

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021

The Town Board, Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, State of New York, at the Town Hall, Jeffersonville, NY, held a Regular Town Board Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

Supervisor T. Bose, Councilman C. Schadt, Councilman D. Kuebler, Councilman C. Hubert and Councilman S. Gaebel

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk
Christine Olsen, Bookkeeper
Kris Scullion, Highway Superintendent
Kevin Zieres, Code Enforcement Officer
Marvin Newberg, Town Attorney

Audience: As Attached.

Supervisor Bose called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30pm.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2021, Public Hearing. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to accept the Monthly Statement of the Supervisor. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the Town Clerk (5,087.19) and Code Enforcement (\$4,693.65) reports as read. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to pay the bills as follows:

General A Fund	-Vouchers #93-117	\$6,634.90
General B Fund	-Vouchers #10-15	2,256.03
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #52-68	33,342.83
Hwy DB Fund	-Voucher #3	1,761.30
Water District	-Vouchers #7-11	4,041.94

Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

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Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the March Payroll checks #22863 – 22876 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$46,417.99. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the March Trust & Agency checks #5717 – 5729 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$111,337.73. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Kris Scullion reports that they are working on the change-over of the trucks. He also reports that the last day they went out plowing was April 2, 2021 and the first day they started was October 28, 2020, which makes it about 5 months. They have been busy digging sand and gravel from the gravel bank and putting the dump bodies on the trucks and taking the plows off. He also stated that people have been busy with the litter pluck and dropping bags off at the Town Barn. The Supervisor noted that the Town Clerk has stickers for the bags and that Jim Hughson from Jeff Sanitation has offered to take the bags free of charge. The Supervisor asked Kris if he had any proposals on the Dump Body for the Green Tandem Truck and stated that once the proposals are received he can poll the Board since it falls under the procurement policy. Councilman Schadt advised Kris of a sign that was down near the Liberty border on East Hill but in the Town of Callicoon. A discussion followed about the Dewitt Flats Bridge, where it was noted that the County has been trimming trees at the bridge. Kris noted that the County had sent a notification stating that they will be working on the bridge on Pleasant Valley Road. He spoke to the County and they may begin work on the Dewitt Flats Bridge in August. Kris also stated that the County may be preparing the Dewitt Flats bridge site for a precast and the crane.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Zieres reports that it is very busy with a lot of property transfers, a lot of houses started, and he is receiving calls every week about building. He reports that the Planning Board is not too busy. The Supervisor addressed the situation on Blackberry Lake Road. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that the homeowner has been issued a violation and is scheduled to appear in Court tomorrow night. The Code Enforcement Officer also informed the Town Board of a garbage complaint on Hessinger Lare Road. Kevin reports that he stopped and spoke with the homeowner and gave him 30 days to clean it up.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comment

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Business items

The bids for the Stone & Asphalt were opened and read aloud. After review by the Highway Superintendent the bids will be awarded at the May 10, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting.

The Bids for the Sand were opened and read aloud. The Highway Superintendent will look them over and the bids will be awarded at the May 10, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to award the Mowing Proposal to Sennett Lawn Maintenance, as per the proposal. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Hubert to award the only Hauling Proposal received to Jeff Sanitation for the Spring and Fall Clean-ups. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

RES#3-2021, on a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to set Friday, May 14, 2021 and Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 7:00AM to 6:00PM, as the date and time for the Spring Clean-up and to set Friday, September 17, 2021 and Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 7:00AM to 6:00PM, as the date and time for the Fall Clean-up and to allow the Town Clerk to advertise for both the Spring and Fall Clean-ups. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Highway Superintendent, Kris Scullion will call Jeff Sanitation and let them know the dates. He also noted that the tonnage allotted by the County is the same as last year.

The Supervisor addressed improvements at the Town Park which included a backstop for the Senior Softball League, looking into prices for portable bleachers, the State Approved mulch donated by Gary Myers Excavation, removing the dead tree by the pavilion, painting the information kiosk, repairing the Basketball Court, stackable stone needed by the brook which may be refundable by Soil & Water, a possible parking area, and applying for a Sullivan County Renaissance grant to help to improve the appearance of the Park.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to accept the letter of resignation from Melissa Rakowicz. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Supervisor Bose discussed the proposed Renewable Energy Law and stated the Public Hearing went well, they received public comment at the Public Hearing and after by mail and email which include percentage of acreage, height of panels, agro voltaic, size restrictions, stand-alone off grid, utility size and Ag Assessment eligibility. He noted that the proposed law was a work in progress and when the revised draft of the proposed law is available it will be put on the website.

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The Supervisor read aloud the 239 Review by the County Planning Department in regard to the Proposed Renewable Energy Law. (See Attached)

Public Comment

Public comments included written comments on revised proposed law, NYSERDA working with credit unions, (flyer attached), and the process of the new law adoption after amendments.

The Supervisor read aloud a flyer from the Red Cross about staying safe from a home fire. The flyer will be posted at the Town Hall.

The Supervisor noted that he was approached by a member of a local Fire Company about a law that pertains to False Alarms from Alarm Systems and asked if the Town Board would consider the law.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon