

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD  
DECEMBER 23, 2020**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **72-20** THRU **75-20**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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

TOWN OFFICERS

HEATHER GABLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC  
TIM GRIPPO-H'WAY SUPT.-EXC  
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR-EXC  
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK  
TJ SWARTOUT-CODE ENFORCEMENT &  
DOG CTRL.-EXC  
BONNIE MALLEN-CEMETERY CURATOR  
AND TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC  
WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: N/A

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2020. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK**

- N/A

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT FILED

- ROSE REPORTED LECLAIRE PHONED AND WON'T BE ATTENDING MEETING, SHE INDICATED IT'S BEEN QUIET.

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2020 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$139.35 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- 2021 TOWN AND WATER BUDGETS DISPERSED.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT

- ROSE REPORTED CHEMUNG COUNTY GRANT FOR \$2,500 WAS APPROVED FOR PAINTING AND STAINING BANFIELD SQUARE PAVILION.

-DOG CONTROL-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED

- KETURI SIGNED NEW CONTRACT WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

-CODE OFFICER-TJ SWARTOUT- REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- SHOEMAKER REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:
  - SNOW REMOVAL IS GETTING WORKED OUT AROUND TOWN HALL.
  - ORDERED DUMPSTER FOR TOWN HALL.

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-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

- KETURI NOTED TRAINING HAS BEEN SCARCE DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS.

-SHOEMAKER-RAMS-NO MEETING PER SHOEMAKER

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED

- CHECK PRESENTED TO KETURI FOR \$5,120 (CHECK #12055) FROM AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL AND SALE OF PICNIC TABLES, OLD SAFE AND 1994 FORD DUMP TRUCK.

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- KETURI STATED TOWN NEEDS TO PURCHASE ZOOM ACCOUNT.
- CHECKS PRESENTED:
  - \$68,000 CHECK RECEIVED FOR SALE OF OLD VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
  - \$506.95 CHECK RECEIVED FOR CREDIT FROM QUILL.
  - \$17,842.71 CHECK RECEIVED FROM COUNTY FOR MILLENNIUM PIPELINE PILOT.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER COMMITTEE DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2020 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- SHOEMAKER NOTED MR. MICHAEL O’HARE RESIGNED FROM WATER COMMITTEE.
- SHOEMAKER STATED LETTER (SEE FILE) WAS MAILED TO COMO’S LAW OFFICE SECRETARY REGARDING AN INVOICE AND \$2,000 PAYMENT FOR SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD FROM SALE OF FORMER VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND NO RESPONSE.
- SHOEMAKER SUGGESTED PAYING OFF SMALLER BOND FOR WATER NEXT YEAR.
- SHOEMAKER INFORMED TOWN BOARD WATER COMMITTEE MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR WATER DISTRICT.

-CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

- MALLEN FILED 2019 AND 2020 REPORTS FOR CANFIELD AND MT. HOPE.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER’S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER**

A ACCT: \$22,863.01  
FIRE:

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$18,904.62  
SW (WATER): \$9,300.01

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #72-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ET TEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$7,250 FROM A1990.4 TO A1420.4 AND \$1,000 FROM A1990.4 TO A8160.4. SPONSOR-KETURI SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #73-20**

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$2,450 FROM F8330.4 TO F8310.4; \$1,350 FROM F8330.4 TO F8320.4; \$2,700 FROM F8330.4 TO F8330.2 AND \$2,150 FROM F1910.4 TO F8330.2. SPONSOR-KETURI SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- GRIPPO NOTED HE'S NOT GETTING RESPONSE FROM TREE REMOVAL COMPANY FOR REMOVAL OF TREES AT WAVERLY STREET CEMETERY.
- SHOEMAKER AND GRIPPO MET WITH MR. TILLOTSON REGARDING PLOWING CONCERNS AND THEY WILL RECONVENE AT SPRING TIME TO DETERMINE PROPER BOUNDARIES AND POSSIBLE OIL AND STONE.
- SHOEMAKER STATED SPENCER POLICE PRESENTATION WILL BE AT LATER DATE.
  - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
    - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
      - STREETLIGHT AT END OF MAIN STREET IS ON SCHEDULE TO BE CHANGED TO LED.
    - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./TJ SWARTOUT
      - SWAYZE, JR. TO MEET WITH SWARTOUT REGARDING SNOW.
    - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- NYS EMERGENCY PLAN REQUIREMENTS; ROSE WILL ASK MR. HYLAND FOR ASSISTANCE.

**RESOLUTION #74-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES LEGAL NOTICE FOR RECEIPT OF 2021 TAX ROLL AND WARRANT. SPONSOR-FLORA. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #75-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES LEGAL NOTICE TOWN 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 7:00 PM. SPONSOR-FLORA. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2021 AT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:26 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.