

**MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING OF August 08, 2022
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 8529 MAIN ST., CAMPBELL, NEW YORK**

PRESENT: Town Board Members: Jeffrey Horton John R. Tschantre; Glenn Vogel, and James F. Drumm, Michael Austin; **Town Clerk:** Michelle L. Seeley; and **Highway Supt:** Thomas A. Austin; **Code Enforcement Officer:** Thomas Hargrave, **Bookkeeper:** Wendy Oman

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Normand Maynard, Denice Thompson, Wayne Cosier, Jordan Frost

Call To Order/Pledge /Roll Call/ Prior Minutes.

Mr. Horton called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the meeting room of the Campbell Town Hall and led the pledge of allegiance. The Town Clerk then took roll call. The minutes of July 11, 2022 and July 26, 2022 were noted.

A motion was offered by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Michael Austin to accept the minutes referenced above as written. Adopted by vote: AYE: 5 NAY: 0

Public Comment

Public comment was moved to the end of the meeting

REPORTS

Monthly Reports Filed.

It was noted that monthly Town Supervisor's Report dated August 1, 2022 was received from Wendy Oman the Town Bookkeeper, a Bookkeepers report was received from Wendy Oman, A Code Enforcement report was received from Thomas Hargraves, A Dog Control report was received from Randy Akins and an Assessors report was received from Holly Smalt, Copies were filed with the Town Clerk, and are available upon request.

Highway Report (Thomas Austin)

Thomas Austin will pick up the new trailer from Stevenson's this week as it is less expensive than having it delivered. The new White Truck has had the tank, headache rack and radio's installed and is working well. The Highway Department has been cleaning ditches and is storing gravel at Watson Homestead for the bridge repairs next year. They have been installing pipe, clearing creeks, and grading.

John Tschantre asked about the progress on the Park in E. Campbell.

Thomas Austin has talked with Christy Paving to come pave the basketball and tennis courts. It will take one day and will cost \$5,200.00 per day. It is less expensive than the Town Highway doing the project. He hopes it will be done this summer by the end of August or first week in September. The fence work can be done in the cooler months, and will take place then.

Water Report (Thomas Austin)

There was another pipe failure in a meter, this is due to the materials used when it was installed. Thomas Austin fixed the issue.

Public Hearing on July 26, 2022

There were approximately 30 residents that came to the meeting on the 26th about the water extension project. Letters went to each of the residents in the proposed district with the public hearing information, and a summary of the meeting. The Board has heard from one resident who has changed his opinion on the project, he does not want to hook-up to water but will encourage his neighbors to do so.

Fire Department Report

Jordon Frost reported on the E. Campbell Fire Department. They are having a new red tin roof installed and updating the box alarms. Their last chicken BBQ will be on September 24, 2022. They are holding a raffle and the drawing will be held at the BBQ.

Glenn Vogel of Campbell Fire Dept., reported on fire calls 56 for July 321 YTD.

Michael Austin questioned what the progress on the new fire truck garage was, and what the time line to finish was.

Glenn Vogel stated that they were still in the development stage. The cost has sky-rocketed and financing is through the roof at this time. The plan is to have the new garage connected to the building. Not sure on timeline.

Bookkeeper Report

Transfers - APPROVAL needed:

Transfer \$125.00 from SW1-8320.4 to SW1-9030.8 for SS

Transfer \$200.00 from SW2-8310.4 to SW2-9030.8 (\$75) & SW2-9050.8 (\$25) for Unemployment and SS

Transfer \$ 75.00 from SW3-8310.4 to SW3-9050.8 for Unemployment

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A motion by Michael Austin and seconded by James Drumm to approve the transfers listed in the Bookkeepers report was adopted by vote 5 Aye- 0 Nay.

NEW Business

2023 Budget process has begun. The budget worksheets will be passed out to department heads on August 9, 2022, they are due back to the Bookkeeper by September 1, 2022. The Bookkeeper will review the budget with the Board including the salary piece and will file the Tentative Budget with the Town Clerk on September 12, 2022 at the September Meeting.

Solar and Wind Energy

Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board has submitted a proposal to draft a Renewable Energy Strategy. Where the Town does not have a Local Law or Zoning in place for large Solar and Wind energy, or Battery Storage, this proposal will address these issues and assist with drafting a revised comprehensive plan as well as update the Zoning Law. The cost of the proposed plan is \$15,000 and ARPA funds can be used to help pay for these services.

Michael Austin questioned the need to pay for these services. Could the Town use an example from another town that had these laws in place, and what the benefit to the Town would be by putting these types of laws into place?

