

TOWN OF DIX
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023

PRESENT: Supervisor Dominic Smith
Councilman Brian Ervay
Councilman David Hertel
Councilman Jeff Meehan
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw
Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay
Planning Board Chairperson Mike DeNardo

ABSENT DUE TO DEATH: Joe Hammond

Superintendent Smith called the Public Hearing called to order at 6:15 pm. There being no public present the public hearing was closed at 6:29 pm

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

Jane Leszyk, Treasurer for the Schuyler County Historical Society presented the board with a copy of their annual report and thanked the board for their support. She stated that there is a lot going on, please stop and check it out. Heather O'Grady Evans is the new director. She asked that the board continue their support in next year's budget.

Reports:

a. Supervisor Smith - **Met with US Light and Energy (Duvall Rd Solar)**-waiting for signed agreement. No response since 3/30/23; **Hunt Engineers**-Working with them on water sewer issues, need to buy a new sewer pump for the pump station at top of the hill. Also approved a new control panel for this pump station. The cost is \$5,000.; **The New Town Hall** project is close to wrapping up, punch list is being worked on. Please look around the building and let me know if see anything that needs to be addressed. Spent a week moving stuff in and getting the new place up and running. Still many things to do to organize but getting it done. All board members will have a key and code to the building. Returning BAN as we did not need it.; **State Auditors:** Bookkeeper report is out. Her Corrective Action Plan will be sent around for you to review, need approval by 9/1/23. Please read this report carefully and understand what you as Board members are responsible for.; **Beaver Dams Moreland Rd Solar:** Signed HCA with them, no permit issued yet.; **KOA Water/Sewer Expansion:** Looking for grant money but also want to loop the system down from the track via meads hill. More to come.; **Webinars:** Need to do harassment training, all Town employees must attend; **New Policy:** N/A; **Supervisors Mentor Program:** Working on budgeting options, need to develop better plans etc.; **WGI Meeting:** Wants to only pay for actual sewer usage per contract, have notified the Village to this and awaiting response.

They also want their sewer meter to be used to calculate this, not based on water. Finalized billing format for them, we are headed in right direction.; **Water/Sewer Issue:** Worked with Rob on many things with this. Still waiting for the Village to answer many questions. We are still running off on meter to actual usage. No word on why still. Very frustrating. Last month alone we were off by 600,000 gallons.; **Allen RD/Price RD:** A contractor for work being done on Allen Rd offloaded a steel tract excavator on Price Rd and damaged the RD, Scott to find out who it was and bill them for damage.; **Community Bank:** work on closing out will be done by the end of next week. **Council of Governments:** N/A **Other:** Working with Rebekah to get books closed and we will receive two invoices from them from now on.. The auditors will be working remotely. The water and sewer still doesn't make sense more coming than being billed. Rural water coming to check for leaks.

b. Deputy Superintendent - None

c. Bookkeeper - None

d. Superintendent of Highway - Baker Hill Road will be oil and stoned next week; the cold mix recycle has been delayed, maybe Wednesday for Beaver Dams-Moreland Road and Price. Performed a lot of ditching and mowing serviced tractor. Still need to oil and stone parking lot do on a Thursday and leave over weekend, next week or two hopefully

f. Planning Board - Mike DeNardo - things progressing with short term rental and solar projects. Rick Reisinger has applied to be a new member. Moving forward with short term rentals, plan to follow local laws or state laws to make them safe and allow for permitting so room tax can be collected. Existing structures will have to comply, can't exempt, they need to comply with safety regulations. Renewed every year and the state recommends getting a registry. 8 known of. Not looking to stop anyone or close them down, safety is the issue. Camp space has not been addressed with 5 or more sites the Dept of Health is involved, they need a special use permit through town. The Town needs a letter from the proper authority that they are registered. The process starts with planning and then goes to codes. Supervisor Smith will contact our attorney about writing the local law.

