

Town of Lincoln
6886 Tuttle Road, Canastota, NY 13032
Town Board Meeting

March 11, 2020

Call to order time: 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli, Councilmember Melissa During, Councilmember Jayne Black, Councilmember Russell Blanchard, Councilmember Doug Holdridge

Member Apologies: None

Others in Attendance: Pam Maxwell, Deputy Town Clerk, Mat Spendley, Tony Domenicone, Jenn Farwell, Chuck Ghosin, John Schoeck, Joyce Savage, John Duwel, Dave Chorley, David Sadler, Ron McClain

Supervisor Nirelli welcomed everyone tonight

RESOLUTION #30-2020: Councilmember Russel Blanchard made a motion to accept the Minutes from February 12, 2020

Councilmember Jayne Black seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #31-2020: Councilmember Doug Holdridge made a motion to accept the February Clerk's Report

Councilmember Melissa During seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Tony will get a hold of Amy, Town Clerk, to put the public notice in the paper for the weight limits on the Town roads. Tony asked about the software for the Highway Department, Yvonne stated that it has been ordered and should be in within the week. Tony asked for a lighting update. Yvonne called and left a message and has not heard back. Tony asked if the board has looked over the proposal. Yvonne stated that it would be good to wait until we see what will be happening with the State Budget.

Code Officer's Report: Turned into clerk to file and read by Councilmembers

Dog Officer's Report: None Turned in.

Supervisor's Financials Report:

February Lighting District: Beginning Balance: \$4,396.15, Disbursements: \$271.63, Receivables: .07, Ending Balance: \$4,124.59

February Court Fund: Beginning Balance: \$7,656.49, Receivables: \$3,459.00, Distributions: \$7,847.00, Ending Balance \$3,268.49

February Highway: Beginning Balance: \$88,415.97, Receivables: \$3,208.03, Highway Savings: \$306,304.33, Highway Equipment Reserve: \$6,638.89 Disbursements: \$25,016.10, Ending Balance: \$66,607.90

February General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$324,855.80. Reserve Budget: \$64,371.16, Savings: \$380,021.37, Receivables: \$349,549.23, Disbursements: \$582,789.77, Ending Balance: \$91,615.23

RESOLUTION #32-2020:

Councilmember Doug Holdridge made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Report

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Supervisor Nirelli received a letter from OCWA regarding hydro use. It is an application for Hydro use and they are available in the Clerk's office. Also, the Greater Lenox Banquet is on April 25, please let Amy know if any of you would like to attend. We received a municipal animal shelter report in and all is satisfactory.

New Business The 2020 Census will start March 30th. Supervisor Nirelli asks that every citizen fill their census out as it will help the Town for Grants and Funding. She is also trying to get people in here to help those who do not have internet or are unsure of how to fill out. It is confidential and will only be used for Census purposes.

Supervisor Nirelli stated that the Governor has quite a few changes for the state budget that will be significant and not a good thing for the local townships and counties. He has proposal for Medicaid. They are about 2.4 billion dollars in a deficit. He will give back the Medicaid program to the local governments. If this is the case, we will immediately have significant cutbacks or and 18% tax increase in Madison County. We then would like to get the federal money directly instead of it going to Cuomo first. The governor is talking about taking away extreme winter recovery. There will be some changes in the CHIPS program. Please get in touch with your local representatives to pass the help and assistance to the state level. Another thing that is in the budget is Cuomo's 33-Billion-dollar renewable energy plan that he wants up and running within 5 years. We have Attorney Jim Stokes here tonight to talk about a proposal for adopting a local law to opt in and out of pilot programs. Recently, our neighbors at the Town of Fenner just adopted the Local Law 487 as well. Attorney Stokes gave everyone some background on this local law. A local law to opt out of the exemption otherwise provided under section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law. It does have the effect of discouraging projects in our town, giving the Township more control. It will give us the power to look on each project that comes in on a one to one basis. Supervisor Nirelli said that we need to have a public hearing for this. So once again we have better control of what we would like in our community.

RESOLUTION #33-2020:

Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to set a Public Hearing, regarding a proposed local law of the Town of Lincoln entitled, "A local law to opt out of the exemption otherwise provided under section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law, for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7pm

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Nirelli also stated that for anyone that has a business in NYS is proposing to take the business tax rate from 4% to 6.5% for businesses that have less than 100 employees. Cuomo has on the budget that if you are in rears, you will lose your Star Exemption for now and the future completely.

As of today, a State of Emergency regarding the Corona Virus COVID 19. You can go to www.madisoncounty.ny.gov for information of this pandemic. If you feel that you are suffering the symptoms, you are asked not to go to your provider or hospital and to call them first. The health department is going out on a regular basis to those that will be self-quarantined. Try to avoid travel in large groups.

Supervisor Nirelli stated that our Deputy Clerk, Pam Maxwell will be taking over the Youth Group to possible have a spring event in May instead of an Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Holdridge thanked Jenn Farwell for her service on the Youth Group.

Old Business: Supervisor Nirelli updated the Town on the Clockville Water District. Last month the bids came in and we do have a company whose bid has been accepted, the current bid is over the resolution of

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2.301million total, that was previously done 2 years ago. the current cost is estimated at 2.680 million. We talked to the State comptroller at the beginning of the week. We need to send the new bid in with the new pricing explaining why the new pricing is higher. So hopefully all the documents will be out by this weekend and be able to keep moving on this project.

Public Comments: Doug Holdridge asked about the old schoolhouse. Supervisor Nirelli will hopefully have an appraisal for next month's meeting. He also asked about the Moratorium. Supervisor Nirelli has reached out to several people that wanted to be on the committee. The planning board, Tyler and Mat Spendley would like to spearhead this and have a meeting within the next week.

Mat Spendley said that our Dog Control office has taken a different job in Courtland as well as working for all the other towns. He asked that perhaps we look into getting a new Dog Control officer. Mr. Spendley stated that Mr. Baker's interest is not without town anymore. Supervisor Nirelli said that she would call him tonight.

The County had filled out an application for a federal program for internet for those in need. Tony said Spectrum was trying to go around the Permit Process to avoid putting up a bond for damages to the roads. Supervisor Nirelli will look into.

RESOLUTION #34-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion for payment of Claims
Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.
Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #35-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting
with the next meeting on April 8, 2020 at 7pm.
Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.
Carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.