

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, July 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, July 12, 2021 at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

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

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk
Christine Olsen, Bookkeeper
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 Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2021, Regular Town Board Meeting. 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 Schadt, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the Town Clerk (\$465.18) and Code Enforcement (\$2,425.00) reports as read. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

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

General A Fund	-Vouchers #175-201	\$6,283.48
General B Fund	-Vouchers #20-22	1,291.62
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #94-104	8,459.40
Hwy DB Fund	-Vouchers #9-10	7,480.49
Water District	-Vouchers #18-19	956.77
Youth Program	-Voucher #1	110.00

Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve the June Payroll checks #22899 – 22912 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$46,674.65. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

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On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the June Trust & Agency checks #5745 – 5754 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$163,118.85. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Kris Scullion was absent so Supervisor Bose reports that he has spoken to Kris several times today due to the heavy rains last night and Kris had also been in touch with the guys today. Supervisor Bose stated that the Town had minor flooding issues on Boband, Esselman, and J. Young Roads and the guys are handling it.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Zieres reports that things are going good, although permits are leveling off and home sales are leveling off. He also reports that the Planning Board has a proposal for a Conditional Use.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comment

Business items

Sheriff Schiff and Undersheriff Chaboty were present to discuss the Marijuana Law, specifically the Dispensaries and Smoking Lounges. Undersheriff Chaboty noted that dispensaries in city areas are a little safer as someone can go to the lounge and take an uber or cab home but around here being a rural area the person would have to drive which makes this an unsafe environment. He also discussed the issue of the Town of Callicoon opting out of the law and if they do it now by the end of the year they can always opt in if they choose and to take a wait and see approach and watch the data and then make a decision. The Supervisor asked about the status on devices determining if someone is impaired. Undersheriff Chaboty stated that to date the State has nothing in place but they are working on a device to test saliva and noted that the THC in marijuana is way up, stating that marijuana is not the marijuana of the 1960's and it is a lot more powerful. Undersheriff Chaboty noted that there are a lot of unknowns with this law and stressed that the Town take a cautious approach in deciding to opt in or out. Sheriff Schiff addressed the new Hope not Handcuffs Program where the County is looking into rehabilitation facilities rather than jail for those with addiction issues.

The Supervisor and the Town Board were happy to announce their nomination for the 2021 Town of Callicoon Senior of the Year Award and presented John Goodfriend (Dependable Transportation) with a plaque for his worthy service that he provides in helping people get to Doctor's visits. Councilman Schadt added that he is very impressed with John Goodfriend, and stated that he is an amazing person and the Public would never know what he does for people.

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The Supervisor reminded the Public about the 7th Annual Car Show that will be held at the Town Park in Callicoon Center, which will be held on August 1, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, and cars must be registered by 12:00PM. He stated that the BBQ competition will be held and signs and flyers are available for residents to post. The Supervisor noted that due to the death of Jim Fullerton, one of the original judges since the start of the Car Show, the Committee added a Special Class for Corvettes to be judged in memory of Jim. Peter Lorenzo has accepted the request to be a judge at the Car Show this year.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve committing \$45,000.00 of the ARPA funds to strengthen the Application for the 2021 CFA Grant Application. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

The Supervisor noted that the Town had tree-trimming done at the Water District Plant by NG Gilbert in exchange for allowing their trucks to park at the Town Barn.

The Supervisor addressed the Renewable Energy Law, he stated that after workshops, two public hearings, looking at other Town's Laws on the subject, hiring a consultant, conferring with the Town Attorney on legal issues, and input from the public the Board feels that the law is a good law. A discussion on the proposed Renewable Energy Law included differentiating between Commercial & Residential Solar, Agri-Voltaics, setting guidelines, glare, noise, and Bonding for a Solar Project. Councilman Schadt compared the Solar Law to the Junk Yard Law, in that no one wants it in their backyard but it is a necessity. Councilman Kuebler thanked the Supervisor for working so closely with Nan Stoltzenberg on the law. Councilman Gaebel thanked all those who made comments on the law and he agreed with Councilman Schadt on the comparison of the law with the Junk Yard Law.

The Supervisor read aloud the 239 Review received from the County in regard to the Renewable Energy Law.

RES#6-2021, on a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the adoption the Resolution of the SEQRA Negative Declaration for the Renewable Energy Law. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes. (See Attached)

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RES#7-2021, on a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the Resolution authorizing the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Callicoon of Local Law No. 1 of 2021 known as The Town of Callicoon Renewable Energy Systems Law.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gaebel – Aye

Councilman Kuebler – Aye

Supervisor Bose – Aye

Councilman Hubert – Aye

Councilman Schadt – Aye

Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

The Supervisor noted that since the change of the street lights to LED lights it has saved the Town approximately \$1,800.00 in the first full year and the Town has not received one complaint.

Public Comment

Public comments included how nice the flags look in Youngsville.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon