



# Town Board Meeting

## Minutes

**Monday, February 12, 2024 at 10:00 am**

Attendees: Board Members: Jeffrey Horton, John Tschantre, Michael Austin, Norman Maynard, Highway Superintendent Thomas Austin, and Town Clerk, Michelle Seeley

### Guests

David Smith, Joseph Seeley, Wayne Cosier, Ernie Newman, Lyle Koperczack, Denise Thompson, Linda Baird

#### 1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

##### Minutes:

Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk took Roll call Glenn Vogel was absent.

#### 2. Prior Minutes

##### Minutes:

A motion by Norman Maynard to adopt the Draft minutes from January 8, 2024, was seconded by Michael Austin, Adopted.

##### Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

##### a. January 8, 2024 Draft Minutes

#### 3. Reports

##### a. HWY / Water Report

##### Minutes:

Thomas Austin discussed the planned road construction projects for 2024. The projects will be finalized in March when he gets the projected CHIPS allotment in March. Thomas Austin requested a motion to allow him to put in a purchase offer for a replacement truck that will continue the rollover program for the Highway vehicles. The new truck will replace the 2021, Chevy 2500 4-wheel drive pick-up truck and plow that is currently being used by the highway. The Replacement pick-up will be a 2025, Chevy 2500 4-wheel drive from Basil Chevrolet costing \$58,891.41, the plow will come from Finger lakes Supply Co. and will cost \$8,500. Michael Austin asked how much could the Town expect to get out of the 2021 Chevy? How many miles are on the 2021 Chevy? What is the projected mileage for the 2021 pick-up if the Town waits another year before trading it in? When would a vote be needed to approve the purchase? His concern is that he wants to balance the community

and Town needs. Norman Maynard Asked if there were an Issue about waiting to purchase the truck. Thomas Austin stated that the Town would know more about how much it could expect to sell the 2021 Pick-up for once it was closer to the date. The truck would be placed on Auctions International. There are approximately 22,000 miles on the pick-up now and would likely be an additional 10-12k more if we waited another year. There is money put aside each year in the budget for rolling over equipment. If the Town waits they may have to push back the build to 2026. Michael Austin asked if CHIPs Money could be used to help purchase new highway equipment? Thomas Austin stated that CHIPs funds cannot be used for the purchase of highway vehicles. A motion to purchase a 2025 Chevy 2500 4 Wheel Drive pick-up with Plow was made by Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre.

Adopted by Roll Call Vote - 1 Absent

Water Updates: There have been several hook ups to the new water district, more expected when the weather allows.

Denice Thompson thanked Thomas Austin for coming out on his day off during the Christmas Season to help with the hook up of three water services.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**b. Bookkeeper Report**

**Minutes:**

A motion to accept the Bookkeepers Report for February 2024 was made by Norman Maynard, and seconded by Michael Austin- Adopted

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**c. Codes**

**d. Dog Control**

**e. Assessors Report**

**f. Supervisor Report**

**g. Town Clerk Report**

**4. Old Business**

**a. Sign**

**Minutes:**

A sandwich Board type sign has been found for the Town to use to announce meetings and information. The Sign will be purchased from Amazon for around \$700.00.

**5. New Business**

**a. Building Permit Fees**

**Minutes:**

There is a \$25 fee that is added to every building permit. This fee is assessed on top of all fees, as an example a \$75 roofing fee would cost \$100. This has been in effect for a long time, the board does not see where the additional fee is necessary. Discussion was had regarding dropping the fee and if the building permit fees should just be raised to include the additional amount. The Clerk mentioned that the Towns Building permit fees are already a bit higher than other Towns charge. A motion to drop the additional fee was made by

Michael Austin and seconded by Norman Maynard. Adopted by Roll Call vote 1 absent

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**b. Board of Assessment review Appointment**

**Minutes:**

Two letters of interest were received for the open Board of Assessment Review seat.

Pamela Drumm who has been on the Board for 5 years would like to resume her position.

Anthony Creaton would like to assume the seat. Discussion was had by the Board and a motion to reappoint Pamela Drumm for the term of 10/01/2023-09/31/2028 was made by Norman Maynard and seconded by John Tschantre- Adopted by Roll call vote 1 absent

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**6. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

Ernie Newman brought a concern about the change of classification of his property on Main Street from Auto Body to Vacant with Improvements. His concern is that the change in classification will devalue his property, and make it difficult for him to sell the property as commercial. Michael Austin questioned if Ernie had discussed the issue with the Assessor. Mr. Newman stated that he had talked to her and that she said she would look at it, but will not send a letter about her decision. The assessment did not change, but if it is Vacant land with improvements, it should be less. He questioned how it could be reclassified, and wanted to know why it had been changed. He stated that he does auto body in the shop but does not want to park the cars out front because he wants to keep the neighborhood nice. He also stated that the property had never been residential, and had always been a commercial lot. He ask if he needed to put up a sign or what he should do. The Clerk explained that the Zoning and Classification of a property are different. To Change the property from Commercial to Residential there would need to be changes to the Zoning of the Town, which would need to be put before the Planning and Zoning Boards. There would need to be several Public Hearings and a whole process for changing the Zoning Law would need to be followed. Jeffrey Horton told Mr. Newman to come talk to the assessor with pictures to prove that it is being used for Auto Body. The case is open until May 1, 2024 with the State.

Denice Thompson asked what was being done with the house on the corner of Center Street, and the property on 125 that the Land Bank purchased. The County must evict the person living in the home on 125, and the Town can't make the owners of the home on center street tear it down.

John Tschantre took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for coming in on her day off to help with the septic system.

**7. Executive session- Personnel**

**Minutes:**

A motion to enter into Executive session to discuss personnel was made by Michael Austin and seconded by Norman Maynard at 11:22 AM - Adopted 4-0

A motion to return from Executive Session at 11:35 am was made by Michael Austin and

Seconded by John Tschantre - Adopted 4-0

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**8. Announcements**

**9. Voucher Audit**

**Minutes:**

A-General 23-24 & 26-62 \$ 79,233.58 SL- Street Lighting 25& 62 \$ 1868.94 DA- Highway 19-38 \$ 105,940.83 SW1- Water District 1 2-5 & 7 \$ 1,882.35 SW2- Water District 2 2 \$ 32.40 SW-3 Water District 3 2 \$ 232.40 SW-4 1 \$ 404.00 H-3 Capital Projects 1-2 \$ 26,145.43 FD1- Fire District 1 \$ FD2- Fire District 2 \$ TA- Trust and Agency 2 \$ 205.00 TOTAL \$ 215,744.93

**10. Adjournment**

**Minutes:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 Am was made by Jeffrey Horton and seconded by John Tschantre- Adopted

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

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