Regular Board Meeting

May 20, 2019

Approved by the Board

**Present:**  Supervisor Dana Ross, Councilperson Skinner, Zlomek and Gominiak. Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow and Town Clerk Kristine Young, Absent: Councilperson Brown

All votes taken at this meeting will be by roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ross at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to accept those minutes was made by Councilperson Skinner. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Gominiak. All Councilpersons and Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

**Guest:** Joe Fisher, resident of the Town of Amity. Mr. Fisher lives near Keith Middaugh and had a complaint regarding livestock running loose causing a concern for residence and traffic. He indicated several other concerns not related to cattle. The Supervisor and Board were familiar with the situation. Supervisor Ross will contact the DEC and has spoken to the State Police. He will also contact our lawyer and our Code Enforcer, John Clouse. Mr. Fisher was advised to keep pictures of anything he sees and document dates and times.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report**: Exhibit B. Highway Superintendent Bigelow reported the hydraulic oil was used up and a new tank and pump are needed. They will be replaced by the company. The oil will be paid with Maintenance funds. They finished mowing brush on Back River Road, changed crossover pipes on Saunders Hill several times and dug it out for blacktop. A shed was moved at Wilmac Park and work started on the bathrooms, a driveway pipe was changed at Haney’s that collapsed, all the roads were broomed that needed it, did 3 cremations, ditched upper Plumbottom and honed, hauled gravel to top of Ackerman Hill and honed, repaired some foundations in cemetery and moved a stone, took Mack to Rochester for repair, placed salt order for next year, took Sexual Harassment training, completed the 811 excavator training and will be working in the cemetery for Memorial Day. Driveways at the cemetery will be stoned. Councilperson Skinner asked if the Highway men could remove the front fence at the cemetery near jail. Superintendent Bigelow indicated it will get done.

**On-Going Business:** Highway Abstract 05 in the amount of $29778.65 and General Abstract 05 in the amount of $33449.51 were approved. A motion to approve the abstracts was made by Councilperson Skinner and seconded by Councilperson Gominiak. All Councilpersons and Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes.

Councilperson Zlomek made a motion to approve purchase of new phones from P-2 Solutions for all Town offices. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Skinner. All Councilpersons and Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Councilperson Skinner shared research with the Supervisor and Board members regarding rental vs. purchase regarding a used roller for the Highway Department. After discussion, a motion by Councilperson Skinner was made to put the lease price toward the purchase of roller presently used by the Town A second to the motion was made by Supervisor Ross. All councilpersons voted aye. The Supervisor voted nay. The motion was carried 3-1-0.

**Supervisor’s Announcements:**  Supervisor Ross reported he has heard nothing from our lawyer regarding the water project. However, he will contact him and also bring up the situation with Mr. Middaugh on Irons Road. There will be 6 towns in the Consortium including an assessor. Belmont will be re-assessed in 2021 and outside help will be brought in. The assessor will be appointed, work 5 days per week, and the office will be in Wellsville. A contract will be available in July for the Board to review. The Highway union has agreed to meet with the Supervisor and Board members and a date is needed.

**Round Table:**  Wendy Skinner from the Town Planning Board member reported that Board Member, Gretchen Hanchett suggested the Town Board have Armstrong High Speed Internet them to come give a presentation. They are coming to the Planning Board meeting on June 13, 2019. Mrs. Skinner also reported the SPCA offers a Behind the Scenes tour at their new facility. The SPCA is looking for fundraisers. She attended the annual training at Houghton College and solar power is coming. The Planning Board may consider wind laws.

Superintendent Bigelow asked how roller should be paid for and it was agreed to use CHIPS monies. The Highway Department will mount the charging station on the back of the building. A sign was stolen and garbage dumped on Back River Road which needs to be cleaned up. It was suggested cameras be put in the trees in that area as it happens every year.

Councilperson Gominiak reported there were children running lawn mowers at Wilmac Park and wondering if this is covered under insurance. Councilperson Skinner will talk to the athletic director and have this stopped.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Supervisor Ross. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Zlomek. All were in favor.

SS: Belmont, NY

State of New York

County of Allegany

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I Kristine Young have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity.

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Kristine Young, Town Clerk