower Attachment Installed on Other Tractor and Removed Broom
 - Started Repair of Some Roads with Gravel
 - Working on Budget for 2023
 - Working on a Few Quotes for New Equipment, Needed in Near Future:
 - Loader and Mowing Tractor with Boom
 - Tractor Repair-PTO and Clutch-Case Parts-\$10,000 /After Market-\$7,000
 - Water Pump on Other Tractor-Will Fix This

-Code Officer Trembly-No Report Made

RESOLUTION # 76: TO PAY 1/2 COST OF CODE OFFICER CERTIFICATION TRAINING IN
-\$345, TOWN OF READING WILL PAY THE OTHER 1/2 OF THE COST

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

- Planning Board:
 - Lead Agency of the SEQRA for the Duval Road Solar Project
 - per Letter & 30-Page Document Emailed to the Town of Dix-Received-7/14/22
- Zoning Board of Appeals-No Report
- Town Court-Report
 - Sent to Board Members-8/4/22
 - Meeting to Go Over Report with Board Members? No Appointments Made
- Committee Representatives:
 - Environmental Management-Councilman Meehan-Nothing to Report
 - Fire Departments-Supervisor Smith & Councilman Meehan-Nothing to Report
 - Landfill-Councilman Meehan-Nothing to Report
- Shelter Report:
 - Sent Today (8/15/22)-In Your Notebook

RESOLUTION # 77: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CHARTER
COMMUNICATION (SPECTRUM) (TIME WARNER CABLE) CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF
DIX-A 15-YEAR CONTRACT AND THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLUTION #78: APPROVE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT AND AUDIT-JULY 2022

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

AUDIT: AUGUST 2022

General Fund-Town Wide	2491-2513	\$ 8,093.04
General Fund-Outside Village	2514-2518	\$ 280.28
Beaver Dams Fire Department	2519	\$ 1,435.19
Montour Falls Fire Department	2520	\$ 770.10
Watkins Glen Fire Department	2521	\$ 1,295.17
Highway Fund-Town Wide	1687-1695	\$ 2,153.83
Highway Fund-Outside Village	1696	\$ 3,939.16
Special Sewer Fund	467	\$ 216.55
Special Water Fund	468-469	\$ 1,574.38
Trust & Agency	360-364	\$ 6,178.40

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-JANUARY 2022-TABLED UNTIL SUPERVISOR CHECKS IT OVER

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Change of Meeting Date sent to the Watkins Review & Express-7/25-22
- 4 Boxes of 2020 & 2021 Records sent to Storage from the Town Clerk's Office
 - Town Clerk was Told-No New Records were sent from Any Other Town of Dix Office
 - Town Clerk is Records Management Officer
- NYS DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebates-To Supervisor Smith-7/18/22
- Preliminary Budget Sheets for Each Town of Dix Department-7/18/22
- Email-NYSLRS-Hiring Contractors & Consultants-Sent to Supervisor Smith-7/26/22
- Email-<https://homecare.org>-to Supervisor Smith-7/26/22
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation-Webinar-To Supervisor Smith-7/29/22
- 2023 Annual Meeting & Training-Marriott Marquis, NY City-2/19/23-Early Sign-Up
- STC CLASS: Planning Strategies for a Greying Community & Marketing Your Community On-Line
- Email-NY Towns-Monthly News Letter-To Supervisor Smith-8/2/22
- Local Monthly Government Training Newsletter-To Supervisor Smith-8/2-22
- Email-Truck Route Information-Antonia Wilkerson-To Supervisor Smith-8/4/22
- Email-Town Budgets Webinar-To All 5 Board Members & Attorney Halpin-8/5/22
- CodeRED Solution-Email from Jessica Ingram-To Supervisor Smith-8/8/22

OLD BUSINESS:

- Estoppel Notice for Bond in Watkins Review & Express-7/18/22
- Charter Communications (Spectrum) (Time Warner Cable) Contract in Negotiations with Town Attorney Halpin-Meeting @ 10:30 AM-8/16/22
- Site Preparation Bids-Ad Sent to Review & Express-7/18/22
- Bids for New Town Hall-Hunt Engineers-Opened @ 2PM-8/11/22
 - Bid Sheet Attached
- Letter sent to Planning Board Representative Sorensen-7/13/22
 - 7/18/22-Letter Returned-Wrong Address from Administrator
 - Sent 2nd Letter-Certified-7/18/22
 - Planning Board Laptop Computer Returned by woman-8/8/22, 9:35 AM
 - Laptop In Town Clerk's Office-It won't fit under the Administrator's Locked Door
- Resolution to Approve the FOIL Request Form (FREEDOM OF INFORMATION FORM) made By Town Clerk Helen Teed, using the Schuyler County FOIL REQUEST Form for a Reference-TABLED, sent to Attorney Halpin for Approval 1st

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on the Loss of Money from the Water/Sewer Billing

-Increase HAS to be made.

RESOLUTION #79: TO INCREASE THE WATER/SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF DIX CUSTOMERS:

-Water Rate Increase:

-Water-\$30.00 per 1000, Minimum

-\$5.00 Pump Fee Charge

-Sewer Rate Increase:

-Sewer-\$30.00-Flat Fee

-\$52.50 Sewer Plant

On Motion by Councilman Ervay, seconded by Councilman Hertel, Resolution was

APPROVED:

AYES: 4

NAYES:0

-NEW TOWN HALL

-Bids Higher than Expected

-Have 60 Days to Award the Bid

-Trying to Work Back to Reduce the Cost

-Quote on Parking Lot

-\$88.00 per Ton-Need 330 Tons

ADJOURNED: 8:48 PM-On Motion by Councilman Hertel, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Hammond.

Respectfully Submitted-----

Helen J. Teed

Town Clerk, Town of Dix