Regular Town Board Meeting

May 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Francisco at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All votes at this meeting will be taken by roll call.

**Approval of Minutes:** The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was waived. A motion to approve the minutes with amendments was made by Councilman Ross. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Hand. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Supervisor’s Announcements:** Supervisor Francisco and Book Keeper Laura Mead met with John Savash from Municipal Solutions and got help with the annual update reports for the Comptroller’s Office. He will come back in June to update Quick Books and set up businesses instead of accounts. We may get monies from the Biden Relief Program of $60,000-$70,000.00. The monies have to be used on infrastructure.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report:** Exhibit B. The Town Highway Department has finished patching pot holes, serviced and repaired old mowers, took down a big pine tree in the cemetery, replaced a flag at the cemetery by the jail that was torn, cleaned up the graves in the cemetery and seeded them, mowed and trimmed the park and cemeteries, had to fix a few washouts after heavy rain, had to plow a few more times, took off the rest of the plow equipment and have been hauling stone in. Superintendent Bigelow put sheet rock in the bathroom at the cemetery. The PESH inspector came back for follow up inspection and everything is good.

Superintendent Bigelow reported a pipe on Ackerman Hill may need replaced as the bottom rotted out. He stated there is reimbursement from the state for completing safety hazards and corrections. Most of the CHIPS money is back,

around $230,00. for winter recovery. The County is leasing a paver again so we may be able to use that.

**Approval of Abstracts:** A motion was made by Councilman Brown to approve Highway Abstract 05 in the amount of $21383.17 and General Abstract 05 in the amount of $14373.57. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Skinner. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**New Business:** The Town Assessor has asked to change the date of grievance

day for real property assessment review. This is because he is employed as an assessor by other towns as well and cannot do them all in one day. A local law will be filed by the Town Clerk to adopt the fourth Wednesday of May each year instead of the first Tuesday of June every year. The Assessor has published this in the Patriot and Councilman Hand will put on the community bulletin board. A motion to accept the law was made by Supervisor Francisco. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Skinner reported there was a meeting with some of the Town Board members and persons from the community regarding the rules of the cemetery. They reviewed the letter sent from individuals that attended a board meeting in the fall and reviewed their concerns and requests. New rules were compiled and submitted to the board members that were not in attendance of the cemetery meeting. They will meet with the public before posting the new rules at the cemetery. Anyone purchasing a cemetery plot will receive the new rules from the Town Clerk.

Councilman Skinner reported there are several individuals now playing pickle ball at the tennis courts at Wilmac Park. He would like to see the asphalt painted and would like to donate and get donations from others. The basketball court needs to be painted as well and a shorter hoop needs to be purchased for the smaller children. Supervisor Francisco advised using monies in the park budget.

**Old Business:** Councilman Hand had a document from the NYS Police that was sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the rules for allowing ATVs on local highways. There were some “gray” areas and after some discussion it was

decided to talk to the Town Attorney to get his input. Decision was tabled for now.

**Guest**- Craig Clark from the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency was present to discuss the project at Belvidere with Empire Cheese. The imminent domain paperwork has been submitted but he is hoping it doesn’t come to that. The farm owner and Empire Cheese are still negotiating. He answered several questions the board members had.

**Round Table**: Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be June 14, 2021 at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Skinner. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Hand. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Town of Amity this 10th day of May 2021.

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Kristine Young, Amity Town Clerk