

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

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others in Attendance: John Schoeck, Mat Spendley, Amanda Spendley, Archie Anderson, Alex Brown, Christopher Brown, Don Zupan, Tom Zupan, Michael Bishom, Nancy Walter, Patricia Filey, Michael Cummings, Daniele Backus, Gregory Wright, Steven Nellis, and Bill Wilcox

Approval of June's Meeting Minutes with the correction of adding discussion of the Fall Fest.

Resolution 80-2023: Motion to approve June's Meeting minutes with correction made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Few National Grid fliers, Public Notice from the Town of Fenner for their Comprehensive Plan, another letter from Oneida City on the Wind Energy System.

Supervisor Announcements: Training on the First of the Month for the second half of the year Melissa spoke with the Planning Board and they would like to do a SEQR training. Melissa During asked the Town Board if they had any suggestions on what they would like to see in the coming months trainings. The Board agreed they would look into trainings and let her know at next months meeting. Open Farm Day is July 29th, 2023. A project Melissa During would like to work on with the board is creating job descriptions for each department for budget season. Melissa received an invoice from Madison County for maintenance 7 computers for 6months for \$4200.00 for the first of the year. Totaling \$8,400.00 for the 2024 year. Melissa During feels that the Town Board should look in to other options to make sure we are receiving the best rate. Next month the HUB business incubator out of Hamilton will be at the Town Board meeting to come in and discuss small business support. David Sadler is asking for the Town Boards agreeance on a Historical sign for the Town of Lincoln at the Clockville Green. He needs board approval. The board gave their agreement for David Sadler to move forward. Melissa During discussed the unfortunate disrespectful, and at time hostile interactions during public meeting and during business hours. While she understands that maintaining one's composure may be difficult during times uncertainty, adversity, crisis and change the use of profanity yelling and being disrespectful to anyone here on town property or at town events will not be tolerated. If an individual cannot maintain their composure, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately and the sheriffs

office will be contacted immediately if the situation escalates even further. I truly value everyone's opinion and love having public input however; no one should feel uncomfortable, unsafe, and disrespected here and the expectation is that all interactions between each other remain respectful. Because some of these situations have happened Melissa During presented the Board with a sample Rule of Orders from the Association of Towns because if the Board is expecting the public to maintain being respectful that the Town Board should do the same. This is for review for next months meeting so that they would be able to adopt it. This is not something that the board does not already adhere to it is just to have it on file and agreed upon.

New Business:

Tobacco free grounds policy to be updated regarding vaping. Free to the Town of Lincoln, Amanda Spendley, ordered 4 new signs Prohibiting smoking/vaping on the entire property.

Resolution 81-2023: Motion to adopt the new Tobacco-free grounds policy as follow made by Jayne Black, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

TOBACCO-FREE GROUNDS POLICY

The U.S. General Surgeon reports that there is a no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke. Breathing secondhand smoke for even a short time can have immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular and respiratory system. Smoking in public view causes children to start smoking and makes it harder for the people trying to quit.

To protect our residents, employees, customers, and visitors
The Town of Lincoln

Has established the following tobacco-free policy: Prohibiting smoking/vaping on the entire property. This policy aims to create a healthy environment to protect the overall health and well-being of all employees, residents, customers, and visitors.

The Town of Lincoln received a Municipal janitorial bid. Upon opening the envelope, it was not a bid it was a Water District survey being returned by a cleaning company. This concludes no Municipal Janitor bids being received. The board has agreed to reach out to people for cleaners.

Resolution 82-2023: Motion to Open the Public Hearing for he GLAS Tax district at 7:15pm made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

GLAS has been providing the Town of Lincoln for over 50 years. The Town of Lincoln has been paying a stipend for about just as long. Mike from GLAS gave a little back ground. GLAS has been self sufficient for over 50 years and in the past few years have increased significantly with the cost of living increasing. Mike Bishop acknowledged that GLAS receives a stipend of \$10,050.00 from the Town of Lincoln every year. Currently this year while looking at their numbers they realized they are heading for a \$100,000 deficit primarily due to individuals that

