

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK.

Present: Glenn D. Asnoe, Supervisor
Darlene Abbatecola, Councilwoman
Joseph D. Tamburro, Councilman
Michael Testa, Councilman
Ronald A. Testa, Highway Superintendent
Steve Long, Police OIC
Absent: John Wallace, Councilman

Supervisor Asnoe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Gustave DeTraglia, representing his client Salvatore Piazza, requested to appear before the board per his letter dated September 11th. Mr. DeTraglia stated that he was waiting for his client, and requested to be heard when his client appears. Supervisor Asnoe granted his request and continued with the meeting.

There were no other Public Comments at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Hwy Supt. Testa presented the board with his September monthly report prior to the start of the meeting.

NO. 218 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by Councilwoman Abbatecola that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of September 12th, 2018. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0 **APPROVED**

OLD TOWN HALL STATUS

Supervisor Asnoe reported that records were taken from the old Town Hall on Saturday, September 8th, and Diane Reina has been separating and filing the same. Saturday, September 29th, is the next scheduled day to continue removing records from the old town hall. Hwy Supt. Testa stated that he will have 3 employees to help with the move. OIC Long stated that he removed everything for the Police Department last week. **TABLED**

NEW TOWN HALL

Security: Work in progress. Cameras have been repaired and can be viewed in the Supervisor, Police, and town clerk's offices. A monitor mount has been ordered to mount the town clerk's on the wall. The lock for the basement door (PD side) is on order and will be installed when it arrives.

Entrance Signs: (Councilman Wallace absent); no information. **TABLED**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Supervisor Asnoe submitted attached monthly financial reports, and explained that Hal Hutton is almost caught up with the software, and working out some issues with the reports that he would like to submit to the board on a monthly basis.

2019 Budget: 2019 Tentative Budget submitted to the board. Supervisor Asnoe explained that he will put together a schedule to meet with department heads; probably meeting with them prior to or after a board meeting. **TABLED**

OAKVIEW CEMETERY

Supervisor Asnoe reported that a computer has been ordered. Councilwoman Abbatecola reported that the foundation cost sheet from Edgar Schloop (L&S Masonry) has been received. **TABLED**

NYS CANAL CORP—ERIE CANALWAY TRAIL(Letter from NYSDOT dated 8/21/2018)

Supervisor Asnoe reported that he attended a meeting about another issue and Deb Windecker was present. Talked to her again about the Town's concerns (the cost that is an unfunded mandate, and the proposed route being unsafe). She advised that they would take another look at it. **TABLED**

TOWN WEBSITE/UPDATE

Supervisor Asnoe reported that the town clerk forwarded the link to the new website via email for the board to review and provide input. **TABLED**

FCFD—FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT (Councilman Tamburro & Wallace)

Supervisor Asnoe explained that the Frankfort Center FD has submitted their request for the next 5 years on their contract. The Committee has been tasked to discuss with the Fire Dept. and advise the board. He further reported on the new legislation entitled Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit that covers in the event that they get certain types of cancer. Insurance companies are working on covering these benefits and it's still a work in progress with the cost unknown. The cost is borne by the fire departments, but if there is a fire district, the cost of that insurance would be included in the special fire district and paid by the taxpayers within that district.

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219 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW—RE-APPOINTMENT

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board resolves to re-appoint Walter Reska to serve on the Board of Assessment Review; term of office 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2023. Second by Councilwoman Abbatecola. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hwy Supt. Testa informed the board that his department will join other area highway departments in a funeral possession in honor of the passing of the Town of German Flatts Highway mechanic (Steve "Geeber" DeRosa) who passed away suddenly on September 22nd.

NO. 220 APPROVE NEW HIRE(S)—POLICE DEPARTMENT—COURT SECURITY

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe, per recommendation by OIC Long, that the town board resolves to appoint two retired police officers, Gregory Malta Sr. & Scott Olson, as part-time Court Security Officers at \$16.33 per hour, with no benefits. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 4-0

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CODES DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Asnoe explained to Mr. DeTraglia that the board completed the agenda, and asked if he wished to be heard. Mr. DeTraglia apologized for his client's absence, and explained that Sal Piazza's neighbor is definitely not running a tree farm, presented photos to the board, and stated that it was definitely a construction yard. He gave a brief past history of events involving this property and how the matter eventually went to trial. He further stated that he wasn't getting a response from Codes and decided to appear before the town board, and that his client's neighbor is clearly in violation of the zoning law, and his client is asking/begging the Town to enforce the Town ordinance.

Supervisor Asnoe responded that the Codes Department is not ignoring it; that she and the board have been advised by Town counsel not to make any comments. Mr. DeTraglia asked who the attorney was representing the Town, and Supervisor Asnoe stated that it was Dan Spitzer from Hodgson Russ.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Avery, Taft Ave, requested the board change the speed to 20 mph on his road. Supervisor Asnoe explained that the Town has no control over setting speed limits; the Town, at his request, could pass a resolution that is sent to the County and NYSDOT to perform a speed study. OIC Long recommended to increase police presence in the area, and asked Mr. Avery to submit vehicle descriptions to the department. Mr. Avery also requested adding street lights in the area. Supervisor Asnoe explained that a Light District would have to be formed, and paid by taxpayers in the lighting district. Mr. Avery complained about the high weeds in the area that obstructs view on the road. Hwy Supt. Testa stated that the area in question is within NYSDOT, and that he would inform them of the problem.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe that the town board enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. 6:30 PM

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. 6:55 PM

Supervisor Asnoe informed the board that he would not be present at the October 24th meeting; will be attending government accounting school at SUNY Oneonta.

MOTION made by Supervisor Asnoe to adjourn. Second by Councilman Testa. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgina Bellino

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6 PM