**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Sodus Town Board Meeting commencing at 6:30 PM in the Sodus Town Court Room September 14, 2021 located at 14-16 Mill St. Sodus, NY 14551.

All meetings are open to the public.

Present: Scott Johnson, Supervisor

David LeRoy, Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor

Don Ross, Councilperson

Chris Tertinek, Councilperson

Cathy Willmott, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Lori Diver, Sodus Town Clerk-RMC

Absent: Dale Pickering, Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Sal Vittozzi, Groundskeeper/Caretaker

Rachel Partington, Town Attorney

Casey Carpenter, Times of Wayne County

Supervisor Scott Johnson called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order commencing at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and Lori Diver opened with roll call.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:** N/A

***MINUTES***

* *August 10, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes*

The August 10, 2021 Minutes were presented to the Town Board for approval. Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to accept and file these Minutes, which was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

* *August 26, 2021 Month End Town Board Meeting Minutes*

The August 26, 2021 Month End Town Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to accept and file these Minutes, which was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***Motion & Acknowledgement the Town Board received the following “past typed” Minutes recorded on file in the Sodus Town Clerk’s Office:***

* *December 8, 2020*
* *November 24, 2020*
* *November 10, 2020*
* *October 29, 2020*
* *October 13, 2020 5:30 PM*
* *October 13, 2020 6:30 PM*
* *October 2, 2020*
* *September 28, 2020*
* *September 22, 2020*
* *September 16, 2020*
* *September 8, 2020*
* *August 25, 2020*

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to accept and file these Minutes, which was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; abstain. Motion carried.

***TOWN CLERK’S REPORT***

The Town Clerk’s Report, Town Clerk’s bank statements for audit, and bank register for August 2021 were presented. Councilperson Chris Tertinek motioned to accept and file these reports, which was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***SUPERVISOR’S REPORT***

The Supervisor’s report was presented for August 2021. Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to accept and file this report, which was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***ABSTRACT***

***RESOLUTION TO PAY ABSTRACT No. 17***

***(01 09-2021)***

**WHEREAS,** the following bills were presented for payment on Abstract 17:

General 402-415 $ 5,435.85

Highway 203-221 $ 44,429.24

Special St. Lighting 014-014 $ 976.97

**GRAND TOTAL: $ 50,842.06**

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to approve payment of these bills as reviewed for Abstract No. 17, which was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye*.* Resolution Adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** ***Councilperson David LeRoy, Chair***

***(Highway, Drainage - Deputy Town Supervisor)***

***HIGHWAY REPORT:***

(Dale Pickering – Highway Superintendent)

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to accept and file the monthly August 2021 Highway Report from Dale Pickering Highway Superintendent was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***SALT BARN UPDATE:***

The application deadline has been extended to 2022 for the NY State grant for the proposed Town of Sodus new salt barn.

***DRAINAGE:***

*(N/A)*

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: *Councilperson Chris Tertinek, Chair***

***(Town Property, Animal Control, Flood Damage Prevention)***

***CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:***

*Craig Schwartz- CEO*

Councilperson Cathy Willmott motioned to accept the monthly August 2021 Code Enforcement Report as written was seconded by Councilperson David LeRoy. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***DOG CONTROL REPORT:***

*Tracy Brown, Primary DCO*

*Craig Schwartz- Secondary DCO*

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to accept the monthly August 2021 Dog Control Report as written was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REPORT-Code 69:***

*Chris Tertinek, Councilperson*

Chris reported the water levels over the last month decreased about one inch. In addition, February’s 2022 long term average shows no major changes.

**RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTE: *Cathy Willmott, Councilperson***

***(Recreation, Assessor, Parks, Cemeteries)***

***Recreation Report***

***(Sheila Fisher, Recreation Director)***

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to accept the monthly August 2021 Recreation Report from Sheila Fisher, Recreation Director was seconded by Councilperson David LeRoy. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***Assessor’s Report***

***(Nathan Mack, Assessor)***

Councilperson Chris Tertinek motioned to accept and file the monthly August 2021 Assessor’s Report from Sole Assessor, Nathan Mack was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

***Camp Beechwood/Sodus Groundskeeper Report***

*(Sal Vittozzi-Caretaker-Sodus Town Groundkeeper)*

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to accept the monthly July 2021 Camp Beechwood-Parks & Cemeteries Report from Sal Vittozzi, Sodus Town Groundskeeper-Caretaker was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Sal Vittozzi Groundskeeper said the park was extremely busy of the summer.