call and ambulance service not relinquishing the check the insurance company writes to the individual for the service. Mike Bishop stated "We decided unfortunately that the primary solution to this was to create a Tax district. As we were working out the numbers or the numbers that are presented on the Resolution are no more than forecasting right now or getting right now. The reason we propose a Tax District is for transparency so that you guys can see exactly what they are paying for the ambulance service and for equity so that everybody across both towns Lenox and Lincoln are paying the exact same amount." Resident Tom Zupan 4023 Clockville road is not against this and asked about the letters for donations. He stated he does not want the Town of Lincoln spending is money. He wants to spend his money how he sees fit with other place that he donates to such as the Office of the Aging. If it goes to this Tom Zupan asked why we do not pay Vinall if they come up to out Town for service. Mike for GLAS stated that there is legislation in Albany right now waiting on the Governors approval to change how the insurance check are written and dispersed. If this legislation passes then this tax district will disappear by 2025. Doug Holdridge pointed out that GLAS is our primary ambulance service in the Town of Lincoln. Mike Bishop stated that Greater Lenox hold the certificate of need for Town of Lincoln and Lenox. If both ambulances are out on service calls only then is Vinall called in as a backup. The Town of Lincoln currently gives a stipend to GLAS yearly for \$10,050. With this tax district being formed the new total from the Town of Lincoln will be \$17,885.34 yearly. Resident Mat Spendley shared that he feels having a roughly 78% increase to any resident in the Town of Lincoln let alone the residents that have used the ambulance service and paid their bills is a drastic increase. He feels that asking for that much of and increase is not fair. He suggested to GLAS to stick with the stipend for now until the Governor has signed the new legislation. He feels that the board should not approve this tax district and continue with the stipend. The board and public discussed the Madison County Ambulance service and how it may end up being another tax to the residents. Resident Patricia Filey asked how this tax district is being calculated. Mike Bishop responded with for every \$100,000 your house is worth it is \$17.72 charge on your taxes. Resident Steve Nellis of Whitman Road asked why they have not decided to become an in -network provider? This would alleviate the checks being mailed to the patients and would allow the insurance companies to mail the check directly to them. GLAS responded that Vinall did a trial run with this for 1 year and was not a success for them.

Public hearing is set to stay Open until August 9th, 2023 at 7:15pm so the new order and public notice can be publicized with the correct numbers as follows.

A public hearing shall be held on the _12 day of July, 2023 in the Town of Lincoln, New York, at 7:15 p.m. and remain open until the 9th day of August, 2023 at the street address of: 6886 Tuttle Rd, Canastota, NY 13032. The town board of the Town of Lincoln shall be present. The hearing shall hear all persons interested in the establishment of an ambulance district and entertain public comment and discussion on whether or not such ambulance district should be established. A description is as follows:

The territory proposed to be included in the ambulance district is all of that portion of the Town of Lincoln, Madison County, New York.

The object and purposes for which a new ambulance district is proposed is to permit the Town of Lincoln to provide, arrange for and/or contract for ambulance services which provides sufficient funds to ensure an ambulance service with appropriate staffing is provided within the ambulance district.

The following order was adopted by the town board of the Town of Lincoln.

ORDER

The town Board of the Town of Lincoln hereby ORDERS as follows:

The description of the boundaries of the proposed ambulance district shall be:

All of that portion of the Town of Lincoln, Madison County, New York.

The maximum estimated amount in the future years, proposed to be expended annually by the town for such ambulance services paid for through the ambulance district raised through taxes shall be \$17,885.34 which would impose a tax of \$17.72 for the owner of a property valued fully at \$100,000. A map, plan and report describing the proposed ambulance district shall be placed on file in the Town of Lincoln town clerk's office for public inspection. The clerk of the Town of Lincoln shall provide the public notice of a public hearing where all persons interested in the proposed ambulance district can be heard. Such hearing shall be held on the 12 day of July, 2023, at 7:15p.m. and remain open until the 9th day of August, 2023 until 7:15pm in the Town of Lincoln, at the street address as follows: 6886 Tuttle Rd, Canastota, NY 13032.

This constitutes the Order of the town board of the Town of Lincoln, Madison County.

Resolution 83-2023: Motion to leave the Public Hearing Open and send out corrected notice made by Jayne Black, 2nd by Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

Melissa During went over the Town of Lincoln water district surveys that we received back. We received back 54 responses back. Overall majority of surveys that were received back are in favor for the water district. If the board agrees to move forward it would be an addition \$20,000 to B and L. This would be continuing off the 2021 contract even though it was not agreed upon by the board to do the engineering survey. No decisions were made at this time. Melissa stated if we stay in communication with them, they will honor this contract. Resident Tom Zupan asked about the fees it would cost for the water and the board has not definitive answers because we are in the beginning stages and grant funding has not been made yet. The board communicated to the residents that if they know of any residents that have not sent the surveys in to encourage them to do so. The Water district informational meeting with B and L

was brought up and asked why the board did not offer to answer any questions during the meeting. Melissa During responded due to Open Meetings Law every time there is enough members for a quorum the board must notify the residents that they will be at a meeting even though the meeting was Exclusively held by B and L for informational purposes only.

Madison County Solid Waste was here to discuss their long-term plans. Once Melissa During has received the Power Point from the county it will be posted on the Town of Lincoln Website and printouts will be available at the Town Hall.

Resolution 84-2023: Motion to accept June Clerks Report made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Highway department was paving and cutting shoulders for the month of June.

Assessor reported that the Final Report is out and posted to the Town Website. RPS is updated with all new sales in the Town and he is currently working on reviews and sight inspections.

Public Comment:

Resident Danielle Backus requested an Autistic Child sign for her road. Melissa During has contacted Anthony Domenicone and he is looking in to the laws to see what we need to do in order to get the sign.

Resolution 85-2023: Motion to accept payment of claims made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

Resolution 86-2023: Motion to Enter in Executive session at 8: 21pm for a personnel discussion made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

Resolution 87-2023: Motion to Exit Executive session at 8:56pm made by Doug Fusillo, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Resolution 88-2023: Motion to Adjourn at 8:57pm made by Jayne Black, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.