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TOWN OF HARFORD

 February 5, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Harford met for a regular monthly meeting at the Harford Town Hall on February 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were: Michelle Morse: Town Supervisor: John Burns: Daryl Cross: Karen Snover Clift: George Ingalls: Councilmen, Jennifer Fox; Town Clerk, Scott Stairs: Highway Superintendent; Sandy Price: County Legislator; and other town residents.

The minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting were reviewed for information and corrections.

 **RES #14: BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as read and corrected.

George Ingalls made a motion to adopt Resolution #14. John Burns seconded the motion.

John Burns – Aye

George Ingalls – Aye

Karen Snover Clift - Aye

Daryl Cross – Aye

Michelle Morse - Aye

Bills listed on General Abstract #2 Highway Abstract #2, and Harford Mills Water District Abstract #2, were read by the Clerk and submitted to the Board for review.

**RES #15: BE IT RESOLVED** that the bills be approved as submitted and for the Supervisor to make the necessary payments.

Daryl Cross made a motion to adopt Resolution #15. John Burns seconded the motion.

John Burns – Aye

George Ingalls – Aye

Karen Snover Clift - Aye

Daryl Cross – Aye

Michelle Morse - Aye

Sandy Price: County Legislator; gave her report, a copy of her report is on file at the Town Clerk’s office.

Michelle Morse reported on the following correspondence:

A check from the Town Clerk for $729.00 for January fees.

A check from the Fire District for $11,498.00 for workmen’s comp.

A check from the Tax Collector for $1,964.00 for water relevy.

A check from the Tax Collector for $117,648.00 for the fire district.

A check from the Tax collector for $243,028.00 for the highway fund.

A check from the Tax Collector for $134,667.00 for the general fund.

Michelle Morse gave the Supervisors monthly report.

**RES #16: BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approves the Supervisors monthly report as read.

Daryl Cross made a motion to adopt Resolution #16. John Burns seconded the motion.

John Burns – Aye

George Ingalls – Aye

Karen Snover Clift - Aye

Daryl Cross – Aye

Michelle Morse - Aye

Scott Stairs, Highway Superintendent, gave his report. A copy of his report is on file at the Clerk’s office.

Scott Stairs will order the dumpsters for clean up days May 18th and 19th.

**Visitors Comments:**

Caitlyn Brown, Town Assessor, spoke with the Board. Daryl Cross stated that only about 175 of the homes were revalued the last time and he would like to see it completed sooner than later.

Caitlyn advised the Board to wait until 2026, she would not have time now. She will schedule Harford for 2026, this will be September 2026 school and January 2027 county. Caitlyn will do some comparisons and send spreadsheets.

Assessors term is up in 2025.

Lindsey Anderson, Town animal Control Officer, spoke with the Board.

The Board wanted to know why Lindsey was being paid as an employee.

She reminded them that she had taken the position and business over from her grandfather, he was a town employee so she became one.

Michelle asked when will the contract renew? Lindsey explained that the contract automatically renews every year and she should receive a 2% or 3% increase every year.

Nick Cortese, Town Lawyer, spoke to Linsey about the wording of her contract and they will work together to create a new one.

Daryl Cross asked that Lindsey send a monthly report. Michelle will speak with Amanda about gets Lindsey put back in as an Town Employee.

John Vandeweert spoke with the Board and Adam Brown, Code Enforcement Office, about the family with children living in the camper at 464 Rte. 38. Adam had seen the camper but was not aware of people living in it he will investigate this.

Unfortunately, the process for this situation takes a lot of time and effort (we will not put people on the street) and Harford doesn’t have any laws to support it. Adam and Nick will work together on a law.

Every February the Town Clerk asks the Board for an extension of time which allows the town residents to pay their taxes as late as May 31st of each year.

**RES #17: BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the extension of time for taxes.

Daryl Cross made a motion to adopt Resolution #17. Karen Snover Clift seconded the motion.

John Burns – Aye

George Ingalls – Aye

Karen Snover Clift - Aye

Daryl Cross – Aye

Michelle Morse – Aye

**New Business:**

The Harford Town Board will hold a Public meeting on March 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm to answer any question about the

TOWN OF HARFORD UNSAFE STRUCTURES LAW.

The purpose of this law will be to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Harford and the conservation of property and property values by requiring the repair or demolition of buildings/structures that, because of their deteriorated, unsafe condition, have become safety and/or health hazards.

The Harford Town Board will hold a Public meeting on March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm to answer any question about the extension of the wind energy moratorium.

A local law renewing a temporary moratorium within the town of Harford on the development and construction of wind energy conversion systems and meteorological towers.

Karen Snover Clift will reach out to Nick when she is ready to finalize her work possibly in April.

Nick Cortese, Town Lawyer, spoke to the Board in detail about what local laws can be created for the Harford Mills Water District in order get the Boards concerns settled. Nick will start working on this for a future meeting. The Town Clerk will send information to Nick.

**RES #18: BE IT RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

John Burns made a motion to adopt Resolution #18. George Ingalls seconded the motion.

John Burns – Aye

George Ingalls – Aye

Karen Snover Clift - Aye

Daryl Cross – Aye

Michelle Morse - Aye

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Fox, Harford Town Clerk