

**MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 8529 MAIN ST., CAMPBELL, NEW YORK**

PRESENT: Town Board Members: Jeffrey Horton John R. Tschantre; Glenn Vogel, Terry Wheat and James F. Drumm; **Town Clerk:** Michelle L. Seeley; and **Highway Supt:** Thomas A. Austin; **Dog Control Officer:** Randy Akins

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Bonnie Conaway, Joe Seeley, James Guernsey, Wayne Cosier, Dana Randall, Donald Markell, Norman Maynard, Denice Thompson, Allison Berger, Audre & Joanne Palinkas, Tammy Dunn, Gary Miller, Patsy Stuart, Chad & Mary Miller, Linda Baird, Rachael Treichler

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 May 10, 2021 were noted.

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

Jeffrey Horton began the meeting by thanking the audience for coming and stating that it was good to have them there.

REPORTS

Monthly Reports Filed.

It was noted that monthly Town Supervisor's Report dated June 14, 2021 was received from Wendy Oman the Town Bookkeeper, and a Copy was filed with the Town Clerk.

Highway Report (Thomas Austin)

The highway department rented a paver and hauled blacktop to finish the area for the salt building. They were able to complete the project for approximately \$20,000 less than it would have cost had it been completed by an outside company. The Salt Storage building has arrived and is expected to be up by June 22, 2021.

The 2002 International truck that was placed back on Auctions International has received a bid for \$15,400. Jeffrey Horton noted that this was about \$400 more than expected. Thomas Austin recommended accepting the bid.

A motion by James Drumm and seconded by Terry Wheat to accept the offer and sell the 2002 International truck for \$15,400 was adopted by vote: AYE: 5 NAY: 0

Thomas Austin has gotten quotes back from 2 paving companies about King Hill Road, Elm Street, and Maple Street, and is trying to figure out what can be done this year, scheduling is tough due to time of year. The escalation cost is continuing to rise and they have told Tom to use the quote as a base price, but expect additional charges. Tom will have the winning bid company do the big section of King Hill road and the grove portion of Elm and Maple Streets. Tom will rent the paver or use the shared services paver when it becomes available to finish the short section of King Hill, Knowles Road, Clark Road and Parker Road at that time.

There is a large pine tree on Norman Street that needs to be removed. The Highway department is unable to remove the tree due to the size. Tom has contacted *Beers Tree Removal services and has received a quote to have the tree cut down, chipped, and removed for \$1,500. No motion is needed to accept this bid due to the amount being under the limit of what Tom can authorize.

Water Report (Thomas Austin)

All the tests from the well at the proposed Water District 1 Extension well site are in, the water quality is exceptional and will only need to be chlorinated and it is not necessary to treat it for other contaminates.

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Jeffrey Horton discussed the purchase agreement for the property where the well site is located, the Morley's were generous enough to allow the Town to complete the necessary testing before an agreement was signed for the purchase. Supervisor Horton suggested that the Town purchase the property on Evergreen Street based on the positive results of the water flow and water testing.

A motion made by Terry Wheat and seconded by Glenn Vogel to allow the Town Supervisor to sign the purchase agreement for \$36,000 for the 9.98 acres located on Evergreen Street tax parcel # 243.13-01-006.111 in the Town of Campbell. This motion was adopted by a Roll Call vote Wheat: AYE Tschantre: AYE Drumm: AYE Vogel: AYE and Horton: AYE.

Bookkeeper Report (Wendy Oman)

May Revenues Received

All Bookkeeper accounts balanced for the month of May. Supervisor report given to Town Clerk. Received in revenue and May reports from the Town Clerk and the Court Clerk.

