

Town of Callicoon  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
Monday, October 9, 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, October 9, 2023, at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

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

Absent: Councilman S. Gaebel.

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk

Kris Scullion, 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.

Councilman Kuebler addressed the Town Board and the public and stated that today is his last day as Councilman for the Town of Callicoon. He added that he has worked for the Town for 31 years in various positions, starting with the Zoning Board for 15 years and then he was appointed to the Town Board in 2007. Dave thanked the former Supervisors, Rodney Gaebel and Gregg Semenetz, he also thanked Joe Anne Baker, the former Bookkeeper and Bonnie Hubert, the former Assessor, and the Town Boards, past and present and the staff as he always did when he was in the office. He also thanked the Supervisor Tom Bose, noting that he is a good leader.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Hubert to appoint Annette Rasmussen to fill the vacated Councilman seat of David Kuebler to begin immediately. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Supervisor Bose thanked Councilman Kuebler for his service he has given to the Town including the years in the Town and the years as a Youngsville Fire Department starting in 1980 when they joined the Fire Department together. Supervisor Bose then introduced Annette Rasmussen to the public and noted that due to timing issues to decline the endorsement, Annette will appear on the Republican line and David Kuebler will appear on the Conservative line, however David Kuebler will not be running.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilperson Rasmussen to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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On a motion by Councilperson Rasmussen, seconded by Councilman Hubert to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2023, Special Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilperson Rasmussen to accept the Town Clerk (\$5,420.71) and Code Enforcement (\$4,425.00) reports as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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

General A Fund	-Vouchers #274-303	\$177,803.25
General B Fund	-Vouchers #38-40	413.14
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #125-134	17,011.20
Hwy DB Fund	-Vouchers #22-25	14,238.52
Water District	-Vouchers #28-30	1,155.69
Youth Program	-Vouchers #17-19	563.05

Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

### **Warrants**

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilperson Rasmussen to approve the September Payroll checks #23276 – 23284 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$40,416.84. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the September Trust & Agency checks #5966-5970 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$367,254.26. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

### **REPORTS**

Highway Superintendent, Mike Haff was absent so Supervisor Bose reports that they did not go over the allotted amount for the Fall Clean Up and that the Shred Day cohosted with Jeff Bank went well and there was some dumping on Sunday but not too bad. We will stress it again next year. Also reported is the highway department is doing additional paving due to the sale of the Gravel Mine property that was sold by auction and the Town Board added \$100,000.00 of the proceeds of the sale to the paving line. Supervisor Bose thanked Town Attorney, Marvin Newberg for handling the closing for the sale of the property. Supervisor Bose added that we have a new employee, Ron Lennon starting tomorrow, there is still one HMEO position available, and we have one out on disability.

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Code Enforcement Officer, Kris Scullion reports that there were two new homes started last month and two new homes started this month. He reports that there are a lot of different permits in different phases. The Supervisor asked about the situation in Youngsville and the Code Enforcement Officer stated that he is waiting for plans from Tom Ward Engineering and added that they put in bigger holding tanks and dry wells.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Public Comments included the Unsafe Structure in Callicoon Center. It was decided to address it during the business items as it is an agenda item.

### **Business items**

Supervisor Bose noted that Dr. Bressler the SWCSD Superintendent will not be present as this agenda item was a mistake. It was carried over from last year's agenda.

On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to set Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:15pm, as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

The next agenda item "Update on Fall Clean Up" was discussed in the Highway Superintendent Report.

The Supervisor reminded the public that the Town Clerk's Office will be open late on Friday, November 17, 2023, till 6:00pm, for the purpose of selling hunting licenses.

On a motion by Councilperson Rasmussen, seconded by Councilman Hubert to allow the Town Clerk to place a "No Parking on any Town Highway from November 1, 2023 – April 1, 2024 ad" in the Democrat. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Michael Donahue was present representing June Donahue, the property owner at 1678 Gulf Road, and his grandfather, (XXXMr. Krantz???) who originally owned the property. Mr. Donahue pleaded with the Town Board not to tear down the building known as the Old Fire House on the property and expressed his opinion that the building was secure. Supervisor Bose then added that the building was deemed unsafe over a year ago by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Town found out that there was a title issue with the deed. The property was deeded to the Callicoon Center Fire Department, but the deed mentioned if the Fire Department did not use or want the property it would be deeded back to the original owner. The paperwork to have the property deeded back to the original owner has not been completed.

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On a motion by Councilman Hubert, seconded by Councilman Schadt to adjourn the hearing for the property owner at 1678 Gulf Road to November 13, 2023 @ 7:30pm during the Regular Town Board Meeting as an agenda item, regarding the Unsafe Building located at 1678 Gulf Road.

Supervisor Bose recognized Legislator George Conklin who was present at the meeting and thanked him for his continued representation.

The Supervisor addressed the following important dates:

- 1.) October 14, 2023 – Kenoza Lake Fire Department Annual Roast Beef Dinner
- 2.) October 21, 2023 – Jeff Fire Department Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Dance
- 3.) November 7, 2023 – Election Day
- 4.) October 28 - November 5 – Early Voting

Supervisor Bose read aloud a letter from the New York State Town Clerk's Association congratulating the Town Clerk - Kim Klein, on her Registered Municipal Clerk Certification.

Supervisor Bose added that he has been contacted by the Lake Jeff Preservation Association representing the homeowners around the Lake looking for a letter of support, Barbara & Kevin Gref, owners of the Dam, and American Rivers representing the Gref's looking for a letter of support to apply for funding. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered that the Dam be removed or totally replaced. The Supervisor read a resolution from the Village of Jeffersonville. The Board discussed the letters of support and felt that since the dam lies within the Village of Jeffersonville, the Town Board suggests that removing the dam would be the best method of protecting the safety of the public. Hopefully the dam can be replaced in the future.

### **Public Comment**

Public Comment included an introduction of Cat Scott, a candidate running for legislator, and a suggestion of sending a letter of support for Lake Jeff but take the position of public safety.

On a motion by Councilperson Rasmussen, seconded by Councilman Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein  
Town Clerk  
Town of Callicoon