Solar – look at tier 3, minimum distance from residents or business. Is there a number how many Mw the town can store, does NYSEG have a limit? Is there a way to control or limit the megawatts allowed. Race track out of our hands, article 10. Dept of labor. Something by November. Up front engineer and lawyer fees, look at a means to recoup. TJI sent an email to Dennis to meet about getting a permit. Duvall Road coming, talked to Dominick Sunday. Property owner hasn't signed yet. Committee will meet again.

e. Code Officer – 2 new house permits approved Allen Road, Gano Road; contacted by WGI re: ticket office project which will be coming up soon; took 3 days of training to keep certification up, new codes in 2024. Junkyard inspections - there are some violations, no renewals for them, one encroaching on road and waterway (CR 19) may have to involve DEC. Processed tent permits at WGI and performed inspections and processed fire work permits for Saturday night and Sunday morning. Demo permit issued for property on Coykendall Road and on Old Joe Road found a building without a permit.

h. Town Court – none

i. Dog Shelter - one dog sent

j. Committee Reports

- i. EMC – none
- ii. FD – none
- iii. Landfill – next meeting will be the 28th
- iv. Short Term Rental – see planning board above
- v. Solar – see planning board above

RESOLUTION #63 – offered by Ervay, Seconded by Meehan
 Resolve to accept the minutes from May 2023. Ayes 3, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #64 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Hertel
 Resolve to accept the May 2023 Clerk’s report as well as the Audit. Ayes 3, Nays 0

AUDIT 06/12/2023

General Fund-Town Wide	2743-2773	\$76,240.20
General Fund-Outside Village	2745,2760,2767 2774-75	\$719.50
Highway Fund-Town Wide	1810-1819	\$9,628.43
Highway Fund Outside Village	1820-1823	\$27,694.60
Montour Falls Fire Department	2761	\$78,149.00
Special Sewer Fund	503	\$18,581.89
Special Water Fund	503-506	\$24,201.84
Trust & Agency	396-397	\$4,884.96

Supervisors Report for December 22 & January 23, Feb 23, March 23, April 23, May 23 - tabled

Old Business:

DuVall RD Solar HCA and Decommissioning Plan Approval is waiting on signed documents.

Damage was done on Price Road by a contractor’s excavator. Damage has also been done on Meads Hill Road by farm equipment. A proper fix will involve cold mix and then oil and stone over top.

RESOLUTION #65 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Meehan
 Those who damage Town roads will be billed for repairs. Highway Superintendent Yaw is to use his best judgement on when and how much. Ayes 3, Nays 0

New Business:

RESOLUTION #66 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Ervay
 Resolve upon result of public hearing to approve the Montour Falls and Watkins Glen Fire Contracts and authorize the Supervisors signing. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Still working on looking into making the Clerk position appointment instead of elected. Dave spoke to Carolyn Elkins, may need to do an amendment. Our attorney may have to write up something. Should be done by September.

NY State Comptrollers Audit Response has been posted and is public knowledge. Supervisor Smith will get the corrective action plan sent out soon.

RESOLUTION #67 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to appoint Rick Reisinger to the Planning Board. Ayes 3, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #68 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Ervay
Resolve to appoint Anya Simpson as Deputy Clerk. Ayes 3, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #69 – offered by Hertel, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to approve the time sheets submitted by Highway Superintendent Yaw to be used by the New York State & Local Retirement System to calculate days worked.

RESOLUTION #70 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan
Resolve to return the BAN for construction of the new Town Hall early. Ayes 3, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #71 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Hertel
Resolved to contract with Cintas for floor mats, mop heads and dust mops for one year. Supplies will be delivered on a monthly basis. Ayes 3, Nays 0

Highway Superintendent Yaw asked about looking for a used fire truck to convert to a water tank truck. He is looking at spending around \$6000.00. Ok to look

Supervisor Smith asked for an executive session at 8:12 pm.

Adjourn