GENERAL:

\$5,447.25 2020 Traffic Diversion Finally received

HIGHWAY:

\$1,250.00 Town of Masonville for Boom Arm

\$86,287.50 Auctions International for 2015 Dump, 2011 JD Mower, 2004 JD Tractor & 2 transfer tanks

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CBDG Grant Money Received

We received a letter for the water extension project the town was granted \$1.25 million in CDBG grant funding. This grant will pay for anything that needs paid that has to do with the water project, any paperwork that comes in will need to be signed by two people. Because we are in the middle of an election year, Jeffrey Horton suggested that Glenn Vogel, James Drumm, Kathy Darcangelo, and Michelle Seeley be authorized to sign any paperwork received. Jeffrey Horton stated that because he and Deputy Supervisor Tschantre sign the Town checks they cannot sign the paperwork. Wendy Oman is unable to sign the paperwork because she is the grant administrator. Mr. Horton then asked if anyone on the Board had any objections or questions. None were recorded.

The motion to authorize James Drumm, Kathy Darcangelo, Michelle Seeley, and Glenn Vogel, to sign any paperwork needed for grant funding was made by John Tschantre and seconded by Terry Wheat. Adopted by roll call vote: Wheat: AYE Tschantre: AYE Drumm: AYE Vogel: AYE and Horton: AYE.

CPE, which is in charge of our computer security has suggested that the town get rid of its guest Internet access, in order to protect the town from hacking. At this time no motion is needed, and the subject will be tabled for further discussion at a later date.

American Rescue Plan money has been received for the towns. At this time we don't know how much or what it can be used for, once the town finds out what it can be used for and how much they are getting, there will be a discussion in a public meeting.

Dog Control (Randy Akins)

A report was received from Randy Akins regarding dog calls in May of 2021. The overdue dog list has been reduced from 4 pages to less than half a page. Randy will be issuing tickets to the people who have not paid the 2020 dog licenses.

Codes (Thomas Hargrave)

Moved to end of meeting

Assessor Report (Holly Smalt)

The following report will bring you up-to-date on the activities of the Assessor's Office.

This month I have been processing monthly transfers, escrows, & other misc. administrative duties.

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Grievance Day was on May 25th from 4pm – 8pm. All 5 board of assessment review members were present. We had 29 RP-524's, Complaint of Real Property Assessment that the board of assessment review heard and reviewed. I am currently working on updating the file based on the board of assessment reviews determinations. I will report the numbers on next month's report. The chairman of the BAR is working on sending an RP-525 determination out to the property owners. All changes from Grievance Day need to be reviewed and processed by June 18th.

I am currently working on preparing the file for the final roll which will be filed on or about July 1st.

Supervisor Report (Jeffrey Horton)

Turned in by Wendy Oman June 14, 2021. On file in Town Clerks Office

Public comment Landfill:

Allison Berger of East Campbell, referenced the expansion of the landfill, and the DEC report that she had gained access to. The SEQR reported that there were four spills during the previous expansion. Allison Berger asked if the Board knew where the storm water discharge was directed. She then stated that the surface water runs into Erwin Hollow Creek. She stated that there is information missing from the Draft Supplemental Environmental Report that needs to be added. The report discusses four spills but completely ignores an additional four spills that have occurred. She wanted to ensure that this information will be placed in the public record and into the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Horton stated that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Report has not been turned into the town yet, but he would check the information.

Mrs. Berger also expressed concerns about the proposed closure of Manning Ridge Road and the traffic being diverted down Frog Hollow Road. Mrs. Berger expressed concerns that the landfill and its proposed expansion site lie within the New York State major basin of the Upper Susquehanna Basin and there will be at least one federal wetland impacted.

Supervisor Horton stated that at this time the proposed closure/expansion is in the application stage and has not been voted on nor had the Town received any applications for an expansion or road closure.

Rachael Treichler of Hammondsport expressed concerns about an expansion of the landfill and also the proposed road closure on Manning Ridge. She stated that before an expansion were approved there should be testing done for radon flairs. Mrs. Treichler complemented Mrs. Berger on getting 82 signatures against the proposed closure of 3000' of Manning Ridge Road.

Joan Palinkas spoke about the truck traffic on Erwin Hollow and Manning Ridge Hill, and the trucks are an issue, they're not stopping at the stop sign. They fly down the road above the speed limit. The major concerns include school bus stops joggers and runners, people walking their dogs, and other drivers.

