

January 9, 2023
Regular and Reorganization Meeting

Supervisor Van Winkler opened the meeting and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk called the roll and present were: Councilman John Armstrong, Councilwoman Dorayne Peplinski, Jeffrey Crockett, Councilman Leslie Miller, and Town Clerk Halkowich. Hwy Supt. Darryl Aney entered the meeting a little later. Also present : Glenn Armstrong, Planning Board and Scott Fortram, of Gates-Cole.

Mr. Fortram went over our insurance policy and gave us some options on companies that handle municipal policies. He will get back to Supervisor Van Winkler within a few days regarding the more exact cost of these options.

2 dogs, owned by Luke Kline, 133 Hogsback Rd. have been running loose since late Sept. or early Oct. throughout the southern end of Town. These are very large Great Pyrenees dogs. Many phone calls have been received by the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Dog Control Officer. DCO has also been contacted by DEC in this matter. DCO has also spoken with the Supervisor and Town Clerk for guidance. These dogs are very clever and evasive. DCO has been advised to contact SPCA offices to see if one of them has an investigator who is licensed to dart animals or has any other options to help capture these animals. DCO was also advised that any expense incurred is and will be paid by Mr. Kline and not the Town of Warren.

It appears that the Town should hire an engineering firm to help us deal with Solar farms. Lise will contact Town of Schuyler, which has just started a large Solar Farm and Town of Minden which has had some for several years, to see who they have used.

Glenn Armstrong spoke about the Solar Project being proposed on Danny Collin's property. This is not a large project. They may be able to connect with the sub-station at the quarry. A lot depends on when, if and how much power NYSEG is willing to agree to. It has not been determined at this time if it will be a piolet program or some other form. Apparently they are going to be doing a SEQRA study on this matter.

Supervisor Van Winkler reported that Darryl has purchased a used pick-up from a private individual for the Town. (Prior permission for him to do this was previously given to him previously.)

It seems that our current fee for Solar Farms is excessively too high to be logical. Therefore after discussion the fee will be set at \$2,500.00 for large farms projects. Motion by J. Crockett and second by J. Armstrong to set the fee for large scale solar projects at \$2,500.00.

All – Aye

Motion by J. Crockett and second by L. Miller to appoint John Armstrong delegate and D. Peplinski as alternate to the NYS Assoc. of Towns conference in NYC in Feb.

All – Aye

Due to the loss of their Town Garage, the Town of Minden is in need of and looking for equipment to help replace what they lost. Hwy. Supt. Aney needed to know if he could sell equipment to them and what steps were necessary. Supervisor Van Winkler checked with our attorney and no bidding is necessary between towns in matters like this. The Town can sell older equipment that is no longer needed by the Town. A motion to allow him to sell this equipment was made by J. Crockett and second by L. Miller.

All – Aye

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023

Budget Officer	Lisa Van Winkler
Summons Server	Herkimer County Sheriff's Dept.
Historian	Garry Aney
Health Officer	Rachael Munyan
Codes/Building Officer	Phil Green
Dog Control Officer	Matthew Nelson
Attorney for the Town	Hyde Clarke
Court Clerk to Justice	Kory Damulis

Motion by J. Crockett and second by L. Miller.

All – Aye

CONSIDERATIOONS FOR 2023

The Town will pay current Federal Rate per mile for Town Officials on Town Business

NYS disability will be paid for all full-time employees

Gas, diesel and oil will be purchased at state prices when possible

Hwy. Supt. Will be allowed to spend up to \$3,000.00 without prior approval

Time and ½ will be paid to full-time employees for over 40 hrs. of work per week

Pay scale for the Highway Dept. employees per hour is set as follows:

LEO	\$14.20	Part Time without CDL	\$18.00
MEO	\$18.00	New Hires with CDL	\$21.00
HEO	\$21.00	Deputy	\$22.75

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board will be the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

The Times Telegram will be the official newspaper for the Town

NBT bank will be the official depository for the Town

The Supervisor is empowered to invest monies of the Town for the good of the Town

The motion to accept these considerations was made by L. Miller and second by J. Crockett.

All – Aye

Justice books will be audited by Lisa Van Winkler and Dorayne Peplinski.

The Town Clerk's books and records will be audited by J. Crockett and L. Miller on January 17th.

The Supervisor's books are verified by Deputy Crockett every month and her report is accepted by the Board every month. Therefore, there is no further audit of her books.

Motion by D. Peplinski and second by J. Armstrong to allow the Supervisor to make the following Budget transfers: The following Budget Transfers :

TO	FROM	AMOUNT	
A9030.8	A9040.8	\$746.79	
DA5142.4	DA5112.2	\$54,400.71	
DA9060.8	DA9010.8	\$3,102.00 *	
DA9060.8	DA9030.8	\$2,494.46 *	Total \$9,104.,46
DA9060.8	DA9040.8	\$3,508.00 *	
DA9710.6	DA5130.4	\$1,999.50	

All – Aye

Motion by L. Miller and second by J. Crockett to pay General Accounts 1 - 13.

All – Aye

Motion by J. Crockett and second by J. Armstrong to pay Highway Accounts 1– 19.

All – Aye

Motion by J. Crockett and second by D. Peplinski to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

All - Aye