

TOWN OF LINCOLN
6886 Tuttle Road Canastota, NY 13032
Town Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Supervisor Melissa During, Doug Holdridge, Jayne Black, and Peggy LeClair.

Others in Attendance: John Schoeck, Amanda Spendley, Mat Spendley, Karmel Eddy, Wayne Eddy, Debbi Tuttle, Gail Tomarchio, and Al Miller.

Correspondence: Greater Lenox Ambulance Banquet invitation, Beacon Athletics catalog, Madison County Press Release on EMS, Madison County Public Health Healthy homes flyer, Indeed flyer, Paradigm training flyer, National Grid worker safety flyer, AOT March Newsletter, Impact on Towns Funding Article 7 Legislation, Edmunds GovTec flyer, Carrot-top industries Inc Flyer.

Approval of March 2024 minutes with a correction in public comments section Citizens ADHOC Committee.

Resolution 21-2024: Motion to approve March 2024 minutes with correction made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

No questions or comments on the Financial Reports.

Supervisors Announcements/ Updates

Melissa During updated everyone on the Landfill. The Solid Waste committee received the Cornerstone Report copies were provided and will be posted on the Solid Waste Department website. They had 2 resolutions for this month. 1 to enter into agreement with Casella for the sale of the recycled paper and 2 was affirming the decision to maintain the management of the Solid Waste and Recycling program and recommending the Chair to appoint an ADHOC Committee. Currently John Pinard is taking recommendations for the ADHOC Committee, if anyone is interested email Melissa During and she will send a link for you to fill out your requests. The link is also on the Solid Waste Website. Peggy LeClair has already applied to John Pinard with Melissa During's support as a representative for the Town of Lincoln. The DEC did an inspection of the Landfill and reported there are no violations and the Landfill is operating compliance. The also walked the Landfill and took pictures of what concerned residents have called and complained about they did not find any leaks into the creek. The DEC will continue

their inspections 4 times a year vs 2 times a year. The DEC report was passed around and if anyone would like a copy, they can email Melissa During and she will send it to them.

Draft Report responses have been sent to New York State regarding the Audit. No definitive answer as to when the final draft will be done.

Training requirement letters have been sent to all Town of Lincoln board members that have not completed the 2022-2023 training requirements.

Melissa During spoke with Joe Wasinski from the Madison County Highway Department regarding Oxbow and Cottons intersection, they have added extra stop signs and verbiage under the stop signs that notify the thru traffic does not stop.

Town of Lincoln has the Annual Earth Day Cleanup scheduled for April 20th, 2024 with 2 time slots 10 am and 1pm for anyone who would like to help clean up debris from the side of the roads.

The update the board wanted to make to the Health Insurance for the highway department was not able to be done. Resolution 16-2024 will need to be rescinded as there was a communication error. May 1st is the submittal date for health insurance. Peggy LeClair and Melissa During have been talking with a different agent to get better coverage however, it will not take effect until next year. The new agent will come in and help explain how to use what coverage we have to the fullest and help change to a better policy for the coming year.

Melissa During has been working on trying to get NYMIR University set up for trainings. Once she gets it finalized, she will sign up everyone to get better access for trainings that are required. This is part of the package we currently have and is not extra cost for the Town.

Melissa During is to purchase new speakers for the trainings as they do not work majority of the time.

Syracuse Haulers previously submitted an incorrect agreement with incorrect pricing during February of 2024. Amanda Spendley reached out to them and they sent a corrected agreement with corrected pricing and term of service from 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 for \$60.00 per month. The board agreed to sign the corrected contract.

Resolution 22-2024: Motion to sign the corrected contract for Syracuse Haulers made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Bryn Wilcox submitted a Payroll Certification for all Town Officials Salaries to Melissa During to sign and return to Madison County.

Resolution 23-2024: Motion to allow Melissa During to sign the Department Head Payroll Certification made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Melissa During also spoke with Bryn Wilcox on a budget transfer A5132.2 and A1620.2 both were the generator. Bryn stated the Town just needed a resolution to use ARPA funds to balance them lines. Doug Holdridge asked for a list of the ARPA fund that have already been used. Melissa During is to obtain that from Bryn Wilcox. Decision has been held until next month.

Deputy Supervisors Announcements/ Updates

Peggy LeClair announced Open Farm Days is coming up on July 27,2024 she encourages all to attend as it is informational and fun. They are looking for sponsors for open farm day ranging from \$200 and up.

County wide broad band is to be breaking ground this spring once grants have been completed. Mat Spendley stated the Madison County Highway department has already started breaking ground last fall.

Annual Shredding Day is at the Madison County Landfill on 4/27/24 from 8am-11am with a maximum of 4 boxes per person.

Easter Event went very well. 9 bikes, 6 baskets, kites, bubbles, and plants. Nearly everyone who attended received something. There were roughly 55 kids, a little less then last year. The fire department came up with the Easter bunny. Thank you cards are to be sent for the donations.

Comprehensive Plan Committee went over the feed back from the public meeting. All very good information. Next step is to write goals/objectives.

Equipment to be destroyed Cannon Printer, Cannon printer toner, HP printer, Hp desktop unit, Keyboard, mouse, 3-hole punch, and expired covid tests.

Resolution 24-2024: Motion to dispose of the above list of equipment made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Clerks Report

Clerks Report given and approved with no questions. Amanda Spendley brought to the attention of the board the Wanderers Rest Seizure report was received however, the check written to the Town of Lincoln was \$17 to much. Amanda Spendley called Sara Murdie and left a message for her regarding the matter. Melissa During will take a copy with her to a meeting she has with Sara Murdie to notify her as well.