Terry Wheat has checked on this complaint and says that it is an issue. Terry Wheat further stated that trucks were not supposed to stay overnight near the dump, that the hours were from 6 AM to 8 PM for a truck traffic and from 8 AM to 3 PM on Sundays. Mr. Wheat stated that this is not a new issue trucks have stayed there for years overnight.

This is a residential area and Miss Palinkas would like to know about what can be done to enforce the laws in that area.

Supervisor Horton stated that he would call the sheriff's department and request police officers be placed in the area to monitor the truck, and car traffic. When the sheriff sat there previously by request of the Town, several cars were running the stop sign as well as tucks from the dump. Public cars must also stop at the stop sign. In addition to contacting the sheriff's office, Mr. Horton stated that he will call Chuck from Hakes C&D. Wayne Crosier stated that one truck in particular, that has a yellow cab seems to be making the run two times a day. This truck is the one that he notices.

Gary Miller commented that the trucks seem to be going approximately 50 mph by the time they get to his house, which is approximately 150' from the stop sign, there

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are approximately 50 trucks a day making the round-trip 100 trucks up and down his road. He would like to know if the town can place a speed limit sign.

Tom Austin has witnessed the trucks run the stop sign coming off the Palinkas' side of the road. He has made Chuck aware of the situation.

The suggestion was made that the troopers patrol different areas and swap every two weeks one week at a time. 90% Manning Ridge 10% Irwin Hollow Road. Wayne Cosier suggested a dummy car with a manikin in it near the school bus stop where the speed limit is 20 mph on either side.

Other Public Comment:

Jim Guernsey of State Route 333 questioned how to have the speed limit reduced as there are young children driving motorcycles and four wheelers 70 to 80 miles an hour on that road. There are Blind driveways, persons with handicaps and small children in that area. Thomas Austin stated that there had been one reduction to that road previously when David Schultz carried a petition to get it done. He suggested that Mr. Guernsey start another petition and then bring it in to the board meeting and submit it.

Mr. Guernsey then commented about a large tree that sits on the town property that has dropped large limbs into his yard he is concerned about the power lines and the vehicles being damaged. Tom Austin stated that he would call *Beers Tree Service for a quote and then would have the tree removed.

Denise Thompson and Bonnie Conaway questioned how to get a committee together to clean up the back roads and from the tracks to the school. She stated that there were many main street grants but nothing for the side streets.

Supervisor Horton stated that he would have to raise the taxes in town to have a day where the town cleaned up like they do in Savona, and there is a difference between towns and villages. With 56 square miles of, just town roads, plus county and state roads in the town the cost would be expensive.

Mrs. Thompson asked if there were restrictions on members of the town creating a committee to help with the clean up effort. Would the Board be willing to talk with the Landfill about donating one day a year where members of the Town are able to bring their junk for disposal at a no or reduced cost. There are no restrictions for a committee if they fund themselves.

Mrs. Thompson questioned the "chop shop" on McNutt Run, where there are several junk cars and other junk is stored.

Public Comment Assessor:

Dana Randall complaint (Appeared in person):

I am addressing the members of the Campbell Board of Trustees to express my displeasure with the property assessment process for the town of Campbell.

I would like to start by explaining that we purchased the property at 5391 Meads Creek Rd., Parcel# 208.00-03-022.200 in 2019 which is about 148 acres for the purchase price of \$105,000 in May of 2019. At the time of purchase the total taxes on this property was about \$3,000 annually but about 1 year later I received a letter from the Campbell Assessor's Office that the new evaluation of our Property would be \$129,100, this brought our total taxes to over \$5,000 annually. It makes sense to me that if someone purchases a property for a given price in an arm's length deal that the price paid would set the value of the property, if the property was worth more or if the seller could have gotten more for the property I'm sure they would have, so I made an appointment to meet with Holly Smalt to try to understand why the property we bought in 2019 would increase in value by more than \$24,000 in one year without any improvements to the property. Mrs. Smalt explained to me that that there is a formula for figuring the property value in a given area and that our property has forest wood lots that could be harvested, so this makes the property more valuable, so I accepted her explanation until 1 year later we received another letter from the Assessor's Office informing us that the property value had another change and the tentative increase is \$93,700 which would bring our property value to \$222,800. All of this with no tangible improvement to the property, so of course I called and left a message to the Assessor's

