**TOWN OF AMITY**

Re-Organization Meeting and

Regular Board Meeting, January 11, 2021 @ 6 pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

**Present:**  Supervisor John Francisco, Councilmen Don Skinner, Mark Hand, Josh Brown, Dana Ross, Town Clerk Kristine Young and Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Francisco at 6:07 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A re-organization meeting was rescheduled from January 4, 2021 to this evening.

The minutes of the last regular Board meeting on December 14, 2020 and a special end-of-the-year meeting on December 28, 2020 were read. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting was made by Councilman Brown and a second to the motion was made by Councilman Ross. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion to approve the minutes of the special end-of-the-year minutes was made by Councilman Hand and a second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Dana Ross has been appointed by Supervisor Francisco to fill the vacancy of Councilman Gominiak who resigned as of December 31. 2020. Welcome back Dana!

**Approval of Abstracts:** Councilman Hand made a motion to approve Highway Abstract 01 in the amount of $28,579.45 and General Abstract in the amount of $38,928.79. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report**: Exhibit B. Superintendent Bigelow ordered the tractor and mowers for the cemetery, They worked on the bathroom at the cemetery, cut some brush, installed electric to the new pole barn, they have been busy plowing and sanding, and had one burial. The Highway crew will be maintaining the cemetery this year.

A one week lag in the payroll will be taken care of using 27.5 hours of overtime vs. 40 hours a week.

100 tons of salt has been taken to the County to mix with their sand. The agreement for mutual aid will be sent to the County after this meeting. The sander control needs to be replaced. May cost $1000.00. No vote, however permission was granted to purchase.

**Supervisor Announcements:** Supervisor Francisco will send water bills out this week to Noble Street residents. He will ask Attorney Strassel to write a letter to the Mascho family as they still have not paid.

We have received two large bills from MRB. They are ready to do a major presentation. Municipal Solutions has been involved with the planning and our lawyer will be needed soon. There was discussion regarding a maintenance fee for residents included in the water district. We will need a policy from our lawyer.

The following Resolutions were read and approved:

Resolution 2021-001 Official Depository of All Town Funds

 2021-002 Town Salaries

 2021-003 Paying of Monthly Bills

 2021-004 Town Board Meetings

 2021-005 Town Employee Compensation for Use of Private Vehicles While

 Doing Town Business

 2021-006 Town Procurement Policy

 2021-007 Mutual Aide Agreement Between Municipalities in the County

 2021-008 Official Town Newspaper

 2021-009 Authorization Providing Signatory Rights to Kristine Young on

 Town of Amity Checking Accounts

 2021-009A Authorization Providing Signatory Rights to Christina VanCuren

 on Town of Amity Checking Accounts

 2021-009B Authorization Providing Signatory Rights to John Francisco on

 Town of Amity Checking Accounts

 2021-009C Authorization Providing Signatory Rights to Laura Mead on

 Town of Amity Accounts

 2021-010 Adopt a Budget that Requires a Tax Levy in Excess of the Tax Levy Limit

 2021-011 Appoint Robert Strassel as Town of Amity Attorney

 2021-012 Appoint Dana Ross to Town Board Member to Replace Dave

 Gominiak

 2021-013 Approval for Town of Amity Justice David Gominiak to Open a

 Bank Account at Community Bank for Justice Court

 2021-014 Appoint Ellen McNinch as Deputy Justice Court Clerk

 2021-015 Appoint Joanne Ralyea as Justice Court Clerk

**Round Table:** There has been no contact from residents regarding the cemetery committee.

Wendy Skinner from the Town of Amity Planning Board spoke regarding the Town

of Amity Comprehensive Plan. The IDA will help but they need to hear from the Town of Amity leaders. Supervisor Francisco will contact them to see what they want. She was hoping the Alfred State College students would help and Bill Dean will decide. The Village of Belmont should be included. There will be a Memo of Understanding between the Town and Village to do this.

Councilman Ross made a motion to have a Memo of Understanding between the Town and Village for the Comprehensive Plan. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Skinner. The Supervisor and all Board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Wendy also reported our attorney will be contacting the owner of the property on Route 19N across from East Winds. Also, there has been no response from the attorney for P-Mac on Tuckers Corners Road.

Honorable David Gominiak reported the court room will be revamped upstairs this summer. There will be a grant available for this and it can take 90-180 days. The court room will be made handicapped accessible.

Councilman Ross asked when the re-val would start with the Assessor. Supervisor Francisco assumed this summer.

Supervisor Francisco received a letter from the Belmont Fire Company and the local MTS regarding the conditions of Irons Road and the properties there. They do not want to respond there and are concerned for individual’s lives.

Wendy Skinner received plans for the Empire Cheese Project at Belvidere. They will need a site plan review application.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be February 8th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilman Hand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Ross. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

SS Belmont, New York

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County of Allegany

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity on the 11th day of January 2021.

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Kristine Young

Amity Town Clerk