Thomas Hargrave explained that the law is needed to ensure that there is a commissioning and decommissioning plan for these types of projects, as of now the laws that are in place in other areas are not as complete as we want ours to be. As of right now there are two proposals for Solar farms in our area, and the Town wants to ensure that the projects are done right, and do not leave lasting debris that cannot be disposed of without great cost to the property owner, or Town.

Jeffrey Horton stated that the benefit comes with the assessed value of the property. Land that has these types of farms will generate PILOT programs and increase in taxable value. In addition to drafting new Zoning regulations, this plan will help protect prime soils and would regulate where the solar/wind farms could be placed.

The Board discussed placing a six month moratorium on new projects to give the Town time to draft a comprehensive law to address the issues.

Norman Maynard asked if it would save money to remove wind energy from the proposal.

It would not save any money to remove wind energy. Additionally the State would push back if we were to remove the wind energy portion.

Denice Thompson questioned what would happen if we looked at this for 6 months?

Jeffrey Horton stated that there is no stopping it if there is not a moratorium or a law in place.

The Clerk questioned what happens if someone comes in and wants to put in a solar farm before the process is completed.

Jeff from STCRPD stated that they are funded by State Grants and then it takes 90 days for them to issue any kind of permit. There are 2 letters of intent for the Town of Campbell at this time but nothing in the works. Having a moratorium in place will give the Town time to put comprehensive laws in place.

Jordon Frost questioned what happens if the State wants to use state land to build a solar farm.

Mr. Horton replied that if it is under 25 megawatts and they will have to follow the town laws and code if the state does one over 25 megawatts then they have to follow the State guidelines instead of the Town's guidelines.

A motion by Glenn Vogel and Seconded by John Tschantre to approve the proposal from the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board for \$15,000, to develop a plan and to have the Town Attorney Richard Buck to draw up a 6 month Moratorium for the September 12, 2022 Town Board Meeting, was approved by Roll Call vote Michael Austin Aye, John Tschantre Aye; James Drumm Aye; Glenn Vogel Aye; Jeffrey Horton Aye.

2011 Pickup

The 2011 pick-up truck that was purchased in February for the Town to use to pull the mower is in the Highway Vouchers for this evening. Mr. Horton suggested that since Joe Gauss uses the truck to pull the mower, and works for the general side, that the voucher be moved so the General Fund purchases the vehicle. This truck will be housed here at the Town Hall and will be available to the Code Enforcement officer for use in daily activities and trainings.

There is no need for additional funds, this action will just remove the \$3000 from the Highway expenditures into the Town General Fund.

Executive Session.

On motion of Michael Austin seconded by John Tschantre, the following motion was made: that this Board move into executive session to discuss items concerning pending litigation. Time 8:08 PM. Adopted by roll call Vote: Ayes- 5; Nays-0.

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Close Executive Session.

On motion of Michael Austin, seconded by James Drumm, that the executive session be closed and that this Board return to regular meeting. Time 8:35 PM. Adopted by vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0.

Change of October Meeting date

Due to banking statements not being available to settle accounts in time to settle accounts before the meeting, Jeffrey Horton suggested a change in the meeting date from October 3, 2022 to October 11, 2022.

A Motion made by Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre to change the date of the meeting from October 3, 2022 to October 11, 2022 to give time for banking and other duties before the meeting. Adopted by vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0.

Rear Sidewalk and Ramp

A bid for \$3,700 to put in a ramp and sidewalk at the rear entrance of the building has been received by ACP. This is below the threshold for what the Supervisor can authorize, so he has accepted the bid and the project has been placed on the schedule to be completed.

Voucher Audit – 8:30 p.m.

Vouchers were submitted and approved as follows:

General Fund Vouchers #227-257	\$ 23,148.81
And Highway Vouchers #122-138	\$ 232,826.58
Water District 1 SW- Vouchers #49-56	\$ 2,523.47
Water District 2 SW2-Vouchers #21-23	\$ 607.73
Water District 3 SW3-Vouchers #22-25	\$ 1,032.74
Capital Projects H3-11-13	\$ 1,991.25
Street Lighting SL Voucher #	\$
Trust & Agency TA Voucher # 9-10	\$ 488.14

For a grand total of \$ 262,618.72

Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was, upon motion by Jeffrey Horton and seconded by Glenn Vogel, adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Seeley

MICHELLE L. SEELEY
Campbell Town Clerk

DATED: August 15, 2022

ATTACHMENTS:

- Assessors Report
- Code Report
- DCO Report
- Bookkeeper Report