

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023

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, February 13, 2023 at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

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

Absent: Councilman C. Schadt

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk

Christine Olsen, Bookkeeper

Kris Scullion, Code Enforcement Officer

Mike Haff, Highway Superintendent

Marvin Newberg, Town Attorney

Audience: As Attached.

Supervisor Bose called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. He asked the public to join in a moment of silence for George Fulton who passed away last week.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the Town Clerk (\$1,463.32) and Code Enforcement (\$1,075.00) reports as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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

General A Fund	-Vouchers #33-66	\$17,857.27
General B Fund	-Vouchers #6-7	425.14
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #21-31	37,719.19
Hwy DB Fund	-Vouchers #4	1,282.00
Water District	-Vouchers #6	33.00

Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the January Payroll checks #23179 – 23191 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$52,347.76. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the January Trust & Agency checks #5908-5913 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$1,342,432.99. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Mike Haff reports that according to the Highway Expenditures they will be sealing 6 ½ miles and paving 2.5 miles. They discussed the estimate from Diamond Door to maintain the doors at the highway garage. In the last power outage the surge burnt the control for the furnace. P&N Alarm updated the Fire Alarm System so we no longer are dependent on the landline. The Supervisor noted that the two new trucks have been delivered to the dealers and we are waiting on equipment to be installed before taking delivery.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kris Scullion reports that we are down on new permits, but there is still a lot of work going on and there is a lot of inspections. Kris states that he has looked at a few buildings in disrepair and will be contacting the homeowners. There is nothing to report on the Callicoon Center Fire Department property but Kris will contact the owner and a representative from the Fire Department of the status and in March we can set a date for a hearing.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comment

Business items

Colin Kavleski a Boy Scout from Troop 106 was here to present to the Town Board his Eagle Scout project which included Installing split rail fence, an Information Board, and Installing a gate at the entrance to the Town Park. Colin had estimates from Wyde Lumber, Callicoon Supply, and Home Depot. Colin presented the Town Board with pictures of the proposed project. The Town Barn requested Colin to obtain an estimate for materials from Kohler Lumber also.

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On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to allow Colin Kavleski to go forward with the proposed Eagle Project at the Town Park. The funds for the project will come out of the Park Playground Maintenance Fund and the Town will be responsible for future maintenance of the project. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#6-2023, on a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve the Agreement to Expend Highway Funds. (See Attached)

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gaebel – Aye

Councilman Kuebler – Aye

Supervisor Bose – Aye

Councilman Hubert – Aye

Councilman Schadt – Absent

Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#7-2023, on a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to acknowledge that the required examination of the Court Records completed for the year 2022 was conducted and will be forwarded to the State. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the estimate for the floor replacement from Catskill Custom Floors in the amount of \$13,157.49. This was not the low bid due to the warranty offered and the removal of the existing floor and carting it away. The lowest bid was submitted by Pro Jan in the amount of \$13,071.94 Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to table the discussion until the March meeting, to sell the former Gravel Mine property to allow the Town Attorney to look into the procedure and have the Town have an appraisal done. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

The Town Board had a discussion on the Property Tax Exemption for Volunteers Law (RPTL 466-a), the discussion included partial exemption, residence only, renters who are volunteers, applying one time only, the income tax credit, and the time line for the Town to opt in. The Supervisor noted that the legislature is looking into this and the Town Board made no decision at this time.

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The Supervisor addressed the Red Dogs Youth Football interest in using the Town Park fields for football practice. It was decided that the Town Clerk will look at the AYSO schedule from previous years and see if the schedules will coincide. There was also a discussion on the shed that the Red Dogs offered to move to the Town Park for their supplies.

The Supervisor advised the Town Board that the Callicoon Center Band is interested in having their concerts at the Town Park. They would like to move the bandstand to the Town Park as well. No decision was made and the Supervisor will get more information on it.

The Supervisor advised the Public that the Youngsville Fire Department will be having their Pancake Breakfast on February 26, 2023, from 7:00AM – 11:00AM, and the Youngsville Fire Department will be holding their annual Roast Beef Dinner on April 29, 2023.

Public Comment

Public Comments included the Real Property Tax Law for volunteers and putting a reserve on the auction for the land.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon