

Town Board Minutes
August 8, 2023

The monthly meeting held on August 8, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Councilman; Colby Petersen, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson

Others present: George Thompson, George Dowse, Jim Smith, Kathy McGrath, Robert Miller, Tim Chambers

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Martini presented the abstracts of vouchers for audit.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2nd Mr. Henderson that the bills on the General A & B Fund accounts in the amount of \$ 51,619.86 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Fund accounts in the amount \$ 144,837.54 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Martin to approve the July minutes carried by all.

George Dowse, Chairman of the town planning board presented the short-term rental regulations draft for review. He explained the Planning Board members reviewed many local laws to gather information on short term rental. The board chose the Canadice Law as a model and tailored it to meet the needs of the Town of Torrey. The main purpose of the regulations is to protect the residents and property from Rental Property issues.

Discussion on parking, permit renewal process, complaint procedure.

Trash removal, number of occupants.

Jim Smith remarked on trash removal, he suggested weekly pickup.

Concern on the septic system overuse and failure. Mr. Petersen will help with the chapter wording addressing septic systems. What is used to determine bedroom size and occupants.

Concern on potable water, is it on the property owner to provide water test reports from a certified lab.

Town Board members will email their comments to Mr. Dowse for him to edit the draft.

Mr. Martini extended thanks to the Planning Board members for all their long and diligent time spent researching the drafting of this short-term rental law regulations.

Mr. Martini set the 2024 Budget workshop for September 7, 2023 at 1:00PM.

Hazardous Mitigation plan still in the works with the County.
Kick off meeting scheduled for August 22.

Discussion on the Employment Policy update ongoing. Meeting set for August 16, 9:00 in meeting room.

Code report submitted.

Mr. Chambers gave the highway report. The Massey Ferguson mowing tractor has arrived. Rear tire was punctured while mowing needed to be replaced. Will check with insurance company for possible coverage.

Used lawn mower purchased for the cemetery's has been returned due to the narrow width making it unstable on hillside mowing.

Shared services with Milo and Starkey oil & stone roads.

Due to rain delays schedule for oil & stoning Hazard, Quenan and Norris has been moved closer to fall. Presently hauling in the stone. Cut shoulders for now. Yates Co gave town millings.

Culverts are done on Serenity Rd. Steps damage caused by Highway to private property stairway to lake have been repaired by Craig McMinn Jr's Garage requested a wider driveway into their business, the property owner purchases the pipe and town installs, but Mr. Chambers feels the need for a driveway policy. Over \$400. of gravel was purchased by the town for the installation of this additional driveway pipes. He reported other towns require permits for driveway work to help defray the town cost.

Yates County Bicentennial Celebration new truck and loader participated in parades.

Torrey truck #3 is at Regional International for air conditioner issues.

Discussion on town septic system. There is a site plan submitted by engineer. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Chambers are still mapping out leach area.

Mr. Chambers would like to have a truck wash/rinse area out at back barns. Presently washing trucks in front bays which leaves mud and debris in parking lot.

Town Assessor Stephanie Holtz submitted her July report. NYS Tax and Finance sent a rep to review the progress of the town revaluation, currently about 25% complete.

Turned in the assessment roll for the school tax bills in September.

Submitted her budget for 2024 which increases due to the 2024 reval.

Yates County would like to increase the income limits for the senior citizens Low Income Exemption range \$ 20,000 to 28,399.99.

Water District 1- Mr. Martini stated that every agency is responding to solve the rock issue holding up the project (DEC, DOT, Rail Pros, USDA etc.)

Clerk received a call from resident about Boston Road being repaired by Nardozzi equipment. Was asked if they back working.

Boston Road property owner David Goff was in attendance stated he has contacted Chris Charko in the past about the ruts in the roadway, but his calls to Chris have been unreturned. Bill Brown is the owner of Boston Road and was not aware of the quick repair work.

Next construction meeting scheduled for August 22 at 9am.

New FEMA maps are available for review and questions/answers at Yates County Auditorium August 16 3:30 - 7:30.

George Dowse and Robert Miller attended Land Use Webinar by Hancock Estabrook. Training was on "Next phase of Cannabis" Tools for regulations.

Mr. Downs made motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Petersen, carried at 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M Daggett
Town Clerk