Friday the 17th of September the, “Sunset Pavilion” at Beechwood in honor of John Faulks, former Councilman will be complete and open to the public. The Sodus Town Board agreed to reimburse Sal Vittozzi for food purchased to have a small cookout for everyone who helped assist in putting this together.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/DRAINAGE/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: *Councilperson Don Ross, Chair (Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Preparedness)***

Councilperson Don Ross shared the 911 report is complete but, it had not been sent to him yet. They sent the email to Don but, forgot to attach the report. As soon as he gets the report, he will email it to everyone. The next SESA meeting will be Sunday the 19th of September at the Sodus Fire Department at 8:30 AM.

The Regional Water Project is going along smoothly. Councilman Ross stated he was quite impressed with how this project has gone including; how safe the crew has been. The Wayne County Water Authority truly, has been very professional in our community since they have been managing the Town of Sodus water.

Sodus Center Fire Department held their 9/11 ceremony for the community. It was the 20th anniversary of 9/11. All Town of Sodus fire departments were invited to the ceremony including the public.

**TOWN HALL COMMITTEE: *Scott Johnson, Supervisor***

***(Personnel, Clerks, Justices, Assessor, Building Inspector, Town Council, Boards, Insurances, Finance)***

Supervisor Scott Johnson stated that he was very thankful to the entire Food Committee throughout the summer. Johnson shared the event went great and was grateful for the community involvement. In addition, Johnson notified the Board that there is more to come in our community with a Halloween Party, Christmas Parade, and Sledding Party. He enjoys helping and seeing the community come together. KUDOS, Supervisor Scott Johnson!

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to set Public Hearing/Budget Workshop/Special Town Board Meeting for Thursday September 30th, 2021 at 3:00 PM for Tax Cap Override 2022 Budget (Local Law 3-2021) and allow Lori Diver to advertise was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on setting budget meeting dates will be at the September 23rd or September 30th meeting.

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to approve the Town of Sodus for an extension on its Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (30 days) effective July 17, 2021-August 15, 2021for the newly built Town of Sodus Highway Barn located at 84 Rotterdam Rd. Sodus, NY 14551 was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson Cathy Willmott motioned to approve the Town of Sodus for an extension on its Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (30 days) effective August 16, 2021-September 14, 2021for the newly built Town of Sodus Highway Barn located at 84 Rotterdam Rd. Sodus, NY 14551 was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to approve the Town of Sodus for an extension on its Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (30 days) effective September 15, 2021-October 14, 2021for the newly built Town of Sodus Highway Barn located at 84 Rotterdam Rd. Sodus, NY 14551 was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. There was discussion about the property owner who has placed rocks on Town of Sodus property (the boat ramp). It was mentioned, Amy was asked to write a letter to the property owner. This is creating a big hazard. Councilperson Don Ross will check the updated map.

1. Councilperson David LeRoy discussed the truck that was supposed to go to Beechwood for plowing. It was mentioned that when the Highway Barn purchased the truck from Sodus Point, the old one was supposed to go to Sal for plowing. Sal stated that never happened and they were only plowed a couple times last year. The truck that was supposed to go to Beechwood ended up being surplused and auctioned off. Councilperson David LeRoy will check into this with Highway Superintendent to see what may have happened.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:21 PM regarding a personnel issue with a particular employee was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson Cathy Willmott motioned to exit out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM regarding a personnel issue with a particular employee was seconded by Councilperson David LeRoy. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to enter into regular session was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott; aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Recording Secretary,

Minutes Written By:

Lori Diver Sodus Town Clerk, RMC