

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, August 14, 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, August 14, 2023 at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

Supervisor T. Bose, Councilman D. Kuebler (Via Phone), Councilman S. Gaebel, Councilman C. Hubert and Councilman C. Schadt.

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk
Michael Haff, Highway Superintendent
Kris Scullion, Code Enforcement Officer
Audience: As Attached.

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

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to accept the Town Clerk (\$2,631.04) and Code Enforcement (\$2,400.00) 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 #218-243	\$8,443.18
General B Fund	-Vouchers #30-33	534.47
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #98-112	16,163.58
Hwy DB Fund	-Vouchers #14-16	31,080.12
Water District	-Vouchers #20-21	703.35
Youth Program	-Vouchers #9-14	1,824.02

Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

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Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the July Payroll checks #23251 – 23266 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$49,929.42. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the July Trust & Agency checks #5951-5956 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$107,685.60. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Mike Haff reports that they are busy, they have chipped sealed 6 ½ miles of road. They installed a steel culvert pipe on Hardenburg Road with the assistance of Kevin Peters. They finished the Head Wall on one side and they are working on the other side. The Highway Superintendent noted that the proposals for the Rollers are in and he has narrowed it down to two. The Volvo which comes with a 1 year/2000 hour warranty in the amount of \$154,150.00 and the Cat which comes with a Premium Extended 7 year/5000 hours Warranty in the amount of \$162,500.00. The Cat Roller proposal includes parts availability and a loaner machine free of charge if the machine has to go in for repairs. Mike noted that both proposals are State Bid prices but the trade in for the 1997 Ingersoll-Rand is \$18,000.00, where the trade in price through Volvo is \$12,500.00. Mike recommends that the Town go with the Cat Roller. Councilman Schadt asked Mike if the roller is for dirt roads only.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Hubert to allow the Highway Superintendent to purchase the Cat Roller as per the proposal in the amount of \$162,500.00. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

The Hearing for the purpose of the unsafe building at 1678 Gulf Road was opened to hear from the owner of their intention with the property. Code Enforcement Officer, Kris Scullion gave a history on the situation. Originally the violation was issued to June Donohue but after a title search the Town found that the property was deeded to the Callicoon Center Fire Department. The violation was then served on the Callicoon Center Fire Department. The Fire Department was going to sign over the property to the original owner as an agent for the property owner was interested in repairing the building but to date there has been no contact or no initiation of a closing on the property. The Callicoon Center Fire Department is aware of the situation but have no interest in the property. Peter Lorenzo, a member of the Callicoon Center Fire Department stated that the Fire Department is in the process of soliciting bids to remove the structure. The Town Board did not take any action and asked Peter if the Fire Department can let the Town know when they make a decision on removing the structure. The Town Board closed the hearing.

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Code Enforcement Officer, Kris Scullion reports that there is three new applications for new houses in the Town.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comment

Business items

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to accept the bid in the amount of \$129,000.00 for the property (Gravel Mine Property, SBL#23.-1-7.2) which was sold on the AAR Auction Site. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to accept the bids for the Sale of Surplus Equipment which were listed on the AAR Auction Site which included the 2014 Ford Truck with a plow in the amount of \$8,000.00, the Ingersoll Roller in the amount of \$18,600.00, and the bid for four Tires in the amount of \$25.00. Motion passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the Resignation Letter from David Kuebler for the position of Deputy Supervisor. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Supervisor Bose immediately appointed Councilman Gaebel to the position of Deputy Supervisor.

The Supervisor advised the public that the Car Show had 113 Registered Exhibitors. Although all the bills are not in, the car show brought in \$4,251.00. He noted that the money is raised for the Youth Group and two new rides are being installed and hopefully the money will go to another piece of playground equipment.

The Supervisor reminded the public that the Fall Clean Up will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, and Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The Shred Day, co-hosted by the Town of Callicoon and Jeff Bank will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9:30am to 12:00pm. The Supervisor stressed that there will be absolutely “No Dumping on Sunday, September 24, 2023.”

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Youth Program with the Town of Callicoon, The Village of Jeffersonville, and the Sullivan West Central School District. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

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On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the Court Clerk to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the renewal of the MVP Health Insurance with Mike Pries Insurance, Inc. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to approve the proposal by Brett Erdman Construction in the amount of \$5,980.00, for the roof structure over the tanks at the Town Barn. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Public Comment

Public Comments included positive comments received on the Car Show. Councilman Schadt suggested that we have the area at the Town Park around the new split rail fence that was built brush hogged.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a discussion on litigation. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to go forward with the appeal of the Judge's decision granting a full property tax exemption on the property located at SBL#13.-1-6. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon