MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2019

## PRESENT:

Supervisor Don Trout, Councilman Mike Pfeiffer, Tyrone Thomas, and Howard Strader.

## **ABSENT:**

Councilman Bob Lotz

## **ALSO PRESENT:**

Assessor, Jim Cleere, David Boxold, Ken and Rita Cook, Gary Robson, James Clise, David Guererri, James Knapp, Joe Wukitsch, George Dutton, Kyle Black and Ed Lerkins.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **FIRE EXITS:**

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

## **PETITIONERS OF THE FLOOR:**

Rita Cook who lives at 2648 Serven Road, addressed the board and said she has several questions concerning the Solar Project.

Her first question asked was if the town had received intervenor funds. Supervisor Trout said yes, the Town has received the funding for legal representation.

Her second question was who to call when they have questions concerning the solar Project. Supervisor Trout said to call the town office and town employees will give her The information on who to contact. The points of contact will be either the MRB Group or the Town Attorney.

Mr. Kyle Black addressed the board and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. David Boxold, representative from NextEra Energy addressed the board and said the application for the intervenor funding has been sent out but it will take time for those funds to be distributed. He also said he was at the Waterloo School Board Meeting and his company is aware of the vote to opt out of the fifteen-year tax exception. He said that vote was no surprise and was expected.

He also said just to reiterate, there have been no pilot negotiations with the town concerning the tax exemption.

Mr. Boxold also said that they are working with their environmental engineers to see where and how they can accommodate concerns raised by the community, i.e., visual impacts, setbacks and other issues. He said his company cares very deeply about the concerns of the residents and are looking at ways to address them.

He stated that environmental studies take time and he anticipates that it will be next spring before his company will have more definitive answers on these issues.

# 2019-102

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on the 2019 New York State Community Development Block Grant. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE NAE

Supervisor Trout Councilman Pfeiffer Councilman Thomas Councilman Strader The motion was carried.

Mr. Ed Lerkins addressed the board about the Community Development Block Grant and said he would be interested in obtaining a homeowner's grant.

# 2019-103

Councilman Strader made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE NAE

Supervisor Trout Councilman Pfeiffer Councilman Thomas Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Supervisor Trout opened the Regular Town Board Meeting.

## 2019-104

Councilman Thomas made the motion to adopt the Final Budget for 2020. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE NAE

Supervisor Trout Councilman Pfeiffer Councilman Thomas Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

# 2019-105

Councilman Howard made the motion to change the December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Town Board Meeting from 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE NAE

Supervisor Trout Councilman Pfeiffer Councilman Thomas Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

# 2019-106

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting – October 28, 2019 Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$36,989.97
GENERAL – PART TOWN	873.56
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	21,130.76
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	3,665.86
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,204.31
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	381.21
5 AND 20 SEWER DISTRICTS	428.07
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	45,425.75
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	5,050.14
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	280.81
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,405.35
RTE 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, KINGS WD 5	124.78

TOTAL	117,960.57
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	4,308.00
TOTAL	122,268.57

Approval of the Town Clerk's Monthly Report Approval of the Canine Report

AYE
Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Pfeiffer said he understood that the kits have come in for water testing. Jim Cleere said the kits got delivered and since Tom Finnerty is on vacation this week, they are all in a cooler. Jim said he will coordinate with Tom when he gets back from vacation as to when they will do the testing.

Councilman Strader said he spoke with Tom Finnerty about getting an I Pad or Tablet with internet capabilities so he can utilize it when he is out in the field.

Jim Cleere said Tom also asked him about ordering an I Pad for him. Jim said the sales representative at Staples advised him, due to the usage that it will have, that an IBM Ink Pad is the most durable. Jim is currently researching to see what would work best.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Cleere said the files have been sent over to the county for the 2020 tax bills that will be printed by the end of December.

Jim said he is working on getting the four town water project homeowners on that tax roll. Jim also said his office has issued four homeowners permits.

# 2019-107

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE
Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader
The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley Town Clerk

# **DECEMBER 23, 2019 AT 5:00 PM.**