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office to arrange a meeting. Mrs. Smalt did finally return my call but explained that she did not have time to meet with me but informed me that I could correspond with her via email, so I sent Mrs. Smalt an email. Mrs. Smalt's only response was that if I wasn't happy with the assessment I could show up and grieve the tentative assessment on grievance day. I found Mrs. Smalt's demeanor and attitude to be rude and unprofessional. I feel that if I am told that there will be almost a \$94,000 increase in my property value solely for the purpose of tax increase that I should at least be granted the courtesy of an in office meeting. My main question is, are they using a different formula for figuring property value in 2021 than was used in 2020?

My wife and I first reviewed this property in 2018 and we realized it was in a flood plain but we did not buy the property for the purpose of building a home we bought it for recreational property, camping, hunting prepare a campsite and put a camper on it for our grandchildren to visit. We definitely didn't expect the property value to increase from \$105,000 at time of purchase to \$222,800 in two short years with no permanent improvements.

Thank you for your time and giving me the opportunity to be heard.

Joseph Seeley complaint (Appeared in person):

As a citizen and tax payer in the town of Campbell I have been recently subject to the new and updated 100% valuation as I'm sure many others in this town have. I am also sure that many other tax paying citizens are very displeased with the process and the outcome of the process, many rightly so.

As a result of the new valuation I have become subject to the degrading treatment of our Tax assessor, as well as the outright lies from Mrs. Holly smalt the Tax assessor.

After calling the number provided several times and never getting a call back or even being able to talk to a real person, I was finally able to get an appointment set up thru another number. At the informal hearing I felt that I was treated poorly and talked down to, and I was definitely lied to about more than one thing. I was told the by many others that they had the same experience from our tax assessor. I was also told that I could not have information and that that same information about my property was no longer kept and available to me (imagine my surprise when three days later the information was sent to me). How many other citizens have been told the same, but did not know to read the assessors manual put out by NY State to know that this information is vital? And that by law it is their information and is available for the asking? This information is what is supposed to be used to make these fair assessments of their property. Needless to say after leaving the informal meeting I was very frustrated and aggravated, from the treatment that I received and the lies that I was told.

Part 2

As a member of the Board of assessment review I receive my training form the County and am able to talk to and receive information from the Real Property Tax division, about the review process as well as legal questions pertaining to the job of board of assessment review. After being lied to by our Tax assessor Holly Smalt I in fact contacted the Real property Tax office with many questions, to receive proper council on accepted information , methods etc. of the BAR process. I also Talked to other Town assessors, about acceptable information, and practices. As such It was confirmed that our tax assessor is lied to me and quite likely to the citizens of our town, about their rights, what is acceptable and what information they can request from the office of tax assessor etc. I was also informed that some of the practices in our tax assessor's office are quite unusual and probably unethical. Which brings us to part 3.

Part 3

Dave the "helper" to our tax assessor, whom is in the office of the tax assessor every week is not an employee of the town, and has not taken an oath of office, and probably not bonded by our tax assessor or the town, seems to have unlimited and unsupervised access to the private and personal information of all the taxpayers in our town. Has this individual had a background check? Has he been vetted by anyone to

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see if it is ok for him to have access to every one's personal information? It seems to me that this is a huge liability to the town and the town board members. A small bit of research reveals that this man was dismissed from another town for inappropriate relations with his clerk, and that town felt that he was a danger to the other people in the office.,

Town Clerk statement:

Since the beginning of the month, I have received several complaints about Holly Smalt. Many of the complaints came in the form of a phone call. I instructed the people to put it in written form and send it in, however there is a fear of retaliation. The people who turned in the complaints have asked that I turn them in at the meeting so that they become public record. Along with these complaints, I would like to present my own. I have written complaints from Randy Personious and Melissa Cole to read as well. Micelle Seeley complaint (Appeared in person):

During this past Board of assessment review proceeding, Holly Smalt intentionally did not provide the forms legally required for a member of the Board of Assessment Review to sign when recusing themselves from action because of financial interest in a property. She maliciously and purposely attempted to have my husband and I fined \$1,000 per property. That is \$2,000 for the two property assessments that we legally have a right to challenge. At first, we had thought that she was merely unaware that the form existed. However, after speaking to another Board of Assessment Review member, we were informed that she had provided him with the required documents when he challenged his assessment in a previous meeting.

I only found out about the form when a member of the Board of Assessment Review from another town asked me if Joe had filled it out, and that the document was mandatory, the day after the Board of Assessment Review convened on May 25. Joe then contacted Wendy Jordan of the Real Property Tax Office of Steuben County to obtain the proper form. While the members of the Board recorded the BAR meeting, and Joe clearly stated that he recused himself; and left the bench, and I presented the evidence; Joe and I could have been fined for not filling out the document, and our whole case to be thrown out and overturned.

Holly has a habit of treating people who come to the office to speak to her with an air of disdain and disrespect. I have personally witnessed her following an older woman down the hall to yell at her after the taxpayer requested information on a senior discount. During the informal assessment process, I overheard Holly tell her "helper" that she "doesn't like to lose." Is this what the taxpayers of Campbell pay her almost \$22,000 a year to do? Her actions, in this case, could've potentially gotten the town sued if we wouldn't have been able to take corrective actions to prevent being fined. Acting out of revenge is an unacceptable way to run any office elected or appointed. At this point, the town is still in danger of being sued because Holly refuses to provide information to people who wanted to contest their assessment. Or by the people who were told that nothing could be done on their end to change their assessment, they had no recourse, and the appraisals that they presented were not valid because of the comps used.

It is my opinion that the reason Holly purposely neglected to give Joe the paperwork to recuse himself was that, while doing research to contest our assessment, we came across information about how the law is written in New York for the process and challenged her. Joe and I became an easy target because of his position on the BAR.

After the Board of Assessment Review meeting ended, Holly called Wendy Jordan, the head of Steuben County's Real Property Office, to demand her credentials. She did this simply because I brought up her name when I gave my evidence to the BAR. Is she is so bold as to accost the head of that office? If so, it raises the question, what will she do in the future to a member of the town, a taxpayer, if they don't fall in line?

To answer this question I present her actions on June 8, 2021. Holly came to my office to shake the form that Joe had filled out in my face and demand (very

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threateningly) and to know if I knew who the Chief Executive Officer of the Assessing Unit was. I told her the 2021 Chair of the BAR had signed the form, and she gleefully informed me that it was Jeffrey Horton. Holly stated that it was wrong and didn't count. When I suggested that she should have provided the form to Joe, she laughed and said it wasn't her job. I took this as a threat that Holly would throw out the form and try to have us fined. Though I am not surprised that she acted in this way towards me, I am sad to know that my tax dollar and the tax-dollar of our Town members is spent to pay someone who flagrantly throws around her "power" to intimidate people.

I have been told by a member of the Town Board, that nothing could change the situation unless a person is willing to put their name on a complaint. However, I understand that people are afraid of what she may do to their assessment if they dare speak out about how she treats them. Therefore, I am filing this formal complaint and signing my name (with some trepidation) in hopes that the Town Board will be willing to do something to prevent further retaliation to my husband, myself, and the residents of our town from our assessor's office.

