

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
AUGUST 8, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **61-24** THRU **61-24**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-COUNCILPERSON/DEPUTY SUPV.
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
CATHY LECLAIRE-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.-EXC
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
BRANDON DECKER-CODE ENF
VACANT- TOWN HISTORIAN
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.
VACANT-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: RICH LECLAIRE AND GEORGE DILLER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR LL 1 OF 2024 HELD ON JUNE 13, 2024. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- N/A

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1051 FOR \$1,096. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF JULY 2024 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$889.80 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-VERBAL REPORT

- DUSTIN ROSE STATED HE'S HAD SEVERAL CALLS FOR LOST OR LOOSE DOGS AND HE HAD SUCCESS WITH MICROCHIPPING ON ONE DOG.

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- NO REPORT

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- DRYWELL INSTALLED IN LIBRARY PARKING LOT

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JULY 2024 STATISTIC REPORT.
- MEETING WITH TEAMSTERS' REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

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-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JULY 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- SHOEMAKER STATED SENDING UNIT ON WATER TANK IS NOT WORKING; LECLAIRE PHYSICALLY CHECKED WATER TANK AMOUNT AND IS APPROXIMATELY 3/4 FULL; NEW SENDING UNIT HAS BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE COVERED UNDER WARRANTY. WILL ORDER EXTRA SENDING UNIT TO HAVE ON HAND FOR FUTURE USE.
- LECLAIRE AND DILLER INSTALLED BASE FOR PREPARING WELL HOUSE FLOOR FOR PAINTING; LECLAIRE STATED PAINTING WILL BE DONE IN WINTER MONTHS TO AVOID CONDENSATION ON WELL HOUSE FLOOR.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-VERBAL REPORT

- TWELVE (12) TREES HAVE FALLEN DOWN IN LAST MONTH; RENKO TREE REMOVAL WILL COME TO CEMETERY SOON AND DISPOSE OF TROUBLE TREES. ROSE NOTED ROAD IN CEMETERY IS GETTING WASHED OUT AND NOT IN GOOD SHAPE-ASKED BOARD FOR ASSISTANCE TO PERMANENTLY REPAIR ROAD.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LECLAIRE AND SECONDED BY SHEOMAKER TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$16,265.63

FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$201,558.73

FX (WATER): \$5,756.27

- SHOEMAKER STATED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR NEW EXCAVATOR (\$155,390) AND LARGE AMOUNT IN WATER WAS RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE SUPPORT FROM CUSI (\$2,800).

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION 61-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING \$7,500 FROM CEMETERY RESERVES TO A8810.4 FOR TREE REMOVAL PROJECT IN CEMETERY. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY LARISON AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE OF SWAYZE, JR., AND SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MR. HAEFELE ADDRESSED BOARD UPDATING PHASE II OF BROADBAND EXPANSION; MR. HAEFELE CHANGED PROPOSAL DUE TO INCREASE COST AND COULD NOT COMPLETE ENTIRE PHASE II WITH PREVIOUS ESTIMATE (FROM HAEFELE CONNECT) OF \$250,000 (VAN ETTEN RECEIVED FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY EXECUTIVE). MR. HAEFELE STATED FIRST PHASE NYSEG WAS PAID APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 AND NYSEG IS ASKING \$1.5 MILLION FOR NEXT PHASE; VERY INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS NYSEG DEALINGS AND HAEFELE IS WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM

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NYSEG. HAEFELE STATED HAVING ISSUES WITH CROSSING RAILROAD TRACKS ON NYS ROUTE 34 SOUTH, AMONG OTHER AREAS. HAEFELE WILL SEE IF HE CAN START IN ANOTHER AREA OF PHASE II. SHOEMAKER STATED THIS HAS PUT TOWN IN DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH MONIES RECEIVED FROM COUNTY BASED ON HAEFELE'S PREVIOUS "QUOTE" FOR PHASE II OF BROADBAND. HAEFELE WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH NYSEG AND TOWN OF VAN ETTEN.

- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- TOWN BOARD CONTINUES WORKING ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH CF&R CHIEF DAVE LANNING.
- C. LECLAIRE IS WORKING ON WELCOME SIGNS AND WILL ASK FOR CASELLA GROWTH GRANT MONIES NEXT YEAR TO ASSIST IN PAYMENT.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. DILLER EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO TOWN BOARD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPORT SHOWN FOR HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW, DONNA LESH (FORMER VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD MEMBER).

NEW BUSINESS:

- C. LECLAIRE HAS REACHED OUT TO MR. JOE DONOVAN, CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF AND NYS DOT FOR AID IN CROSSWALK CROSSING NEAR VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:56 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:44 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.