



Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Board Members: Jeffrey Horton, John Tschantre, Michael Austin, James Drumm, Glenn Vogel. Bookkeeper Wendy Oman, Highway Superintendent Thomas Austin, and Town Clerk, Michelle Seeley

Guests

David Baker, Wayne Cosier, Linda Baird

1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance . All Board members were present.

a. Prior Minutes

Minutes:

A motion by Michael Austin to accept the minutes form 10/10/2023 regular meeting and Special Meeting 10/23/2023 was seconded by John Tschantre. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

2. Local Law 4 of 2023 Battery Moratorium- Public Hearing

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton opened the public hearing on Proposed Local Law 4 of 2023 a "LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS REQUIRING BATTERY STORAGE TO OPERATE", at 7:01 PM. He read the proposed law and opened the floor for questions, and reminded the audience to keep comments to three minutes.

Mr. David Baker asked why the Town needed special regulation on this issue. He is under the impression that the State and National permitting process controls battery storage? Are you afraid that they will just start popping up everywhere? Supervisor Horton explained that the State only steps in on projects over 25,000 MW or more, Town Law regulates anything less than that. The Town had several Public Hearings on the Solar project and Battery Storage where the residents made it clear that they were not in favor of any kind of Battery Storage. We do not at this time have the training for fire suppression or management . To the question of whether battery storage projects were popping up, Supervisor Horton stated that there are several underway. Mr. Baker asked if a building permit would need to be issued for a Battery Storage project, and then asked

what the difference between that and a salvage yard is. Supervisor Horton explained that there is already a section in the Zoning Law pertaining to a salvage yard. There is no section in the law about battery storage. Mr. Baker then asked, if there is no section in the law then a person cannot get a permit? Supervisor Horton explained that if there is no section in the Law then it is not zoned out, which is why the Town is implementing the Law. Mr. Baker questioned whether as a potential home owner in Campbell if this would prohibit him from having solar on his barn for personal use, or from keeping a "few" 100 amp batteries to run his lights would be prohibited. Supervisor Horton explained that this law is for commercial Battery Storage projects, not the small personal use batteries. Several people in town already have solar on their homes. Supervisor Horton called the Public Hearing Closed at 7:05 P.M.

a. Local Law 4 of 2023

Minutes:

A motion to adopt Local Law 4 of 2023 was made by James Drumm and seconded by Glenn Vogel. The Law was adopted by Roll Call Vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

3. Reports

a. HWY / Water Report

Minutes:

The Highway Department has been cleaning up trees near Town Roads. There are several trees that are dead and need to be cleaned up. Park update: The Fence is up but it is not secured, the tennis is not up and the basketball hoop base is not installed. There has been no invoices submitted. The bathroom and the garbage situation has been resolved, with the company leaving the Handicap bathroom in the park, year around. This is putting the project behind and the coating of the court will have to be in Spring.

The Grant ends 12/17/2023- Wendy received an email offering the chance to extend the Grant period. Wendy Will ask for the extension, with Tom submitting a synopsis of the remaining work.

Water Update: 1 new hookup 11/03/2023 The expansion to Brian Smith's property is completed, the line has been filled and flushed, waiting on the final approval from DOH. Bags will stay on fire hydrants until both lines are ready. There is not enough pressure for fire until this happens.

b. Bookkeeper Report

Minutes:

A motion to approve the Bookkeepers report and transfers was made by Michael Austin, and seconded by John Tschantre. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Codes

d. Dog Control

e. Assessors Report

f. Supervisor Report

g. Town Clerk Report

4. Old Business

a. Preliminary Budget to Adopted 2024 Budget

Minutes:

Wendy Oman went over the changes to the 2024 budget, with the final budgets from the fire departments turned in, and the adjustment to the 1 board members pay. A motion by Michael Austin and seconded by Glenn Vogel to make the 2024 Preliminary Budget the 2024 Adopted budget, by roll call vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

5. New Business

a. Resolution # 6 Change Orders Water Project

Minutes:

RESOLUTION #6of 2023 TO CREATE A FORCE ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN'S EMPLOYEES TO BILL TIME-RELATED TO WORK PERFORMED ON THE TOWN OF CAMPBELL'S WATER EXTENSION PROJECT. Introduced by Michael Austin and Seconded by John Tschantre: WHEREAS, the Town of Campbell Public Works Water Department employee Thomas Austin has been authorized to provide services related to the ongoing Town of Campbell's Water Extension Project ("Water Project") beyond his ordinary Town Public Works activities and duties, and WHEREAS, such activities include but are not necessarily limited to, construction oversight, inspection, locating utilities and project field revisions related to the Water Project, and Whereas, the Town of Campbell's Bookkeeper Wendy Oman has been authorized to provide services related to the ongoing Town of Campbell's Water Extension Project ("Water Project") beyond her ordinary Town activities and duties, and WHEREAS, such activities include, but or not necessarily limited to, paperwork, administration and project leadership related to the Water Project, and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is estimated that Tom Austin's responsibilities will require approximately 485 hours and his time will be charged at the rate of \$25.00 including overhead per hour for the Water Project-associated activities. FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is estimated that Wendy Oman's responsibilities will require approximately 813 hours and her time will be charged at a rate of \$22.00 including over head paid per hour for the Water Project-associated activities.

By Roll Call Vote:

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

b. Water Re-levy 2024

Minutes:

A Resolution #7-2023to submit the 2023 water re-levy to Steuben County for water bills that are at in arrears of \$150.00 or more as of November 24, 2023, A copy of the final list will be submitted to Steuben County by November 27, 2023. Was offered by Michael Austin, and

seconded by James Drumm.

Adopted by Roll call vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Change Orders

Minutes:

3 change orders were read by Jeffrey Horton regarding the Water Extension Project. A change order #1 for Contract #1 was read by Jeffrey Horton regarding the Water Extension Project. This change order is for \$171,858.00. This cost arises from the Main Street Railroad Crossing change of scope for installation of 18" steel casing and 12" steel casing. Also a change of scope to the Cheese factory service. Change order #1 of Contract #2 is for \$19,540.00. This cost arises from the cost of the NYSEG pole at the existing well site and conduit for the new depth sensor and overhead wire installation with a credit given for the original quote of the CMU Block used at well house. Change order #2 of Contract #2 is for \$173,362.50. This change order is to engage Moody Water Supply Services as a sub-contractor of Vacri Construction for all work associated at the Well and Control Building as per the scope of work. All change orders were discussed and a motion to approve all 3 changes was made by Glenn Vogel and seconded by James Drumm. Adopted by Roll call vote Vote results: 5 Ayes/0 Nays Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

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Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

6. Public Comment

7. Announcements

8. Voucher Audit

Minutes:

FUND Voucher Number Total A-General 305-323 &325-332 \$28,852.50 SL- Street Lighting 324 \$ 803.58 DA- Highway 169-180 \$ 37,049.94 SW1- Water District 1 56-60 \$ 1,005.86 SW2- Water District 2 23-24 \$ 77.90 SW-3 Water District 3 25-27 \$ 1,401.39 SW4- Water District 4 \$ H-3 Capital Projects 48 \$ 60,423.98 FD1- Fire District 1 \$ FD2- Fire District 2 \$ TA- Trust and Agency 12 \$ 205.00
TOTAL \$ 129,820.15

9. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre at 7:50 pm

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0