

**MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2017**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councilman Bob Rodger, Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull

ALSO PRESENT:

Assessor, Jim Cleere, James Knapp, Leland Henry, Joe DiCicco, Mike O'Brien, Dixie Lemmon, Steve Craig, Don Eichenhofer 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Attorney, Dennis Benjamin gave an update on prohibiting mining in the Town. Attorney Benjamin said he is currently still working on a draft document to insure its consistent with the intent of the comprehensive plan and consistent with existing case law.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCYTHE TREE: Supervisor Westfall said that he has been in contact with Mr. Blaine Elkie, Fayette Historian and Mr. Elkie has begun the "Scythe Tree Preservation Project".

Mr. Elkie said the tree is in urgent need of care so it can be preserved for the future. He said it would require a qualified/Experienced Arborist to diagnose any problems and give a professional opinion on what needs to be done to preserve the tree. The work will cost approximately \$2500.00.

He alone has raised \$950.00 for this project.

Supervisor Westfall handed a packet of information on the Scythe Tree to the board members and asked them to read it and at the next board meeting consider a resolution to donate the \$2500.00 for the tree's preservation.

2017-025

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

AYE
Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

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

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$21,516.95
GENERAL – PART TOWN	837.01
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	4,366.73
HIGHWAY-PART TOWN	1,431.72
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	72,754.56
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,155.38
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	2,149.19
5 AND 20 SEWER DISTRICT	503.91
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	11,850.64
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	12,100.80
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICTQ	252.34
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,122.02
ROUTE 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS KINGS WD5	366.53
TOTAL	131,407.78

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of the Community Center Report

Approval of the Canine Report

2017-026

Councilman Pfeiffer made the resolution to support the residents of Mills Road in requesting that the State Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit on Mills Road to 40 MPH. Councilman King seconded the motion.

AYE
Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-027

Councilman Meyer made the motion to declare April as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-028

Councilman King made the resolution to approve the “alleged town code violation complaint form to be used for the Land use and Zoning Department. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-029

Councilman Meyer made the resolution to contribute \$1000.00 for the Celebrate/Commemorate Memorial Day, Taste of Seneca County food tent. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-030

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to re-bid the Seneca-Cayuga Trail Project. The potential bidders will have until noon April 20th, 2017 to return their bids. Councilman King seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

2017-031

Councilman Meyer made the motion to accept the budget line modifications for 2016(copy appended to the minutes). Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman King said a new sewer master meter was installed on Border City Road.

Councilman King also said the Route 96 watermain project is going well and if the weather holds up the pipe could be installed next week

Supervisor Westfall asked Councilman King to give an update on the manholes on Route 5 and 20.

Councilman King said the manholes were breaking down on Route 5 and 20 so they had an engineer from the MRB Group come in to give an assessment of what is causing this issue.

It was discovered that there was a problem with some of the pump stations west up on 5 and 20. It was discovered that the sewage that was being pumped thru the system was septic and had begun to corrode through the concrete and manholes.

To correct this problem, it was determined that they had to add bioxide. The first time they added the bioxide it was at the wrong location, so this Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 it will be added at the right location.

Councilman Pfeiffer said they are still in early negotiations the town highway department's union and another meeting has been scheduled in April.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor, Jim Cleere gave an update on the code revision and said he has been in contact with MRB and have tentatively set up a meeting in May to begin the revision.

Jim also said the code permits are starting to pick up and he is in the first week of interviews with homeowners with their change of assessments.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Westfall said the four town water project is moving forward and is hopeful the solicitation of the bids will begin by August.

Supervisor Westfall said he is pleased with the work that the Highway Department has done on the Route 96 Water Main Project and he is happy with the work all the town employees have accomplished.

Supervisor Westfall said this is going to be a busy summer with many projects.

2017-032

Councilman King made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

AYE

Supervisor Westfall
Councilman King
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Meyer

NAE

The motion was carried.
Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley
Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 24, 2017**