

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

October 14, 2020

Call to order time: 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli, Councilmember Russell Blanchard, Councilmember Jayne Black.

Members Present via Zoom: Councilmember Melissa During

Member Apologies: None

Others in Attendance: Town Clerk, Amy Becker, Tony Domenicone, Jenn Farwell

Others in Attendance via Teleconference: Chuck Ghosin, Al Szablak, Mat Spendley, Attorney James Stokes, J & D. Schoeck, Paul Seversky, Iphone, Becky Oster, Deanna Domenicone, Larry Cesario, AMill, Sadie Fusillo, Bruce Reichel, Karen Sutton, anonymous, Andrew McHugh, Pam, 315.316.1004

Supervisor Nirelli welcomed everyone tonight and stated that she will go out to the parking lot to explain the Public Hearing for the 2021 Tax Cap Levy and take questions as the meeting is still being held for the public via zoom.

RESOLUTION #94-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to accept the Minutes from September 9, 2020 Meeting

Councilmember Jayne Black seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Read by Amy Becker, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #95-2020: Councilmember Doug Holdridge made a motion to accept the September Clerk's Report

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Highway Supervisor's Report: Read Tony Domenicone. He stated the he has finished his roadside mowing and has cut back brush from the roadside. He has hauled in all of his winter material for sanding and began servicing the trucks for winter. He removed trees and debris from the roads that occurred during the last storm. He has been hauling the millings from the Route 5 project that will be used next year. Has a part time application in for part time winter help. Toney asked about his laptop, and Supervisor Nirelli stated because of schools and COVID they are having a hard time locating one.

Code Officer's Report: Turned into clerk, on file at TOL.

Dog Officer's Report: None turned in.

Supervisor's Financials Report:

September Lighting District: Beginning Balance: \$6,172.24, Disbursements: \$0, Receivables: \$0.10, Ending Balance: \$6,172.34

September Court Fund: Beginning Balance: \$3,777.00, Receivables: \$323.00, Distributions: \$768.00, Ending Balance: \$3,332.00

September Highway: Beginning Balance: \$107,375.68, Receivables: \$1.72
Disbursements: \$8,142.22, Ending Balance: \$99,235.18

September General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$86,942.93, Receivables: \$4,311.08,
Savings: \$330,068.75, Disbursements: \$58,005.96, Ending Balance: \$33,248.05.

RESOLUTION #96-2020: Councilmember Jayne Black made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Report

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Supervisor Nirelli stated that she had received some information on virtual education for newly elected officials for 2021.

New Business:

RESOLUTION #97-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to open the Public Hearing for 2021 Tax Cap Levy @ 7:20pm

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Nirelli stated that the public hearing was to have a resolution so we are able to go above the NYS tax cap for 2021 if deemed necessary. It is not her intention to raise taxes but to put in place this motion to protect us in case we don't receive state funds that we would normally receive. Councilmember Doug Holdridge spoke in favor of this as a failsafe. Supervisor Nirelli stated as it stands right now the Town Taxes will NOT be going up. Supervisor Nirelli proceeded to go out to the parking lot to explain to the public that showed up but did not zoom in the same. Last year we received aim revenue from the state, we haven't received yet so on the preliminary budget it is not on the line yet.

Discussion followed with the public via zoom. Public as asked to unmute and state their name and questions. Andrew McHugh asked if other towns will approve of this as well. Supervisor Nirelli stated that it is in every towns best interest to approve this Motion as well and we have done this resolution in year's past as well. Mr. McHugh asked if we did need to go above would there be another public hearing. Supervisor Nirelli stated that this is what the 2021 Budget Hearing on November 5 would include. Supervisor Nirelli also stated when you receive your tax bill, make sure you look at each line as not all on the bill are your Town Taxes. She also stated that if you ever have any questions please contact the Town. Paul Seversky ask the Board's position to not go above the Tax Cap and asked if there are possible safety issues that would follow if not raising taxes. Supervisor Nirelli stated that just because we pass this resolution, does not mean that the public does not have a voice in the final public hearing for the budget and the Board will not put the public's safety at risk. Attorney Jim Stokes jumped in to state that there is a Preliminary Budget for all to review, there will be a Public Hearing the first part of November to review and all will be able to see if there will be an increase in taxes at this point.

RESOLUTION #98-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to close the Public Hearing for 2021 Tax Cap Levy @ 7:58pm

Councilmember Jayne Black seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION #99-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to approve the ability to go over the 2021 Tax Cap levy.

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

RECORD OF VOTE

MEMBER NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli	X			
Councilmember Doug Holdridge	X			
Councilmember Jayne Black	X			
Councilmember Russ Blanchard	X			
Councilmember Melissa During	X			

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #100-2020: Councilmember Doug Holdridge made a motion to approve the tax collection agreement between the Town of Lincoln and Madison County.

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION #101-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to approve the agreement between the Village of Hamilton and the Town of Lincoln for the Town of Lincoln to purchase the Salt Brine and allowing Highway Superintendent Tony Domenicone to sign the contract.

Councilmember Jayne Black seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

Supervisor Nirelli went over the 2021 Preliminary Budget

RESOLUTION #102-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion to set a Public Hearing via zoom for November 5, 2020 at 7pm for the 2021 Budget

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION #103-2020: Councilmember Jayne Black made a motion to move the Town of Lincoln Board meeting to the third Wednesday of the month for November.

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

Old Business: Clockville Water District project has been approved at the State Comptroller's office and the NYS Finance Department. If the weather remains good, the project could start in December, but will probably start in the Spring.

The Clockville parking lot will have to be a spring 2021 project according to Highway Superintendent Tony Domenicone.

The next Strategic Planning Meeting will be October, 26 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

Next month's meeting will be November 18, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom with Board members meeting in the Town. Any questions / concerns please mail, email or phone TOL Attn: Lincoln Supervisor 6886 Tuttle Road, Canastota.

RESOLUTION #104-2020: Councilmember Jayne Black made a motion that the items listed here are surplus and have no value and the Town can dispose of: Clerk's desk, board table, 2 drawer cabinet, tan 4 drawer cabinet, misc. items on judges bench (garbage), tall judge's chair, window air conditioner, microwave cart, (2) coffee pots, Misc. items on basement stairs (empty boxes, paint cans, etc.), painting supplies, metal drop boxes, chairs, tables, CEO's chairs and computer, computer tower in hallway corner, typewriters, calculators gateway tower, printers, chairs, 4 drawer cabinet (middle one in Joyce's office) Joyce's desk and chair, Yvonne's desk and chair.

Councilmember Russell Blanchard seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION #105-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion that the Town will Hire John's Clean Out Service for \$795 to remove and clean out the unwanted items from the Old Town Hall.

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

Carried Unanimously.

Attorney Jim Stokes discussed a letter from Charter Communications that had a draft franchise agreement renewal with the Town. He thought the 15-year franchise commitment may be too long and may want to modify it to a shorter agreement. The Town will schedule a Public Hearing for this at a later date after Supervisor Nirelli speaks with Charter Communications.

RESOLUTION #106-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard made a motion for payment of Claims

Councilmember Doug Holdridge seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #107-2020: Councilmember Russell Blanchard a motion to adjourn the meeting

Councilmember Jayne Black seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.