

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday January 10th, 2023 at 7:00_{pm} in the Boardroom at Havana Glen

Present: David Scott – Supervisor
Donna Taber – Councilperson
Robert Simpson – Councilperson
Breana Yessman – Councilperson
Dana Bailey – Highway Superintendent
Rick Carroll – Building Inspector III
Gloria Stigers – Town Clerk

Absent: None

Others: Kirk Smith, Emergency Management Officer

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Scott invited everyone present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00_{pm}

Resolution #01

READING OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilperson Taber, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from December 13th, 2022 meeting and the minutes from December 27th, 2022 Year-end Meeting be accepted as read

Resolution #02

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Supervisor Scott, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the bills from Abstract #001 be paid in the following manner, after proper audit

- General: \$4,315.⁴⁷
- Highway: \$7,796.⁸⁸
- Trust & Agency: \$662.⁴¹

Guest: Kirk Smith, Emergency Management Officer, spoke to the Board about the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. He and Superintendent Bailey worked on this together and came up with two projects that we could essentially apply for, if needed. The first being a generator for the Town Barns and the second being the bridge on Winton Road. If we applied for either of these, the Town would pay 25% and FEMA funds would pay 75%.

Report of Town Officials and Committee Members:

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Bailey informed the Board that the Western Star #8 needed an EGR cooling unit. It is still under warranty, so the Town only paid for the tow, the warrant covered the rest which was \$5,759 worth of work. The new Western Star has a start build date in the third quarter, with the potential of being able to see it in October. Superintendent Bailey followed up on Ed Besley's request to contact Jim Gee for the tree that he had inquired about at the December 13th meeting. After going to Mr. Besley's place and looking at the tree and speaking with him, Jim decided it wasn't a job he would be interested in doing. Superintendent Bailey says that his contact Andy is still going to look at it in the Spring, and if he can't/won't do it either, he knows the name of someone else who might.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Scott had his report for December 2022 ready for the Board to look over

JUSTICE: Judge Spaccio sent over his reports for December 2022

TOWN CLERK: Gloria submitted her report for December 2022

BUILDING INSPECTOR III: Rick submitted his report for December 2022. He informed the Board that in 2022 he issued a total of 34 permits, where in 2021 there was only 16 permits issued. Rick and Gloria informed the

Board of three different Building and Code programs that they watched demos on throughout the month. The first was through Williamson Law Book, the second was GoGov, and the third was iWorQ. iWorQ was the most user friendly and easiest to access and only came in a few hundred over the cloud-based program through WLB.

Resolution #03

ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ

On motion of Supervisor Scott, seconded by Councilperson Yessman, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Montour enter into an annual service agreement with iWorQ Permit Management and Code Enforcement Software

LANDFILL: Nothing to report

PLANNING BOARD: Sherry submitted her minutes for December 2022. The Board discussed suggestions for Zoning regarding living situations for campers.

Communications: Received 4th Quarter Empire Franchise Fee of \$866.⁸⁴ and Mortgage Tax of \$13,648.⁶⁶

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Scott informed the Board that he has done some research into other Solar Farms that have been done and how much the Municipality had gotten per megawatt. Gloria updated the Board on their answered questions regarding the Toshiba Copier.

Resolution #04

SOLAR FARM HOST AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilperson Yessman, seconded by Supervisor Scott, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board establishes the impact fee provided for pursuant to section 154-12(B)(1) of the Town Code for the Tier 3 solar energy system approved for Above the Grid Solar LLC at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per megawatt

Resolution #05

TOSHIBA COPIER AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilperson Yessman, seconded by Supervisor Scott, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that Clerk Gloria be permitted to enter into an annual maintenance Agreement and purchase of the Toshiba copier

New Business: The Board discussed the Schuyler County Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Soil & Water District Resolution, and informed Councilperson Simpson and Councilperson Yessman that they will be up for re-election this year. Councilperson Simpson and Councilperson Yessman both agreed that they will run again, as well as, Superintendent Bailey.

Resolution #06

SCHUYLER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021-2026

On motion of Supervisor Scott, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MONTOUR ADOPTING THE SCHUYLER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021-2026

WHEREAS the Town of Montour recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Montour; and

WHEREAS the Town of Montour has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021-2026 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021-2026 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Montour from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Montour Board demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Schuyler County Mitigation Plan 2021-2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MONTOUR, NY THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with the local rule for adopting resolutions, the Town of Montour adopts the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021-2026. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Resolution #07

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NYS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

On motion of Supervisor Scott, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District has been serving our region for more than 80 years and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are set up in a manner to best meet the dynamic needs of their individual region and to have their board of directors' representative of those dynamics and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are leaders of climate resiliency, soil health, nutrient, sediment, and pathogen reduction to help protect preserve and enhance our pristine water quality and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts work on a watershed basis with all of their programs, and projects to address issues across municipal boundaries focusing on the watershed needs and goals and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been the backbone of flood resiliency and flood attenuation and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are the proven capable group to implement the multi-barrier approach needed to on the ground cost effective conservation to combat climate resiliency, and improve soil health by bringing together municipalities, private businesses, private landowners, private homeowners, and the agricultural community and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are non-regulatory, non-discriminatory and reach all constituents represented in a geographic area because of their makeup and,

Whereas, the proposed changes to New York State Soil and Water Conservation District law will affect funding, functionality and effectiveness of Soil and Water Conservation District leading to less necessary on the ground cost effective conservation risking water quality, habitat, wildlife, and billions of dollars of private and public infrastructure and,

Whereas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are seen as one of the most efficient effective public agencies state wide and across party lines due to the unique manner in which they were set up and should be a model for all public agencies, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the New York State Senate, Assembly, and Governor oppose the proposed changes to New York State Soil and Water Conservation District Law.

Havana Glen: Down \$2,007.⁶⁷ from 2022. The Board discussed the Park Manager position for the 2023 season.

Resolution #08

PARK MANAGER

On motion of Councilperson Simpson, seconded by Councilperson Taber, the following resolution was

Adopted: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

RESOLVED that the Town contract with Carol Schumacher as Park Manager for the 2023 season

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 14th, 2023 at 7:00_{pm}

Adjourn: On motion of Supervisor Scott, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the meeting be adjourned at 8:36_{pm}

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Gloria Stigers, Town Clerk