



Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 11, 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, Dog Control Officer, Randy Akins, Water Administrator: Jacquelyn Kohman, and Town Clerk, Michelle Seeley

Guests

Joseph Seeley, Teresa Lyons, Denice Thompson, David Smith, Norman Maynard, Wayne Cosier, Hope Fultz, Karen Graham

1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor all of the people lost on September 11, 2001. The Clerk then took roll call. James Drumm came late at 7:05 PM.

2. Prior Minutes

Minutes:

A motion by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Michael Austin to accept the minutes as presented was adopted by vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

3. Reports

a. HWY / Water Report

Minutes:

The CHIPS Paving projects have been completed. Savona Campbell Road, Stoney Ridge Road, Wixon Road and King Hill Road. Manning Ridge was done under the agreement with Hakes C&D. WATER- Waiting on the Well House to be hooked up and NYSEG to get electric supplied to the Well House. NYSEG to replace poles on Evergreen before the end of 2024. This will have no impact on hookups to the system. The road to the Well House is only 12' wide, should be 20' wide. There has been a miscommunication with Hunt Engineering. Jeffrey Horton will check into the issue. The projected project completion is August 2024.

b. Dozer

Minutes:

In 2022 the Town Highway bought a new Dozer. Since the purchase was made, the cost of sand, fuel, and repairs have substantially increased. The Town would like to transfer \$21,410.16 from the Fund Balance in the General Account to the Highway Account to cover the payment and principal payment for the Dozer. The reason for this is to cover some of the unseen costs that have been incurred in 2023.

Michael Austin questioned if this was a shared service. He asked if Hornby could help cover the cost of the equipment because they use it. Thomas Austin stated that the Town of Hornby has not used the equipment. He also stated that he would like to make the payment a line item going forward, instead of using CHIPS to pay for it. A motion to Transfer \$21,410.16 from the General Fund Balance to DA 9785.62 CAT Dozer Principal and DA 9785.72 CAT Dozer Interest Payment, was made by Michael Austin and seconded by Glenn Vogel- Adopted by Roll Call Vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Sand

Minutes:

With the Cost of sand increasing drastically, Thomas Austin requested to allow the Highway Department to borrow enough money from the General side to pre purchase up to 3000 Tons of Road Sand. Thomas Austin had quotes of \$14.00 Per ton from Coots Sand and Gravel (\$ 42,000) and \$14.80 per ton from Dalrymple (\$ 44,400). A motion by James Drumm seconded by John Tschantre to allow the General side to loan the Highway enough money to cover the cost of sand, up to 3,000 tons was adopted by Roll Call Vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

d. Bookkeeper Report

Minutes:

A motion by Glenn Vogel seconded by Michael Austin to accept the Bookkeeper Report and the transfers therein as written was adopted by vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

e. Codes

Minutes:

The Board received a letter of resignation on 08/15/2023 from Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Hargrave. The Board Thanked Thomas Hargrave for his service to the Town. There has been an ad placed in the Shopper for the Codes Position. In the meantime Jim Overheiser is filling in to help complete open permits. He works full time and is coming in after hours to perform inspections. Michelle Seeley is completing paperwork and working wit Jim to get permits signed. Supervisor Horton asked the Board if there was an objection to placing the Codes program on Michelle Seeley's computer to make it easier for her assist the CEO. The Board had no issue. The Board would like to continue to get resumes until

the October 10, 2023 meeting. John Tschantre made a motion to accept the resignation from Thomas Hargrave James Drumm seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

f. Dog Control

g. Assessors Report

h. Supervisor Report

i. Town Clerk Report

4. Old Business

a. Solar Moratorium

Minutes:

A discussion was had on the Draft Zoning law Addendum for Solar Farms. Supervisor Horton mentioned that he has had feedback from several sources about the restrictions in the law. As the law was written, a Solar company would need to rent approximately double the land than what they would need for a project, to build in Campbell. This restriction is more strict than other communities, and was to help the farmer. With this restriction in place, potential projects may be moved to other Towns with less restrictions in place. Supervisor Horton suggested the wording in the law be changed to reflect a setback instead of a percentage of land that must be leased, and used. Michael Austin questioned why the Town was telling people what they could do with their land. Glenn Vogel stated that he still had questions about the safety of the solar farms, and fire issues associated with them. The Solar Moratorium runs out in October of 2023, unless it is lifted prior to the expiration. A motion by James Drumm seconded by Michael Austin to lift the Moratorium on Solar Farms but to keep the Moratorium on Battery Storage was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

b. Battery Moratorium

Minutes:

The Board still has concerns around Battery Storage. Discussion was had about leaving the moratorium in place for Battery Storage. The Board Agreed that this was a good idea until they had time to do more research.

c. Zoning Law update-Animals on Properties

Minutes:

In August Denise Thompson and her son Brad Thompson presented the Board with a petition to allow chickens to be kept in town. After discussing the issue the Board made the decision to allow for the keeping of fowl on residential lots, under the following conditions: A maximum of 8 Chickens , No roosters, and they must be confined by a fence or pen. A motion to approve the change to the Zoning Law was made by John Tschantre and seconded by James Drumm. Adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

5. New Business

a. Court Resolution

Minutes:

Resolution #04-2023 RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023 FUNDING FROM JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHEREAS, The Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program, for the upcoming grant cycle, to purchase office equipment and secure funding to build an office in the courtroom. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Board of the Town of Campbell authorizes the Campbell Town Court to apply for JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000, thirty thousand dollars. Resolution offered by: James Drumm Seconded by: Glenn Vogel CARRIED Austin- AYE Tschantre-AYE Drumm- AYE Vogel-AYE Horton-AYE

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

b. Tentative Budget 2023

Minutes:

Wendy Oman and Jacqui Kohman went through the Tentative Budget Review.

6. Executive session- Personnel

Minutes:

A motion to enter into Executive session to discuss personnel and wages at 8:44 pm was made by Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre. 5-0

A motion to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:57 pm was made by Jeffrey Horton and seconded by James Drumm. 5-0

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

7. Public Comment

8. Announcements

a. Second Meeting October 23, 2023

Minutes:

The Board will use the optional second meeting on the fourth Monday of October to discuss the 2024 Budget.

9. Voucher Audit

Minutes:

A-General 248-253 & 255-278 \$33,778.57 SL- Street Lighting 254 \$ 717.29 DA- Highway 145-156 \$ 28,171.88 SW1- Water District 1 41-45 \$ 718.14 1,SW2- Water District 2 18-19 \$ 2,126.15 SW-3 Water District 3 19-21 \$ 182.44 SW4- Water District 4 10 \$ 75.01 H-3 Capital Projects 43-45 \$ 729,439.74
TA- Trust and Agency 10 \$ 205.00
TOTAL \$ 795,414.22

10. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was by motion of Jeffrey Horton and seconded by Michael Austin adjourned at 9:58 pm

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