Melissa Cole complaint (in writing received June 3, 2021, Read by Michelle Seeley):

I am writing this letter to you today in regards to the treatment that I received from Holly Smalt, the Assessor for the, Town of Campbell. I met with Holly on March 30th 2021 at 4:15pm at the Campbell Town Hall: At that time, I approached her with an Appraisal that was completed by Alan Wagner showing that the Appraisal amount was for \$90,000. He used comparable homes outside of our Town and clearly stated that our home was comparable to number 3 with the least amount of deductions. She in turn looked at it and stated that it cost more than that to complete the land and the cost of the home and that the Appraisal states that it shows a range between \$90,000 and \$125,000 and that she would take a look at it. Our meeting was roughly 2 minutes in and out. She said she would send me a letter letting me know her decision. She was very short and rude and I felt that she really didn't care what I had to say because she wasn't going to change it. When my letter arrived, I was correct.

My first time "meeting" Holly was when she came to my house to do her very first Assessment. She pulled in the driveway, stated that she had her boots but didn't want to get out and put them on. It was very muddy at that time. She yelled to me and asked me what the house measurements were, how many bedrooms and how many bathrooms as well as the size of my deck and if there was one on the back side. That is what she based my Assessment of \$119,300 on.

Jim Guernsey complaint (Appeared in person):

When the assessor came to my home for the assessment before this one, she told me that I had to let her in to see it. If I didn't then she would put down that I had 4 bedrooms and two bathrooms and a two story house. My house has an attic space where you can't even stand up. I have 2 bed rooms and one bathroom. She was very rude and threatening to me and my handicapped wife. When I told her that we did not have 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms she said she could say whatever she wanted and that would be what my assessment was going to be based on. I let her in because of the threat and because I did not think I had a choice.

Randy Personious complaint (in writing received June 3, 2021, Read by Michelle Seeley):

This Year I stopped in to discuss a simple question with the Tax Assessor and was met with a very rude, belligerent answer. Even though she was doing nothing and she had an "Assistant" sitting there. As well she basically told me to get lost. I have never been treated so rudely by any of the Town employees in the past. Thank you for attention.

Other Comments by the public:

Denise Thompson spoke about how she was treated during the assessment process, she stated that Holly would not even discuss the evidence that she presented

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and was very rude when approached. She also mentioned that Holly refuses to give paperwork that is needed to these people and tells them that they need to print it from online. Mrs. Thompson also noted that the forms were right behind Holly at the time.

Bonnie Conaway stated that there are packets that are supposed to be provided to the taxpayer about the grievance process, that were not offered by Mrs. Smalt. She also commented that people who approach the assessor should be provided with information including a formula on how their assessment was reached.

Mr. Hortons comments: A reevaluation is completed every 5 years, the last one was six or seven years ago. The equalization rate drops over time and is currently at 94%. The formula is based on property sales within the area. Mr. Horton stated that he would discuss how the numbers are figured with Mrs. Smalt. He also stated that if she were treating people rudely that was unacceptable and he would have a discussion with her about it.

Town Clerk Report (Michelle Seeley)

Terri Winnie has resigned as Deputy Clerk and Deputy Registrar, to take a full time position with the Post office. I have placed an ad in the Leader to replace her. I received three resumes and have shared a copy of each with you. My plan is to appoint Mrs. Tammy Dunn as the replacement Deputy Clerk and Registrar. I will need a motion to appoint her as Deputy Registrar. Because it is up to the Town Clerk who they appoint as deputy, no motion is needed to accept Tammy Dunn as a Deputy Town Clerk.

At 8:25 pm a motion to enter into executive session regarding personnel was made by, Terry Wheat and seconded by James Drumm.

A motion by John Tschantre and seconded by James Drumm was made to end the executive session at 9:00 PM.

