

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2021 at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

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

Absent: Councilman C. Schadt.

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 May 10, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to accept the Monthly Statement of the Supervisor. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the Town Clerk (\$443.49) and Code Enforcement (\$4,905.00) reports as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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

General A Fund	-Vouchers #145-174	\$63,519.53
General B Fund	-Vouchers #17-19	737.75
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #84-93	9,371.28
Hwy DB Fund	-Vouchers #6-8	179,481.49
Water District	-Vouchers #16-17	634.00
Capital Project	-Voucher #1	104,609.19

Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the May Payroll checks #22888 – 22898 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$42,311.24. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve the May Trust & Agency checks #5738 – 5744 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$87,522.15. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Kris Scullion reports that they have been busy changing more pipes, they got a lot of paving done, they have been running the mower every day, and they are working on the dirt roads. Supervisor Bose noted that the Town received some of the money from the State for the CHIPS, Pave NY, and Extreme Winter Recovery. They received about 15% of the 20% that the State had cut in 2020. The Supervisor also noted that they received a check for the 2011 Dodge which was placed on the Absolute Auction & Realty site, in the amount of \$33,000.00. Also discussed was replacing the 2004 International, the time frame in ordering, delivery date of the truck, and the 20 year replacement policy and good maintenance. The Supervisor also noted that he has heard all good remarks on the paving this year. Kris addressed renting the shoulder machine from Fallsburg and he addressed the Sand & Gravel Mining Permit, where he believes we are getting at the end of our limit for mining for the amount of acreage that the permit allows and we should start looking into the process for the reclamation of the land for the DEC. The Supervisor noted that it may be time to sell the property.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Zieres reports that things are still busy, although permits are leveling off, and they have been working on Air BnB's. Kevin noted that the County has adopted the Short Term Residential Rental law and we had received a request from them asking to share the information with the County in regard to residents running Air BnB's. Kevin also asked the Town Board to consider raising the rates for the Short Term Residential Rental permits as residents are not renewing their permits, so it is a lot of work looking them up on line to see if they are still advertising the rentals and sending them a renewal. Between looking them up and the inspections there is a lot of work involved. The Supervisor noted that although the law was designed for residents to be able to make the money from their property the reason the law was passed was more for safety reasons. Kevin believes there are 35-40 in business now that we know of. Kevin added that the garbage issue on Hessinger Lare Road has been addressed by the homeowner and it is all cleaned up and the Town did not have to get involved. Also discussed was the issue on Menges Road where contractors renovated a home without permits which Kevin says they are complying and it is an ongoing situation but he has meet with them.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comments included the Public Hearing for the Renewable Energy Law, and the separate class of foreign cars for the Car Show.

Business items

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to set Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:15PM, as the date and time for a Public Hearing for the proposed Renewable Energy Law and to allow the Town Clerk to advertise the Public Hearing. This is the second hearing to solicit comments on the April version since updated. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:45PM, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Consolidated Funding Application process for public infrastructure, public facilities and/or community planning so the Town can re-apply for the CDBG Application for 2021. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the renewal of the General Liability Policy with NYMIR in the amount of \$48,917.00. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

The Supervisor reminded the Public about the 7th Annual Car Show that is held at the Town Park in Callicoon Center with this year being held on August 1, 2021. He noted that he spoke with the DJ and he is available that day and the Committee will be meeting soon at the Park. The Supervisor asked Kris about the black top on the Basketball Court at the Park which will be looked at when Kevin Esselman is in the area.

The Supervisor read a letter he received from the Jeffersonville Fire Department requesting the Town Board to look into passing a law in regards to Audible Alarm Systems. The letter explains that the alarms are becoming a nuisance and constantly going off which end up being false alarms. They sent an example of a law passed by the Town of Bethel. Councilman Kuebler stated that a Town he worked for had a law for Alarm Systems and it did limit the alarms.

The Supervisor announced possible grants from the State for Small Businesses negatively impacted from COVID. The information is on the website.

Public Comment

Public Comments included the American Recovery Act.

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On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon