

Town of Dix Board Meeting:  
Aug 12th, 2024

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

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

Additions to the Agenda – None

Public Be Heard – no public present

Reports:

- a. Supervisor – spent much time working on water/sewer, preparing 2025 budgets, met with County Treasurer regarding streamlining the billing and collection of property taxes. The subject will be taken to the Council of Governments. Was out a week and a half with personal issues.
- b. Deputy Supervisor - none
- c. Bookkeeper - none
- d. Superintendent of Highway – Shared service with Reading, Schuyler County, Cayuta and Montour. Cold mix recycle Townsend Road, continue mowing road side and back side of ditches, repairs on Dodge 5500, 2006 Volvo 10 wheeler, excavator, mowing tractor. 2020 Freightliner taken to Batavia for derated issues. Storm damage of trees in roads, cut and removed 17 trees and/or limbs that broke and laid in the roads. Still receiving waste salt from US Salt.
- e. Code Officer – Permit Detail Report for 01/01/24 to 08/12/24 submitted, 60 records
- f. Planning Board – there will be a meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- g. ZBA-needs 1 member.
- h. Town Court – report submitted, \$2,455.00 in fines collected
- i. Dog Shelter – 3 dogs taken in; 1 from Village of Watkins Glen, 2 from Town of Orange
- j. Committee Reps:
  - i. EMC - none
  - ii. FD - none
  - iii. Landfill - none
  - iv. Solar - none
  - v. Short Term Rental - none

RESOLUTION #74 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore  
Resolve to approve July 8, 2024 meeting minutes, Town Clerk’s Report July 2024, Audit and Supervisors Report for July 2024. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

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AUDIT – Abstract #9		
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

Correspondence: - none

Old Business:

- Fagan PUD/Meads Hill updates – owners inquired about upgrading current building to accommodate office space and a couple garage spaces. This work falls under the original specifications but if work is to be done in stages, those stages must come before the Town Board.
- Greener Now Application for Expansion – internet says permit has been approved but not really.
- Water and Sewer Rates and Operations – the Village of Watkins Glen has pushed back the take over date. Supervisor Smith offered that the Town “suspend” the new rates for the time being but keep the “other” charges \$10.00 (rents) as is.

RESOLUTION #75 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore.

Resolve to “suspend” the new water/sewer usage rates and return to the old rates, but keep the “other” charges (rents) as is. A letter will go out with the next bill explaining the changes.

Ayes – 4, nays – 0

- Cronk Rd Bridge – Highway Superintendent reported that a marking has been made on the pylon. The work that Soil & Water performed really helped to keep the bridge from further damage. Have not heard from the State Inspectors.
- CDL Class Reimbursement – Schuyler County has offered a program to reimburse the Town \$900.00 per person who goes through the training to obtain their CDL license. The employee must agree to the terms and conditions, one being that they must agree to stay in the Towns employ for 3 years.

RESOLUTION #76 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to have the Town enter into the agreement with the County. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

New Business:

- New Fax Service – up and running for the Court
- Designation of DuVall Rd HCA money

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RESOLUTION #77 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore  
Resolve to place the DuVall Road HCA money in the Highway Equipment Reserve. Ayes – 4,  
nays – 0

- Community Notification Software-interest? - tables
- 3100 Wedgewood Rd sewer issue – Hunt Engineers camera'd the line and found a small disconnect that was fixed. There is still a terrible sewer odor in the house at different times. It has been suggested that a whole house trap be installed in the line at the road.

RESOLUTION #78 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to permit Supervisor Smith to obtain proposals for the installation of a whole house trap that would be installed near the road connection. Ayes – 4, nays – 0.

- Budget Workshops and meeting schedule – first meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- Dog Control Contract – Supervisor Smith arranged a meeting with several other Town Superintendents. Mike LaSalle was in attendance for the Humane Society. There was much discussion and the subject will be brought to the Council of Governments meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the HSC building.
- request to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to remove the label “Bad Indian Swamp” from their mapping base layer County looking for letter of support - none
- Justice Travel and Conference request

RESOLUTION #79 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to approve the Judges travel request and budget transfers needed to cover the cost.  
Ayes – 4, nays - 1

Budget Transfers:

RESOLUTION #80 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to transfer \$9,000.00 from Sewer Fund to General Fund to repay the 2/21 sewer payment to the Village that was made from the General Fund.

RESOLUTION #81 – offered by Moore, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to transfer from fund balance the amount of the 2023 Audit cost that was paid from the 2024 budget. Ayes – 4, nays – 0

RESOLUTION #82 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Moore

Resolve to transfer funds from Water/Sewer to Highway for the cost of the fuel to fill the generators prior to the last storm warning. Ayes – 4, nays - 0

There being no further business, Supervisor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Naomi C. Kingsley  
Town Clerk