

Town Board Meeting Minutes – 4/10/2025

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Mowers at 6:30 pm.

Board members present: Renee Coonradt, Nora Cool-Guinup and Colleen Walrath, Kim Sherwood, Lyle Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Supervisor Mowers requested a motion be made to accept the minutes of the last board meeting and the planning/zoning minutes:

MOTION to accept the meeting minutes was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup- ayes all

MOTION to accept the planning/zoning board minutes was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Kim Sherwood - ayes all

Following a brief discussion, Supervisor Mowers requested a motion be made to appoint Paul D’Arcangelis to the Board of Assessment Review. Motion was made by Kim Sherwood - seconded by Colleen Walrath – ayes all. This information will be forwarded to Robin Shoen.

Amber Kraszewski, Village of Dolgeville, was present to discuss the Dolgeville Watershed tax assessment. The village is seeking a reduction in the overall assessment, stating they feel it is too high and they are paying too much. Following a discussion and question/answer period, Supervisor Mowers informed her that at this time there was nothing we could do for them, saying if we did for one we would have to do for all and he is here to represent this town.

Codes Officer, Barry Vickers, presented the town with 2 Condemned property orders and 5 Notice of Violation orders to review. It was discussed that Rowleys were in court last month and Judge Stone gave them one month to clean up, then fines will be issued.

Last month a Supplementary Regulation regarding manufactured mobile homes including tiny homes was presented, the town would like to adopt the regulation stating “ mobile homes should be 20 years or newer “. Currently our law states 1976 or newer. A resolution was presented and voted on with ayes all. This resolution replaces Article VI, Section 6.8 H in the current Codes / Zoning Booklet.

Once again the issue of Air BNBs, VRBO, and STRs was brought up. Nora has been researching various towns and their regulations. Supervisor Mowers suggested perhaps a workshop on the matter may be beneficial, with Nora in charge. Once again the board needs to look into these regulations and make these houses safe and the owners accountable.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Lyle Jenkins

Truck #6 (2014) needs an engine overall. This will cost around \$30,000 to rebuild but Lyle feels this would be worth putting the money into. An estimate was presented from Dimmick Peterbuilt in Utica for \$30,437.40, this was the only written estimate presented. A MOTION was made to have the truck repaired by Colleen Walrath – seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup, ayes all. Supervisor Mowers stated that the money be taken from the equipment fund and suggested we get it in ASAP.

Lyle said the men have been busy painting and doing overall spring maintenance on the town trucks. He also said that a 2005 battery charger shorted out / caught fire, therefore we should have the electric outlet / breaker box checked out.

Stoney Brook project: Lyle has been working with Christine who is trying to get a grant for the work. The state has accepted the proposal from the engineer, with 3 years to complete the work. Lyle is planning on using roadside rocks, to keep our expense down.

Supervisor Mowers informed the board that the last payments for the salt shed were made:

Keller - \$154,970.81

GPI - \$34,298.89

For a total cost of 1,264,320.00

He also informed the board that he purchased a CD with the towns money for a higher interest yield, over leaving the money in a savings account.

Brief discussion on a new regulation that the town will need a new .gov web site by the years end.

MOTION to accept the Supervisors report was made by Renee Coonradt – seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup – ayes all.

MOTION to accept the Town Clerks report was made by Nora Cool-Guinup - seconded by Colleen Walrath – ayes all.

MOTION to pay the audit of bills as follows:

HIGHWAY	Vouchers 70-99	\$46,525.09
GENERAL	Vouchers 36-49	\$195,372.34
LIGHT DISTRICTS	Voucher 4	\$931.97
PAYROLL AS PRESENTED		

MOTION to accept Kim Sherwood - seconded by Colleen Walrath - ayes all.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by Renee Coonradt – seconded by Colleen Walrath.

Jeanne Cool
Town Clerk
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