Resolution 25-2024: Motion to accept clerks report made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Dog Control, Codes Enforcement Report, and Historian Report all examined and filed with the clerk. Jayne Black asked about a warrant for a Dog Control case. 12 tickets have been issued and Jason Driscoll was to talk with the DA about the case. All lot of the information can not be

said publicly about the case as of now. Melissa During to follow-up with the Lincoln Justice and Dog Control.

Highway Report

Anthony Domenicone notified the board that there will be a full-time position open at the highway department as Brett Goodwin decided to choose a different career path after 7 years with the highway department. Notice to be put out in the Oneida Daily Dispatch. Melissa During is to contact Madison County and ask if they could post the position for the Town. Half of the fleet has been serviced and ready for summer work. The highway department worked on removing plow markers and fixed areas where there was damage from the plows. Installed new driveway pipe on Seeber Rd and Palmer Rd. CHIPS money has still not been determined as NYS has not passed their budget. Asphalt bid will be published early. Road work for the 2024 year will be roughly 1 mile of Milling and paving on Nelson Rd starting at the Town of Lenox line, oil and stone Palmer Rd, Colegrove Rd, Nichols Pond Rd, Miller and Raymond as long as funds are available. Replacement of 1 culvert pipe on Harp Rd and 2 on Watson Rd. This will also may be the last year to plow in Wampsville as well.

Assessor Report

Grievance Day will be coming up soon, generally it is the first Wednesday after the 4th Tuesday in May. Senior exemptions and Enhanced star exemptions are done and Farm and Agriculture Exemptions are almost done. Mat Spendley is to reach out to the BOAR Chair Gerald O'Donnell to confirm the date. Public Notice will be published in the Oneida Daily Dispatch.

Old Business

Peggy LeClair spoke with Dana Packard for her clean services. \$75 per month, \$50 twice a year for all windows in May and October. Peggy LeClair is to ask for a written contract with an updated price to include the offices.

Williamson Law Agreement for credit card services and online dog licensing approved by the board for \$625 initial fee and \$435 per year for annual support. \$700 from budget line A1410.2 to be transferred to A1410.4 to cover the cost.

Resolution 26-2024: Motion to approve Melissa During to sign the Williamson Law Agreement and transfer funds from A1410.2 to A1410.4 in the amount of \$700 made by Jayne Black, 2nd Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

Vacant Judge Position Resolution as follows.

Resolution 27-2024

Town of Lincoln

WHEREAS, the Town of Lincoln has two Town Justice seats, one of which has been vacant since August 2022; and

WHEREAS, said seat was on the ballot in the November 2023 general election, and no candidate sought election thereto. Accordingly, the seat remains vacant with a term ending December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, subsection 2 of New York State Town Law §60-a authorizes the Town Board to reduce the number of Town Justices by the adoption of a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, such reduction being effective as of the end of current term of the seat to be abolished; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Town Board has found and determined that two Town Justices are not necessary for the proper functioning of the Town of Lincoln Justice Court and that the vacant seat is superfluous; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lincoln shall reduce the number of Town Justice seats from two to one, such reduction to be effective January 1, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Lincoln, April 16, 2024.

The foregoing resolution to reduce the number of Town Justice seats in the Town of Lincoln by the abolition of the vacant seat effective January 1, 2028 was proposed at the April 10, 2024 Lincoln Town Board meeting by Peggy LaClair, seconded by Jayne Black, and was carried with a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays.

Resolution 27-2024: Motion to approve Resolution 27-2024 as it appears above pertaining to the removal of the Vacant Judicial Seat made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Camper Regulations do be further discussed next month.

Resolution 28-2024: Motion to rescind Resolution 16-2024 for the health insurance changes made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Weisbrod Solar has not sent the check yet for the deposit for Engineering fees and Attorney fees so the contract from C&S Engineers will not be signed until then.

Battery Storage private discussion to happen with the Towns Attorney on April 18th at 3:30pm. Melissa During is to resend the Battery Storage model law to everyone to look over.

Next month the new applicants will be invited to attend at the 6:30 workshop before the Town Board Meeting for an interview.

David from B&L will be sending the Water District reports to the Town Attorney and will bring it to next months meeting for board approval.

Payment of Claims:

Melissa During is to contact Madison County again to refuse the payment set forth for IT service between January 1, 2023- June 30, 2023 as there was not agreed upon contract.

Reliable voucher pulled as it was not an approved sale of products. The products were just sent to the Highway Department. The products are still in the original boxes and never used. Melissa During is to reach out to the billing department.

Resolution 29-2024: Motion to approve payment of claims made with Madison County IT and Reliable vouchers pulled made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Madison County update with taxes. No Resolutions are on the table for sales tax. Currently it is a 50 50 split with the Town. They have talked about a 75 25 split for anything over the 35.1-million-dollar threshold. This would not affect town of Lincoln. They board of Supervisors is trying to find ways to not increase taxes for Madison County residents. They have talked about a 5% cut for all departments within the County however, Melissa During does not think that is an option because certain departments cannot reduce their budget due to State regulations.

Public Comment

John Schoeck asked if the Planning Board could be involved in the discussion for the Battery Storage Law. Peggy LeClair is to reach out to all the Planning Board Members and ask them for suggestions/ comments to bring to the April 18th meeting with the attorney.

Wayne Eddy stated he used to live in the house on Buyea where the county widened the bridge and the house/garage was hit 3 times. He requested a stop sign be put on Clockville rd before someone gets hurt.

Karmel Eddy asked about the Oxbow and Cottons Road intersection to possibly get Traffic Approaching light up sign to help with combating accidents.

Jayne Black asked about the Old School House property. Melissa During and the board will talk with the attorney on the issue.

Resolution 30-2024: Motion to adjourn at 8:44pm made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.