

## **Town Board Meeting Minutes – 3/13/2025**

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 pointed out a correction in the Febuary minutes: The road in question by Mr. Moore, Mexico Road, is a minimal maintenance road, not an abandoned road. Following this correction he addressed the board to accept the corrected town board meeting minutes of 2/13/2025.

MOTION to accept was made by Colleen Walrath - 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

Supervisor Mowers informed the board that on 3/12 he paid off the 1,000,000 bond. Each board member had a copy of the check in their folder for 1,023,611.11. This was done by using:

Equipment fund money – 272,100.26

FEMA funds – 682,344.69

Capital funds – 69,166.16

This now sets the Capital funds account to 0, so this account was closed out.

He had a meeting with Keller and they have settled on 58,000, so their final payment should be around 230,000.

The Town Clerk, Jeanne Cool, requested to attend a conference in Syracuse. This conference has a First Time Attendee course for new clerks she feels it could be beneficial. The cost of the conference is \$984.00 for the conference and hotel stay. Clerk Cool stated that the board had set aside \$2000, for Mr. Bilinski to come and help her out and that money has not been spent so perhaps we could use some of that. Motion was made to allow her to attend the conference by Colleen Walrath - seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup – ayes all.

Codes Officer, Barry Vickers, had presented John with Supplementary Regulations regarding manufactured mobile homes including tiny homes. Mr Vickers would like to adopt the regulation stating “ mobile homes should be 20 years or newer “. Currently our law states 1976 or newer. After discussion, a Motion was made to accept by Nora Cool-Guinup – seconded by Renee Coonradt – ayes all.

Following this discussion, once again the issue of Air BNBs, VRBO, and short term rentals was brought up. Supervisor Mowers stated that the Governor is making the state register these houses. A law set to pass 3/25/25 states that all STR have to pay sales tax 4 times a year to the county. Inspections will have to be done yearly to include fire safety, egress, carbon monoxide testing, water testing and sewer testing. All regulations, however, are kicked back to the local level, by the local government. Once again the board needs to look into these regulations and make these houses safe. Supervisor Mowers stated he would look into these regulations with other townships, but the board

should get started on these issues. He appointed Nora Cool-Guinup to see what information she could come up with in regards to restrictions and regulations.

A pamphlet was presented to the board members regarding Elected or Appointed Highway Superintendents and Town Clerks. The sheets were reviewed and discussed, no changes were made at this time. This may be something the board will have to deal with in the future.

A letter was presented to the board from Attorney Rossi regarding Caruso vs Town of Salisbury (Whitestone Academy). Discussion on the parcel was made, reduction on the assessment of the property was settled at 400,000, This cannot be reassessed for 3 years.

**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 this truck and would like to get this done within the next couple of months. Supervisor Mowers requested that he get a couple written estimates for the work and present them at the next board meeting, at that time the board could decide what to do.

Two of the overhead garage doors on the town barn are in need of repair / replacement. These doors generally run around \$15,000 a door. Lyle will look into repair / replacement and get written estimates.

Supervisor Mowers questioned the high payroll, including 24 hours overtime for a part time employee, Lyle stated this was his error. It was mentioned that part time employees should not get sick time.

Supervisor Mowers also stated that he met with the union representative regarding part time employees wanting to join. In the 2019 contract with the union it was stated for full time employees only, however, in the new contract this was omitted, the union representative takes responsibility for that error and agreed that the union is for full time employees. The highway department at this time has 4 full time employees.

Stoney Brook project: The state has accepted the proposal from the engineer, with 3 years to complete the work. Lyle is going to look into estimates for stone, renting an excavator, or perhaps even having someone do the job.

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 Renee Coonradt - seconded by Colleen Walrath - ayes all.

MOTION to pay the audit of bills as follows:

HIGHWAY	Vouchers 44-69	\$51764.59
GENERAL	Vouchers 27-35	\$7257.55
LIGHT DISTRICTS	Voucher 3	\$955.75

PAYROLL AS PRESENTED

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

MOTION to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by Colleen Walrath - seconded by Renee Coonradt ayes all.

Jeanne Cool  
Town Clerk  
3/13/2025