

Town Board Meeting

April 2, 2024

In Attendance: Kevin Bean – Supervisor Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Paul Heid – Councilman Jim Williams – Councilman
Jean Comstock – Town Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Sears
2. Call to Order Regular Meeting – 7:01PM
3. Resolution to Approve the Minutes of March 19, 2024 – Supervisor Bean – could I get a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes?
RESOLUTION #70-24
Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024 and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.
4. Resolution for 30-Day Waiver for Amended Liquor License for the Red Wagon –Supervisor Bean asked for the Town Clerk to explain. It was a clerical error with Attorney not filling out a “premises is a restaurant”. This is an Amendment to the original 30-day waiver we approved at a previous Meeting.
RESOLUTION # 71-24
Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the Amended 30-Day Waiver for the Red Wagon and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.
5. Resolution for Sewer System Loan – need to have money in place, ORDA will have to hook up to the sewer per APA, sewer will be most cost effective with them hooking into it; PH/JW. Mr. Williams ask if this is the actual Resolution? Supervisor Bean – yes.
RESOLUTION #72-24
Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Sewer System Loan and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.
Mr. Williams wanted to give an update on the HF loan for the Sewer System– per a discussion with the Bookkeeper we need to do now, we can’t appropriate funds from an account that isn’t created.
6. Resolution for Attendees to the Adirondack Planning Forum -Supervisor Bean –attendees can receive CEU’s; I’ve attended and it’s very helpful. Mr. Williams – is this budgeted for? How many are going, cost? Supervisor Bean - yes it is budgeted for, 6 or 7 attendees, price on paperwork in packet.
RESOLUTION #73-24
Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the attendance at the Adirondack Planning Forum and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Stevens. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Heid/Mr. Hoskins

- Transfer Station – 3/26/24 – Meeting; long-term will require a lot of work with the County; new Coordinator for the County, met with him; hauling costs govern what we charge; County looking at ways to minimize the hauling charges; there are a number of possibilities; Mr. Heid is looking for solutions for the tires to be removed; all have a follow-up assignment and a good model for the committee work. Mr. Heid – we are going forward with putting the scales in to equalize the rate for all; Mr. Olesheski – researched other municipalities and we can use a little from each one; Mr. Hoskins – hoping for 3 months to get it installed. Supervisor Bean – Indian Lake, Warrensburg, Chestertown – we’ll need to redesign the actual design of the transfer station; recycles need to be under cover so we’re not paying for ice and water in the containers.

Mr. Williams

- Sewer – last piece submitted to DEC, 1 comment, 1 more item – water infiltration report; new plan for that; now we wait and call DEC in a week re: the final permit; continue to work on rules and regulations.
- ORDA – continue to work with them navigating them through a municipal project; it’s a learning process; next Board Meeting ORDA will do a presentation.

Mr. Stevens

- Water – no additional meetings; water mitigation meeting, 4/11/24 will have another meeting as to where we are, where we need to be and how to get there.

Supervisor Bean

- Marketing Committee update at the end of April; Anna on vacation in warmer weather.

8. Supervisor’s Report – Supervisor Bean – Report is in the Packet – could I get a Motion?

RESOLUTION #74-24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Supervisor’s Report and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.F

9. Warrants – Supervisor Bean – any questions or concerns?

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 25,674.11
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 22,565.02
LIBRARY FUND:	\$ 338.80
WATER DISTRICT	\$ 388.80
TRUST & AGENCY:	\$ 1,277.16
TOTAL	\$ 50,243.89

RESOLUTION #75-24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

10. Privilege of the Floor –

- Mr. Paul Sears – tax levy line item JEMS, previously all seemed to be in order in previous years; an increase of 71%; why such a large change, do they submit a budget to anyone – Supervisor Bean – to the Board; do they hold meetings, are they published; article in the Sun News for Moriah establishing a district; what is our call volume? No one seems to know; we do have Gore Mountain; \$2,000 per ambulance ride to Glens Falls, soft billing is not a practice here any longer \$22.00/mile; appreciative of the care, they do an outstanding job; JEMS also services the Town of Minerva – is that contractual? Supervisor Bean – yes; does Gore Mountain contribute; recently 3 calls from Gore Mountain, someone in Town also fell ill; JEMS got the tax payer to the hospital and I thank them for that; there is potential income. I will be on the Fire/EMS Committee; can we look at where our tax dollars are going? We pay taxes and we pay the bills, it seems like we're paying twice as much; Mr. Heid – previous Board approved pay raises and health care for employees; Gore pays \$7,000 annually; Mr. Sears - 2014 they gave \$6,000, ten years later it's only \$1,000 more.
- Ms. Hutchins – also an issue with the Air BnB's; several ambulances on Austin Pond Road.
- Beth Maher – I am on the Board of JEMS – how odd that they didn't have health care and they are health care givers; equipment and repairs are expensive; Mr. Connelly is much more articulate with this; it needed to be increased to get more employees and keep them; Mr. Sears – just asking the taxable line item, not the purpose of JEMS. Supervisor Bean – you're not the first person to ask questions, and it needs to be addressed through the committee.
- Chris Heidrich – thank Fred & highway department with their work on the roads; safety first this weekend; in talking with Fred I was concerned with his budget for materials for roads; it was not a concern of Fred's it was mine after our conversation; I think the figure is too low and I know we're in budget constraints; Supervisor Bean – I spoke with Fred as well and we're going to fix all the roads we can this year; Mr. Heidrich - sand mine – we can eke out more and I know you'll do it properly; is the Town looking at other sources for sand; I'd like the Town to own it, not buying from someone else. Supervisor Bean –I have talked with Fred and we're working on it.
- Supervisor Bean – snowstorm coming in, it's going to be heavy and wet; check on neighbors for safety; 4/8/24 – eclipse will be happening; public safety is the biggest the concern; more people, more issues can occur; traffic should there be an accident; cell tower issues.

11. Motion to Adjourn – Supervisor Bean – any further Privilege of the Floor? Could I get a Motion to Adjourn.

RESOLUTION # 76-24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:33PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

PREPARED BY:

Jean M. Comstock

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Town Clerk

**THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE APRIL 16, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT
TANNERY POND AND VIRTUALLY**