

Town of Dix
Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
May 13, 2024

Present: Supervisor Dominick Smith
Councilman Jeffrey Meehan
Councilman Brian Ervay
Councilman Alec Moore
Councilman Alan Gregory
Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
Highway Supervisor Scott Yaw
Three members of the public

Supervisor Smith called the public meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith presented the audience with the reason for the increase. The Village of Watkins Glen has served notice that it will no longer run the Town portion of the water system. This will result in the Town having to purchase equipment and hire personnel to run and maintain the system. This leaves the Town with a couple of options, one - raise the rates to cover expenses and take out a loan to purchase equipment or two - dissolve the system which would force everyone to go back to wells and septic systems. Supervisor Smith presented two options for the rate increase needed.

After a short discussion the public hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

Supervisor Smith called the regular board meeting to order at 6:36 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No additions to the agenda

Public be Heard - none

Reports:

a. Supervisor Smith

- DuVall Rd Solar-Decommissioning plan and HCA from them. Both funded
- Code Officer issues-worked with Attorney Halpin and Dennis on these
 - Property with 3 non-conforming buildings, 2 of which do not have permits and need them-letters sent to owner with ways to comply
 - Property with 1 non-conforming building used for living in, no permits, letters sent to owner with ways to comply
- Reassessment Issue in Town from County doing Reassessment of the entire Town which was being assessed at 70-75% not 100% like it was supposed to. If Town can hold a flat 2025 budget anyone that had a increase of value under 140k should not see an increase in taxes, it should remain flat, if we can hold costs down.
- Water and Sewer Rates, spent many hours on these gathering costs, running numbers and ways to reduce cost for Public Hearing
- Worked on Town Hall items, parking lot expansion, Door readers, Few items left over from Construction
- Highway Part 284
- New Fax Service options to save money-sent to Board
- New postage service to save money
- Generator Repair for Pump Station issue
- Pro housing Program working on it
- Reviewing Grants for many items for the Town-met with County Administrator and SCOPED

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- Budget prep for 2025 has started

- b. Deputy Supervisor – finally able to meet with Mr. Vickio and he is unable to make the signs after all but he did give a few names of someone who might be able to.
- c. Bookkeeper – none.
- d. Superintendent of Highway – Ditched Cross Road, Townsend Road, Pearl Street, Hauled in #1's from Seneca Stone for road service treatment, Prepped Hedden Road for warranty work, Soil and water hydro seeded all ditches that we had ditched, Repaired VanZant Hollow Road from winter damage, Oil and stoned Beaver Dams/Price Road, Baker Hill Road. 2 guys spent a total of 37 hours cleaning up Moreland cemetery, Repaired excavator twice (hydraulic line, wiper motor module)

NYS budget has passed and between rollover from previous year and 2024 budgeted amounts for PaveNY, extreme winter and pothole money I have \$110,221.78 and I would like to amend the 284 agreement and finish my list of road projects that I presented to board in March.

Here are my balances for 2024 state funding with rollover added to the total balances. Pave NY, EWR and POP with a total of \$151,972.15 to spend to finish out remainder of road projects and replenish our storage amount of materials that we have used on these projects.

- e. Code Officer – Supervisor Smith reported that there is a property with 3 unpermitted structures and the Town is trying to get the owners to comply before it ends up in court.. Another similar issue was found but the owners came in and applied for a permit and will provide proof that things were done properly.
- f. Planning Board –next meeting is May 28th.
- g. ZBA – still need 1 member
- h. Town Court – Councilmembers Ervay & Meehan met with the Judge and will continue to meet on a monthly basis. The court audit needs to be submitted to the State.
- i. Dog Shelter – no report received from the Humane Society as of today
- j. Committee Reports:
 - i. EMC – none
 - ii. FD – none
 - iii. Landfill – received a call from a deputy who is interested in putting in a firing range, it needs to go before the commission. There is no insurance for something like that.
 - iv. Solar – nothing
 - v. Short Term Rental – nothing

Resolution #55 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes, Clerk's report, Supervisor' report and Audit Abstract #6. Ayes 4, nays 0

AUDIT		
General Fund – Townwide	162-208	\$ 20,970.02
General Fund – Outside Village	164-193	\$ 757.33
Highway Fund – Townwide	165-206	\$ 13,539.88
Highway Fund – Outside Village	207	\$ 2,967.58
Special Sewer Fund	18	\$ 9863.99
Special Water Fund	16-21	\$ 6,605.82
Trust & Agency	9-10	\$ 5,327.97

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Old Business:

- Received Clerk, Court and General Audit reports from MMB. A couple small issues were found with invoices and there was money from prior years in the clerk and court accounts that we are waiting to hear from the State on how to deal with it.

New Business:

- The DuVall Road Solar permit has been issued and the decommissioning fee has also been paid. Superintendent Yaw asked that they install culvert pipes on any and all driveways they install.
- Quote received to install fob readers on back hall door and boardroom door. Cost is \$1,784.26 including labor.

Resolution #56 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to approve the installation of 2 fob readers by CPE Interlink for \$1,784.26. Ayes 4, nays 0.

- Parking lot expansion will take place next week
- Old Town Hall – sale is waiting on contractor to submit some paperwork to the bank
- A generator for the water system is in need of repair
- A pump needs to be replaced in the lift station at CR 16 and SR 414. Quote received

Resolution #57 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the pump replacement in the lift station at a cost of \$. Ayes 4, nays 0

- Search for a new form of fax service tabled

Resolution #58 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Moore

Resolve to approve the amended 284 form submitted by the Highway Superintendent. Ayes 4, nays 0

Resolution #59 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to hold a second public hearing on the proposed water/sewer rates and to insert a flyer in with the bills to be mailed out May 20th. Ayes 4, nays 0

Resolution #60 – offered by Meehan, seconded by Moore

Resolve to transfer \$200.00 from A1110.47 to A1110.44 in Justice Accounts to cover postage. Ayes 4, nays 0

Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk