

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

Wednesday, September 13,2023

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others in Attendance: Mat Spendley, Amanda Spendley, Michael Bishoff, Arron LeClair, Doug Eddy and John Schoeck.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes with no corrections. Correction to the Agenda date should read September 13, 2023.

Resolution 100-2023: Motion to approve August Meeting minutes with no corrections made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Fire Commissioners join the meeting. Arron LeClair stated the Lincoln Fire District has sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors and Solid Waste as they would like to be apart of the Landfill negotiations. They feel that there is a significant amount of runs to the landfill that will be needed as the longevity of the landfill increases. Supervisor During stated that the Chairman of solid waste, Jim Cunningham, would like to have a stakeholder meeting and if Melissa During new of anyone that would like to join the controlled round table meeting. Melissa During will notify the Solid Waste Department of any interested stakeholders in the town to include the Lincoln Fire District. Secondly, the Fire District stated that the mistake that happened with the budget last year is going to create a roughly a 15% increase for this year. They will need to override the tax cap for this year's budget to include 2023 increase of \$10,100.00 that was not included in the budget. The Fire District is asking the Town Board that if/when a resident comes to them asking what is happening to simply explain the issue that occurred and that is where roughly 5% of the new budget is coming from. The Fire District has underfunded the budget and now they just simply cannot operate without the increases.

Correspondence: UPS sorry we missed you notice, ADT flier, Domain name marketing flier, Brain Karst Crane and Tree Service Flier, Madison County Historian Calendar, Association of Towns Regional Planning and Zoning Schools, Laberge Group Budget and Planning Grant Help, Association of Towns September Newsletter, and Carrot-top industries flier.

Supervisors Announcements: Melissa During announced how the Town of Lincoln Town Hall was struck by lightning. It thus far has affected a few of our ethernet ports that are not on power surge protectors, 3 computers, lighting, electrical panel, our internet, phones, and our EV station. She has reached out to the insurance company and they have confirmed a lightning strike, they will reimburse us for all damaged incurred. The Highway computer is older technology and will be harder to replace, Madison County IT Department gave a quote of \$13,000 to replace it with the software the Highway Department needs. Melissa asked for a consensus from the Board to hire an electrician to come in to look at everything before they submit the claim so the Town is sure they have found everything it has affected. The Board agreed to allow an electrician to come in. In order to safeguard the town from this happening again a surge protector would be needed for the actual panel. The cost is unknown currently. This is a question Melissa During will be asking an electrician and hopefully adding it to the budget for 2024.

Book Keeper, Brynley Wilcox, will have the budget ready for the Town Clerk by September 30, 2023 for the Town Clerk to present to the Board by October 5th, 2023. Budget workshop will be held on October 3rd 2023 at 7pm because the town does not have a Town Board Meeting between those dates. Public Notice to be put out for the public.

Sun First agreement was sent to all Board Members for the purchase of the Mac Truck. The purchase was already approved, Melissa During needs the board to approve her to sign the agreement for the first installment. Doug Holdridge asked why the town was only paying \$100,000 vs the \$120,000 they were originally going to pay. Melissa During did not have an answer as to why however stated it there was a reason the board decided to do it this way.

Melissa During had a mileage reimbursement policy printed for the board to review and make changes as needed so the Town of Lincoln can have a clearly defined policy on what they will reimburse for, this will be discussed in next month's meeting.

Resolution 101-2023: Motion to allow Melissa During to sign the Sun First installment agreement for the Mac Truck made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

New Business: Madison County Snow and Ice Agreement presented and agreed upon. The per lane mile rate will increase to \$22.30. The per lane mile rate for regular salt brine applications will increase to \$15.71 and per lane mile rate for salt brine with 5% magnesium chloride applications will increase to \$16.96. The loader rate will be \$78.13 per hour.

Resolution 102-2023: Motion to allow Melissa During and Tony Domenicone to sign Madison County's Snow and Ice Agreement made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by

Computer Maintenance contract has been lowered the cost per computer to \$50 per computer. A lot of other Towns have complained and Madison County has decided to drop the price. Other computer maintenance contracts that were looked at amounted to \$100 per computer as well. The Town of Lincoln has until January 1, 2024 to decide on signing the contract with Madison County. No decision made on this contract.

The town Janitorial Services has had little interest. However, all parties that were interested have been notified they could come in and look at the building. Melissa During has not heard back from any of them. She has reached out to Ms. Drummond and she is unavailable currently. Melissa During is to reach out to the Original Company we received a quote from for \$150 2years ago.

Water district surveys results were printed for all the Board member for review.

Fall Fest Update- Peggy LeClair stated that they were up to 8 vendors and is currently waiting on 3 more. She is to meet with the Fire Department and update them as well. Melissa During stated she will be putting in an application for the fall fest for 4H Club. Melissa During asked for the board to waive the \$25 fee for the 4H Club as well as for any other non-profit organizations. Melissa During, Jason During, and Peggy LeClair are doing the required training to start a 4H Club in town of Lincoln and are to have it established by the Fall Fest. We are projected to have at least 12 vendors at the Fall Fest. Callanan will also be at the event and is providing a load of stone dust, prizes, pails, shovels, and hard hats. Board gave its consensus to waive the fee for non-profit organizations.

