



Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Supervisor Jeffrey Horton, Deputy Supervisor John Tschantre,
Board Members Glenn Vogel, Michael Austin, and Norman Maynard,
Town Clerk Michelle Seeley, Bookkeeper Wendy Oman

Guests

Dale Seeley, Joseph Seeley, Wayne Cosier, Stephanie Cleveland, Marvin Cleveland, Dale Chapin,
Kim Mullikan, Ron Mullikan, Penny Stone, Jordan Frost, Cheonna Miller

1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton called the Second meeting of April to order at 6 pm. He opened with the Pledge of Allegiance The clerk took roll call. All present

2. New Business

a. Fire District information.

Minutes:

Jordon Frost spoke for the E. Campbell Fire District. Year to date calls 18. In the last 3 months the department has recruited 3 new Jr. Fire fighters, and one new recruit trained in interior and exterior. Getting back to a full roster. The Fire Department is working on hosting fund-raisers for the year. The Chicken BBQ last weekend sold out 50 half chicken dinners in 1/2 an hour. The E. Campbell Fire Department has been working with the Campbell Fire District on joint trainings. Michael Austin asked Jordon who their bookkeeper is and what the finances look like. Jordon said Kelly Fitzpatrick is their accountant, The Department is on budget and has done a few small upgrades to their truck bays. Michael Austin asked about membership. Jordon said they are recruiting and have added 4 firemen this year and has several people to interview for the department. Michael Austin asked about response times. Jordon stated that they are getting better FD#1 took two calls for E. Campbell in March. Michael Austin asked how the equipment was doing. OSHA is coming up with several new requirements that will be very costly to the fire districts. Jordon said all the vehicles have passed the yearly inspections. They have had to replace tires and rear brakes on all 3 firetrucks. They are beginning the process of specking out a new truck. It will take five years to get the new truck after it is ordered, but they will be in line with the new OSHA regulations. Glenn Vogel asked the board if they would consider sending a letter to the State explaining the hardships that the Town will face if the new regulations are

implemented. There are several fire departments in smaller Towns that are looking at consolidation or closing down due to the increased costs associated with the new regulations. The new regulations go into effect June of 2024. There is no option for the fire districts to opt out. If the fire departments are forced to comply with the new regulations it will cripple them.

The Board agreed to write the letter and send it to the State on behalf of the Fire District and departments.

b. Code Enforcement Officer

Minutes:

An ad was placed in the Shopper for the Code Enforcement position. Two resumes were received, they will be discussed in executive session. The Supervisor discussed enacting a local law to allow the County to take over the Code Enforcement duties. Applicants for Building permits would need to contact the County Planning Department to receive a Building Permit, the permits would not be available at the Town Hall, people would need to go to Bath to get their permits. All of the Building permit revenue would go to the County instead of to the Town. The County would handle only Code issues and code violation complaints, and fire code. Files would be returned to the Town Clerk for filing in the Town. A separate Zoning Officer would need to be employed to cover the planning and zoning application duties. Norm Maynard would like to see a job description of what the County would provide.

Dale Seeley asked if there would be local recourse for people looking for inspections and trying to complete building projects. Its an issue if you cant get a code guy, if there is only the one at the County doing more than one town. Jeffrey Horton stated that right now we don't have a Code Enforcement officer so it is a problem now. The County would like to take on all towns and do their Code Enforcement. Michael Austin asked if the Town were to find a good Code Enforcement Officer, how hard would it be to bring it back to the town.

Supervisor Horton said it would be as easy as making another Local Law. Dale Chapin asked what the requirements were for a Code Officer.

Supervisor Horton said that there are classes that you have to take that are put out by NY State. All the Town requires is for you to have the classes. The Supervisor asked the Board if they wanted to set a public hearing for the proposed local law at the regularly scheduled meeting, May 13, 2024. Glenn Vogel made a motion to set a public Hearing to discuss proposed LL #1 of 2024 for May 13, 2024 at 10 am. Seconded by Norman Maynard. Roll Call Vote Austin-Aye, Tschantre-Aye, Vogel-Aye, Maynard-Aye, Horton-Aye.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

3. Public Comment

4. Other Business Before the Board

a. Sign Board

Minutes:

Norman Maynard asked about the progress on the sign board. Supervisor Horton said he had been waiting to see if the Church next door was going to order one so they could cut

down on shipping. Wendy Oman said they were not going to order one.

b. Audit report

Minutes:

The Town Supervisor distributed a "letter of communication" to all board members regarding the Insero & Company 2023 Town Audit necessary for the Water Extension Grant process.

The Town Supervisor distributed the "2023 Annual Financial Report Illustrative Notes" to all town board members and noted that the bookkeeper has filed the 2023 Annual Financial Report and the Illustrative notes with the NYS Dept. of Treasury before the April 30th deadline.

5. Executive session- Personnel

Minutes:

A motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel at 6:52 pm was made by Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre. Adopted by vote. A motion to return from Executive session at 7:59 pm by Michael Austin and seconded by Glenn Vogel. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

6. Announcements

Minutes:

Rabies Clinic from 6-8 pm May 29th at the Legion. Yard Sales Day May 18th.

7. Adjournment

Minutes:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm was made by John Tschantre and seconded by Norman Maynard Adopted.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0