

Town of Dix Board Meeting
July 8th, 2024

Present: Supervisor, Dominick Smith
Deputy Supervisor, Brian Ervay
Councilman, Alec Moore
Councilman, Alan Gregory
Highway Superintendent, Scott Yaw
Town Clerk, Naomi Kingsley

Absent: Councilman Jeff Meehan

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

Additions to Agenda - none

Public Be Heard-per policy – Mr. Avery inquired about the situation regarding the Village relinquishing the Dix water system. Nothing more to report, still trying to work things out. He also asked about the 4.5 million dollar grant the Village received. The Town was not involved and the Supervisor doesn't know what was involved. Mr. Avery requested a copy of the map of who has water and an email with talking points, he is just trying to help.

Scott Burnside – also commented on the Village's grant – where is the application?

Reports:

- a. Supervisors – spent the bulk of his time working on the water/sewer issue. audit for w/s district \$4000.00. The Schuyler County Humane Society is looking for \$20,000.00 for next year, by law we have to provide animal control. They took in 77 dogs from Dix since 2020. Villages don't contribute. The Town Supervisors will be getting together to discuss the issue. Beers trimmed trees on County Road 17 around the water tank. Also worked on Civil Service issues. Worked with Highway Superintendent on the bridge on Cronk Road and worked on finalizing the Pro-Housing Application form.
- b. Deputy Supervisor - none
- c. Bookkeeper - none
- d. Superintendent of Highway – oil and stoned Pearl Street and Hedden Road; Shared service work with Reading, Hector and NYS DOT; started second round of mowing, trimming over the road side tree limbs throughout the town; hauled in 7 loads of waste salt; contacted NYSEG on removal and reinstallation of pole in our right-of-way next to road side, they removed and moved pole back out of our right-of-way; notified NYS Bridge inspector on Cronk Road bridge, will be done sometime in July. Just keep plugging away. For Water/Sewer – installed a cap on a lateral on Wedgewood Road, contacted several businesses for a rental generator for pump house, helped locate sewer lateral hook up for land owner on SR 414 and CR 17, contracted for 5 trees to be removed at the CR 17 pump house with Beers Tree Service off of County Bid list.
- e. Code Officer – 47 total permits issued since last report; 36 building permits of all types now open; 1 demolition permit issued for a house; many building permit inspections

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completed; 2 tent permits, 4 fireworks permits; 3 violation notices issued; total fees collected \$24,164.50. Still dealing with 2 unlawful structures-no progress being made on either issue; WGI has completed the new ticket and administration building; DuVall Road Solar project has started clearing the property to ready the grounds for installation; Beaver Dams Solar project is slowly moving along, had a problem with pile driving.

- f. Planning Board - none
- g. ZBA – still needs 1 more member.
- h. Town Court – received May report
- i. Dog Shelter – 14 brought in so far this year, 5 from village
- j. Committee Reps:
 - i. EMC - none
 - ii. FD - none
 - iii. Landfill - none
 - iv. Solar - none
 - v. Short Term Rental – none

RESOLUTION #69 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay
Resolve to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes, the June 2024 Clerk’s report, Audit and June 2024 Supervisors report. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

AUDIT

General Fund – Townwide	250-290	\$ 15,700.45
General Fund – Outside Village	253, 264, 290	\$ 618.59
Highway Fund – Townwide	254-291	\$ 3,760.96
Highway Fund – Outside Village	255-294	\$ 57,556.80
Special Sewer Fund	28-29	\$ 27,182.30
Special Water Fund	29-31	\$ 17,809.88
Trust & Agency	13-14	\$ 5,292.87

Old Business:

- Fagan PUD/Meads Hill updates, nothing as we have no application. – the group has been in town a lot, talked to them after last month’s meeting expect it will be 2-3 years before starting
- Greener Now Application for Expansion-nothing to report, nothing more been said
- Pro Housing Program-Submitted application, waiting on approval. On Friday received our certificate so now we can go after grants. Need to show a 2% increase in housing in the next 3 years. Pro Housing has a section of the State of New York website.
- Water and Sewer Rates – there for now

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New Business:

- Generator for Water System in need of repair – a bill is in the audit that is just for someone to look at and get some idea of what is needed to get it operational. They will be back this week to finish and have the pump station to the track operational just before the 6 hour race. JAC will fix the portable generator
- New Fax Service - tabled
- Designation of DuVall Rd HCA money - tabled
- Community Notification Software-interest? Something like the villages Code Red. Savvy citizen \$800/year.

RESOLUTION #70 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Moore

Resolve to authorize Supervisor Smith to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

RESOLUTION #71 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to define a “commercial” water-sewer user as any entity that is paying sales tax. The rate for now will remain at the residential rate and the Town reserves the right to implement a “commercial” rate at a later time is necessary. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

RESOLUTION #72 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Gregory

Resolve to authorize the clerk to credit the sewer portion of Account #A050 an amount equal to the overage of an average bill. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

- Door to the court room is delaminating and repair will be covered, just to let you know
- 3100 Wedgewood Rd sewer issue -
- CDL Class Reimbursement – the County is offering up to \$900.00 for the pre CDL training but the employee must commit to stay with the job for 3 years. Tabled until next month
- Cronk Rd Bridge – inspection will be some time in July, Chris Bond would like to be there when this takes place

RESOLUTION #73 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to create a “Municipal Worker Classification” job description through Civil Service that will be all encompassing. The Town is not looking to advertise at this time but need to be prepared in case we have to take over the water sewer system. It allows for a major amount of flexibility. Once things are operating properly the water system should only require 2 to 2 ½ hours a day, so the position can be utilized elsewhere. Rural water came in and this was their idea to help pare down the budget. A Class C water license will be needed. Salary schedule will have to be decided at a later date. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

There being no further business, Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.