A motion to appoint Tammy Dunn as Deputy Registrar was made by Terry Wheat and seconded by John Tschantre. The Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Hour Changes

For the summer of 2021 the Town Clerk changed her hours from Monday through Friday to Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM. With the doors locking at four. Wendy Oman currently works Tuesday through Friday and Kathy Darcangelo works Monday through Thursday each working a 10 hour day. They will now be working 10 hour days Monday through Thursday, with no alternating days off. With the Town Clerk adding an hour and a half to her day, Monday through Thursday and closing on Fridays, there will be no reduction in hours that her office is open to the public, and changing her hours will benefit the office. According to the office employees, Friday is the slowest day of any given week. This change would allow the Town Clerk to be in the office at the same time as the Code Enforcement Officer in the mornings and make processing building permits easier. In addition, this change should reduce costs for electric as well as air conditioning and heating. It is also the opinion of the Supervisor that it would be safer to have more than one person in the office at a time. These hours will be reevaluated in the fall.

Fire Department Report (Linda Baird)

Linda Baird of Campbell Fire Dept., reported on fire calls; 26 medical, 2 Fire, 5 MVA, 8 Misc. for a total of 41 for May. YTD Total 191 approximately on track with last year's totals.

Resignation and Reappointment of Code Enforcement officer

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Tom Hargrave rendered his resignation as of Thursday June 10, 2021 at 6 pm due to personal issues. Supervisor Horton commented on Mr. Hargrave's resignation. He stated that Tom had left his office in such a way that anybody could have walked in

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and picked up where he left off. Files were clearly marked and labeled, the office was neat and tidy, and that Tom had left in a very professional manner.

On Monday morning Dollar General had requested their building permit, but the only person who can sign a building permit would be a certified Code Enforcement Officer. Jeffrey Horton spoke with Tom Hargrave and Tom agreed to come back in and sign the building permit so that the Dollar General project which will be a great benefit to the town of Campbell could continue on schedule. After Mr. Hargrave came in to help with the building permit, he and Jeff Horton had an opportunity to speak about the resignation and after some discussion with attorney Buck the issues surrounding the resignation had been resolved.

Mr. Hargrave is still interested in doing the job and has rescinded his resignation. However, the resignation had already been accepted and filed so the board will need to make a motion to except the resignation.

A Motion by James Drumm and seconded by Glenn Vogel to accept Tom Hargrave’s resignation was adopted by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

If because of the way the office was left in the professional manner in which Mr. Hargrave’s presented himself and the fact that he’s interested in continuing his employment with the town of Campbell the board has discussed reappointing him to the position.

A Motion to reappoint Tom Hargrave to the code enforcement officer position until the end of 2021 to finish out his term was made by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Terry Wheat, the motion was adopted by unanimous vote 5 to 0 yay.

Supervisor Horton commented that during the one day that had lapsed between Mr. Hargrave’s resignation and the weekend they had instructed the office employees to I send any building or codes questions to the supervisor or the attorney. Mr. Horton had tried to answer the questions to the best of his ability but stated that the zoning law could be interpreted in many different ways and would best be explained by a certified Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Horton also commented that because building permits cannot be signed by anyone other than a certified Code Enforcement Officer, to avoid hardships in the future that the board should look into getting a deputy Code Enforcement Officer for the town of Campbell.

Going forward, to avoid complications, there will be a new policy that any code violation involving a town employee or relation to the Code Enforcement Officer will be copied to and handled through the Town lawyer.

Voucher Audit – 9:10 p.m.

Vouchers were submitted and approved as follows:

General Fund Vouchers #169-198	\$ 78,844.43
And Highway Vouchers #76-95	\$ 99,469.17
Water District 1 SW- Vouchers #29-32	\$ 1,771.58
Water District 2 SW2-Vouchers # 13 -14	\$ 70.40
Water District 3 SW3-Vouchers #12	\$ 35.00
Trust & Agency TA Voucher # 6	\$ 193.00
Street Lighting SL Voucher # 199	\$ 481.33
For a grand total of	\$ 180,864.91

Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was, upon motion by Glenn Vogel and seconded by John Tschantre, adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MICHELLE L. SEELEY
Campbell Town Clerk

DATED: June 30, 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

Complaints received from Michelle Seeley, Joseph Seeley, Melissa Cole, Randy Personius, Dana Randall, James Guernsey

*Beers Tree Service should be Dave's Tree Service. Amended in July 12, 2021 meeting.