

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

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others in Attendance: Amanda Spendley, Mat Spendley, Chris Brown, Susan Brown, Zach Myahkoft, and John Schoeck.

June 2024 Town Board Meeting Minutes approved with no corrections.

Resolution 53-2024: Motion to approve June 2024 meeting minutes with no corrections made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Financial Report given and on file. Doug Holdridge asked to move the Water district money to the general fund. Money is to be moved from line 202 to budget line A202.

Resolution 54-2024: Motion to move the Water district money from budget line SW202 in the amount of \$44938.59 to budget line A202 made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Madison County EMS contacted Melissa During there was an explosion on Burleson Rd in Oneida. They are currently in rescue mode. They will keep Melissa During updated on the situation.

Correspondence: FEMA Training, Letter from a traffic and road public safety individual, Rhoma-lift flyer, Bridges flyer, and a FEMA Survey.

Supervisors Announcements and Updates:

We had our first fire call at the Town Hall. Our alarms and Knox boxes are working properly. The generators were running due to the power outage from the storm that produced a tornado in Canastota and the intake vent located in the supervisor's office was sucking in all the CO2 which put the CO2 levels at deathly levels. Anthony Domenicone has sealed off the intake vent. Peggy LeClair and Anthony Domenicone will be working with the Generator company to get the issue resolved.

Melissa During did not have much for a County Update. She will update the Town at the next meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Updates:

Peggy LeClair is meeting with the Fire Department to get a date set for the Fall Fest this year and will have a date at the next meeting.

Clerks Report approved and on file in the Clerk's Office.

Resolution 55-2024: Motion to approve the clerks report made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Planning Board and ZBA update reports given to the Board. John Schoeck gave a quick overview of what the Planning board has been working on.

Dog Control, Codes Officer, and Historian Reports all provided and on file.

Highway Report not given due to the absence of Anthony Domenicone.

Assessor Mat Spendley reported the Tax Roll is complete and filed in the Clerks office. He has been working on updating inventory of properties. He will be in the office August 6-9 for more training to work towards completing his certification.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Aged-out book keeper files consisting of 2017-2018 Ledgers, 2017-2018 Deposit slips, 2017-2018 bank statements, banking issues 2018, etcetera. A complete list is on file in the Clerks office.

Resolution 56-2024: Motion to allow the Town Clerk to shred aged-out bookkeeper files made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Public Hearing opened at 7:15pm for the Battery Energy Storage System Law also known as Local Law 1-2024. Resident John Schoeck asked if there was anyway, we as a town could prohibit allowing them at all in the town vs. allowing them to be constructed in the IC zone. Unfortunately, even if the town prohibits battery storage the governor can over rule it. John Schoeck asked if the board could wait to vote on this Local Law to do a little more research and maybe tighten up the law a little more. Doug Holdridge stated if the board does not put this law in to play so the state will. Public Hearing closed at 7:24pm. Adoption of the Resolution for Local Law 1 of 2024 is an unlisted action for the purpose of SEQR compliance. It will not have any negative impacts on the environment and requires no permitting authority outside the town and does not require the preparation of a draft of an environment impact statement. The board unanimously adopted Local Law 1-2024 known as the Battery Energy Storage System Law. The law will be filed according to NYS regulations. Doug Holdridge suggested to take John Schoeck comments to the attorney and if needed we can always amend the Local Law.

Resolution 57-2024: Motion to open the public hearing at 7:15pm for Battery Energy Storage System Local Law 1-2024 made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

Resolution 58-2024: Motion to close the public hearing at 7:24pm for Battery Energy Storage System Local Law 1-2024 made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Resolution 59-2024: Motion to accept Local Law 1 of 2024 as an unlisted action for the purpose of SEQR compliance, will not have any negative impacts on the environment, requires no permitting authority outside the town and does not require the preparation of a draft of an environment impact statement made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

Resolution 60-2024: Motion to adopt Local Law 1-2024 "Battery Energy Storage System Law" made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Payment of Claims accepted with no changes.

Resolution 61-2024: Motion to accept payment of claims made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Resident Chris Brown asked about what his neighbor was doing behind his house. He stated he has tried to reach out to Codes Enforcement officer Larry Cesario via email and has not received a response. Melissa During stated she has been in contact with codes regarding the property on Seeber rd. The DEC, fire department, and codes have all been to the property. Larry stated he is clearing the land to plant corn for erosion. DEC also stated that he is not breaking any laws moving and clearing the land at this time. Melissa During also talked with Anthony Domenicone about the road conditions. Anthony Domenicone has since cleaned up the mess and notified the owner if it happens again, he will contact the sheriff's department. This property is also in the town of Lenox and the town of Lenox codes stated he is classified as a fruit farm. People are living in tents out back on the town of Lenox side. He has added an additional driveway to the property without first getting approval from the town of Lincoln Highway Superintendent Anthony Domenicone. Melissa During is to reach out to Larry Cesario and Anthony Domenicone to get the answers. Melissa During will then reach out to Chris Brown.

Resolution 62-2024: Motion to adjourn at 7:39pm made by Jayne Black, 2nd Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.