

**MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 24, 2017**

PRESENT:

Supervisor Gary Westfall, Councilman Jamie King, Bob Rodger, Mike Pfeiffer and Herb Meyer.

ALSO PRESENT:

Assessor James Cleere, Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, Donald Eichenhofer, Michael Smith, Julie Rodger, Joe Fairman and Kyle Black.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Westfall led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE EXITS:

Supervisor Westfall indicated where the fire exits were located.

PETITIONERS:

Mr. Blaine Elkie addressed the board and spoke about the poor condition the Scythe Tree is in and how much historical value the tree holds. Mr. Elkie told them that the Scythe Tree is approximately 150 years old and is in dire need of repair by a qualified arborist. Mr. Elkie said he had previously spoke with Supervisor Westfall about the condition of the tee and asked him if the town could possible help with a monetary donation to help preserve the Scythe tree.

Supervisor Westfall said he gave a packet of information concerning the tree to the town board members in March and asked them to read the material and be prepared to make a decision at tonight’s meeting regarding giving a monetary donation to hire an arborist to repair and help save the Scythe Tree.

2017-033

Councilman Rodger made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Town Board Meeting – March 27, 2017

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND –TOWNWIDE	\$54,240.06
GENERAL – PART TOWN	1,501.23
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	20,194.38
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	2,050.31
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	9,807.16
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,103.40
WATER SEWER DISTRICT #1	29,268.61
5 AND 20 SEWER DISTRICT	30,760.73
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	13,400.17
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	12,229.43
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	308.98
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,069.79

TOTAL	176,934.25
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	250.00
TOTAL	177,184.25

OLD BUSINESS:

2017-034

Councilman King made the motion to allow up to \$2500.00 toward the treatment and care from a professional arborist to site, diagnose any problems and give a professional opinion on what needs to be done to preserve the Scythe Tree for future generations. Councilman Rodger seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Westfall
 Councilman King
 Councilman Rodger
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Meyer

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Westfall said for the third time bids were solicited for the Seneca-Cayuga Trail Project. Supervisor Westfall said two bids were opened on April 20th, one from Bouley Associates Inc. for a base bid of \$357,000 and the second bid was from LG Evans for a base bid of \$275,000. There were also alternates included in the bids.

Supervisor Westfall said with the negative alternates LG Evans included in their bid that they would be the lowest bidder at \$250,000

The town has previously committed \$175,000 for the trail; the county has committed \$50,000 so with an additional \$25,000 increase of funds from the town, there will be sufficient monies to fund the project.

2017-035

Councilman King made the motion to authorize an additional \$25,000 be expended for the Cayuga-Seneca Trail Project, bringing the total amount up to \$175,000.00. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Westfall
 Councilman King
 Councilman Rodger
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Meyer

The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman King said since Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull had been on vacation he hasn't had a chance to speak with him regarding the Route 96 Water Main Project.

Councilman Pfeiffer said they are still in negotiations with the town highway department's union and another meeting has been scheduled for May 17th, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull gave an update on the Route 96 Water Main Project and said they will start the service bores in the next couple of weeks. Joe also said they will begin taking pictures on the north side of Route 96 for reclamation of the site; the south side was previously done. Joe said he is anticipating getting the service taps in by May.

Assessor, Jim Cleere said his department is done with the formal hearings with homeowners on their new assessments. He said the tentative roll has to be filed with the county by this Wednesday, April 26th.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Westfall gave an update on the FY 16 CDBG GRANT. He said that in accordance with the NYS Homes and Community Renewal Office if only one bid is received from a vendor to administer the housing grant, permission needs to be granted by the OCR to insure proper procedures were followed. Since Thoma Development Consultants, were the only vendor that sent a proposal, this action will be tabled until the May 22nd, Town Board Meeting so OCR can review our procedures.

Supervisor Westfall said that the Annual Financial Document has been completed and copies were given to the board members.

Supervisor Westfall said the Route 96 Water Main Project has been going very well and he appreciates all the cooperation and effort from everyone.

2017-036

Councilman Meyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman King seconded th4 motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer
Councilman Rodger

NAE

The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley
Town Clerk