

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK.

Present: Glenn D. Asnoe, Supervisor
Christopher Evans, Councilman
Michael Perritano, Councilman
John Wallace, Councilman
Ronald Testa, Highway Superintendent
Chief Matthew Palumbo
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Absent: Joseph Tamburro, Councilman

Supervisor Asnoe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Bulinski Higby Rd., Frankfort, NY, Mr. Bulinski informed the Town Board that he would like to put storage units on his property at 1st Ave. Ext.; He informed the board that they would be maroon and white. He asked what needed to be done in order to put them up. The Town Board referred him to the Town of Frankfort Planning Board for study and review and recommendation to the town board.

Gene Dufrense, Gary Blunt, Richard Schwerdt, Harter Ave. asked the boards permission to have a block party on lower end of Canal St. and Harter Ave. Saturday July 30, 2022 from 12pm until dark. The town board said they see no problem with this and only asked that they put up barricades.

NO. 132 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilman Perritano that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of June 23, 2022. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 5-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted and reviewed.

Chief Matthew Palumbo stated that he reinstated Officer Szmurlo effective June 29, 2022. He needed to get up to date ballistic vest for Officers Malley, Romano and Newtown, this was not budgeted for, and he has requested 50% reimbursement from the BVP Grant. He reported that staffing is still an issue; he is requesting a full time School Resource Officer.

Highway Superintendent Testa Reported that the black top on Southside Road was put down put, it is not finish it needs to still have a top coat. The shoulders, driveways are all done. He received a letter from FEMA saying that they will not cover the second pipe on Wilson Road. He also informed the town board report that the new salt truck is still waiting on parts: and Wilson Road will be black topped the first or second week of August.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Asnoe presented the financial report for June and balances of the current day deposit account to the town board. He informed the town board that he did receive the 2nd quarter's sales tax in the amount of \$187,954.12; it was \$10,000.00 shorter of what the town received last years. He also received the 2nd ARPA funding check for the amount of \$245,024.90.

John Piseck, CEO Herkimer County IDA, stated that he wanted to thank everyone again for all the helping the IDA to proceed with the project on Higby Road, by the town being lead agency it allows the IDA to move ahead and work with the department of health to get the water and sewer lines. He reported that he has been in contact with Superintendent Testa and Mike Irons from the village water department on things that can and can't be done.

NO. 133 AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS SEQRA LEAD AGENCY FOR THE HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MOTION made by Councilman Wallace that the town board adopts the attached resolution authorizing a Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

John Piseck, CEO Herkimer County IDA, thanked Supervisor Asnoe, Codes Officer Mishele Spaman and Chief Palumbo for all the assistance they have given with Chips gas station on Acme Road, he was hoping that the property can be condemned which would help the IDA with remediation of the building. Supervisor stated that he will refer that to legal.

INTERNET UPGRADE

Supervisor Asnoe reported that the internet upgrade has been completed he gave everyone a copy of the passwords, there are two secured passwords and a public network that you do not need a password for; it was all paid for with ARPA funding.

WEST FRANKFORT WATER DISTRICT CENTER & ZOLAD ROADS

Supervisor Asnoe informed the board that they are still in the waiting stages to find out when the Town can go out to bid.

OLD TOWN HALL

Supervisor Asnoe reported that the Old Town Hall has been purged of all the old Ilion Hospital records, they were shredded and the town was given documentation of such.

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he had a request from a resident on upper Reese Road that he is very concerned about the speed limit in that area; both coming up the road and going down. The resident had a conversation with the County and they advised him to contact the Town and request a traffic study for the speed limit there. He is also requesting a stop sign on Reese Road a Litchfield Road. Superintendent Testa informed the Board that it's a county road therefor the town cannot put one up.

NO. 134 APPROVE SPEED LIMIT STUDY—UPPER REESE ROAD

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe, second by Councilman Wallace, to approve a speed study on Upper Reese Road Speed Limit, attached and read. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 135 APPROVE HIGHWAY -FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (Marshall Borek)

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board resolves to approve the appointment, based on the recommendation from Superintendent Testa, to approve for Marshall Borek, Full-Time as HEO at the rate of \$20.15 per hour, effective July 18, 2022 and is eligible to all full-time benefits. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was -0

APPROVED

NO. 136 ACCEPT PART-TIME APPOINTMENT—POLICE OFFICER (Richard Szmurlo)

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board resolves to reinstate Richard Szmurlo as part-time police officer at the rate of \$17.50 per hour, effective July 29, 2022, with no benefits. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call: All in favor. Vote was 4-0.

APPROVED

TENTATIVE 2023 BUDGET

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he has all department head budgets accept for the Town Court's, they have until Monday August 1, 2022

Supervisor Asnoe report to the town board that he and Councilman Wallace meet with CHI Insurance Company to discuss changing the Town's broker for Health Insurance. The Towns current broker is Kaatirondack out of Oneonta; CHI is offering more services than Kaatirondack does; such as an HR Services that will help with unemployment claims, they will make sure the town is in compliance with employment posters, anti-harassment training, ongoing issues with the new laws with the state of New York and the main offer is they will do an employee handbook at no cost to the Town.

NO. 137 TOWN MEDICAL INSURANCE

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board resolves to approve to change brokers from Kaatirondack to CHI Insurance and approve Supervisor Asnoe to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call ; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 Approved

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Superintendent Testa informed the board that his annual fishing derby is August 6 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM ages 3 to 13 can participate.

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—ABSTRACT 7

NO. 138 MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to approve General Abstract #7—Claim No. 286-329A, Total \$88,740.07. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

APPROVED

NO. 139 MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to approve TOV Abstract #7—Claim No. 89-95, Total \$12,666.57 Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 140 MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to approve Highway Abstract #7—Claim No. 157-163, Total \$23,708.44. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 141 MOTION made by Councilman Evans to approve Highway TOV Abstract #3—Claim No. 6-12, Total \$103,675.93. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 142 MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to approve Special District Abstract #7—Claim No. 50-59, Total \$32,329.08. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 143 MOTION made by Councilman Wallace to approve Oakview Abstract #4—Claim No. 5, Total \$2,309.10. Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to enter into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. 6:50 PM.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. 7:00 PM.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to adjourn. Second by Councilman Wallace. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEET: August 25, 2022