Melissa During asked if the Board had any questions or comments regarding the GLAS Ambulance Tax District. Peggy LeClair expressed concern on the verbiage "Tax District." She expressed concern as a special improvement district is different than a tax district and what was presented to the board was for a tax district vs. special improvement district. Melissa During stated that in the Report and Plan process it states 209c states it is an improvement district. Melissa During stated because we do not have a Town of Lincoln ambulance service, they are essentially contracting the service out to GLAS. If GLAS were to close the tax district would be null and void. The town of Lincoln would still have a say in the budget. Mike Bishoff also stated that we could have a member on the GLAS Board as well for the Town of Lincoln representative. Jayne Black asked if GLAS decided whether to become a in network provider. Mike Bishoff responded that it would not be in the best interests of GLAS to do so that they would project to lose more money than gain. Resident Arron LeClair asked if the Town of Lincoln sent a letter in to the Governors office about the legislature for Ambulance services. Melissa During stated the Board did not. Doug Fusillo asked who sets the rates for the ambulance service. Mike Bishoff stated they set the rates and the insurance company sets the rate that they will pay for. In turn the rest of the money owed for the service would be additional money from the person receiving their service. Doug Holdridge asked if the verbiage would be changed to reflect a special improvement district or tax district? Resident Mat Spendley asked Mike Bishoff stemming from what Doug Fusillo asked is getting a definite pay of 25% better than nothing at all? Mike Bishoff stated that it would not be in their best interest because in network is a much lower rate. The analysis that GLAS did from Vinall becoming in network showed just that. Doug Fusillo asked for explanation on the analysis. Mike Bishoff stated they took the rate of the in-network and used historical figures and it showed it would negatively affect them. Doug Fusillo asked what percentage if billing \$100,000 would they get.

Mike guessed roughly 75-80%. The remaining roughly 25% goes to a debt collection attorney. If we were to continue with the GLAS Tax district and Madison County moves forward with their Ambulance Service the Town of Lincoln could opt out of this service so the residents are not getting double taxed. However, the money that Madison County is paying GLAS on behalf of Town of Lincoln will no longer be paid and the Town will have to make up for that. GLAS will have to submit a budget to the Town yearly to be approved. Doug Holdridge questioned what a 209c is and asked who wrote the resolution for GLAS. Melissa During stated she would send the concerns off to the Town Attorney for clarification. The board agreed to hold off on the vote until the special meeting on September 20th, 2023 at 7pm.

Resolution 103-2023: Motion to table the GLAS Tax District vote until September 20th, 2023 at 7pm made by Melissa During, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Clerks Report given and accepted. Amanda Spendley asked about the computer that was on the desk the assessor is using. Melissa During is checking in on if we bought it or not and we will discuss it at the end of the year clean out. The old Town clerk printer that was in the janitor's closet is also up for removal in December.

Resolution 104-2023: Motion to accept clerks report made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Dog Control Report given and filed.

Melissa During gave the highway report. The highway department has been working on the footers for the generators and salt shed. Melissa During also stated that it was the boards responsibility to allow the Autism sign to be installed in accordance to NYS regulation. The board agreed there is a need for the sign to be installed. Melissa During is to reach out to Anthony Domenicone to see the most cost-effective way to order the sign.

Resolution 105-2023: Motion to allow a child with Autism Sign to be installed on Old County Road made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd by Jayne Black, carried unanimously.

Mat Spendley notified the board that there is a change in NYS deductions for senior citizens if the board so chooses to pass a resolution granting these deductions so they can qualify for additional tax credits. Melissa During asked to bring more information to next month's meeting on this matter. The Assessor has received several phone calls from Oneida school district taxes increasing drastically. Mat Spendley stated that he has not changed any residents' assessments. However, the equalization rate of the Town has decreased and an entire Town Assessment is needing to be done. The last Town Assessment was roughly 7 years ago. Mat Spendley has also continued with his training to become fully certified. Mat Spendley agreed to another term of 6months as Acting Assessor from September 8, 2023 ending March 8th 2024.

Resolution 106-2023: Motion to appoint Mat Spendley as Acting Assessor from September 8, 2023 to March 8, 2024 made by Doug Holdridge, 2nd by Doug Fusillo, carried unanimously.

Melissa During gave the historian report. Clockville sign will be installed. Melissa During is to reach out to Dot Wilsey to get the signs and then she will reach out to Anthony Domenicone to install them.

Resolution 107-2023: Motion to accept payment of Claims made by Jayne Black, 2nd by Peggy LeClair, carried unanimously.

Peggy LeClair asked if the Board is going to draft a letter to the Governor to get the support for the ambulance district. Peggy LeClair asked about the propane for the generators if they needed to by a tank. Peggy LeClair to get the information for our current propane company for a quote and they are to discuss this in next month's meeting. Invoices were handed off to Amanda Spendley for the generators.

Jayne Black asked if the Town was moving forward with the water district. Melissa During stated yes we were moving forward on reports.

Next meeting is a public hearing on the Solar Ordinance September 20, 2023 at 7pm and GLAS Tax district will be voted on during that meeting. Next regular meeting will be held October 11,2023 at 7pm.

John Schoeck asked if they were voting on the Solar law September 20,2023 and if it was a final draft. Melissa During stated that she believes it is a final draft however, they will decide in the September 20, 2023 meeting if they are moving forward of if any changes need to be made. John Schoeck feels that this new solar law feels more like an open invitation to solar companies. Melissa During stated that all questions and concerns will be heard on September 20, 2023 at 7pm with the Town Attorney present.

Resolution 108-2023: Motion adjourn at 8:30pm made by Doug Fusillo, 2nd by Doug Holdridge, carried unanimously.

