

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **79-23** THRU **82-23**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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

TOWN OFFICERS

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.
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.
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: CATHY LECLAIRE, JOE DONOVAN AND RICH LECLAIRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 TOWN AND WATER BUDGETS AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- N/A

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$2,069. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/AMBULANCE WORKERS-SEE REPORT FILED

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2023 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$288.97 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

- BONNIE MALLEN REPORTED ONE PICTURE WAS USED FOR 2024 TIOGA STATE BANK CALENDAR.

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- JIM AND JANET SAYRE OFFERED TO DONATE LIGHTING FOR WHITE BUILDING IN BANFIELD SQUARE.
- VAN ETTEN SENIOR CITIZENS OFFERED TO PAINT PICNIC TABLES IN BANFIELD SQUARE.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- NYS AG & MARKETS MUNICIPAL SHELTER REPORT ON FILE.

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO REPORT

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

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- EASTWOOD STATED SIGNS FOR BRINK ROAD WITH “NO TRUCKS, EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERY” ARE INSTALLED.
 - EASTWOOD NOTED \$133,000 CHIPS FUNDING FOR COUNTY HAS BEEN APPROVED. MUST BE USED ON ROAD WORK TO IMPROVE ROADS; NO CULVERTS, ETC.
 - EASTWOOD NOTED CONCERNS WITH PARKING ON FRONT STREET AND ASKED TOWN BOARD TO WRITE LETTERS TO RESIDENTS TO AID IN DECREASING PARKING ON FRONT STREET.
 - EASTWOOD STATED 2001 VOLVO HAS BEEN SOLD.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- CHECK #2667756 IN AMOUNT OF \$35.98 FROM QUILL FOR OVERPAYMENT.
 - TOWN RECEIVED RESOLUTION FROM COUNTY FOR APPROVAL OF \$250,000 FOR AID IN VAN ETTEN BROADBAND.
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE NOVEMBER 2023 STATISTIC REPORT.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2023 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER REPORTED MOODY HAS PUMP AND IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY ALONG WITH TESTING OF CURRENT WELL PUMP.
 - SHOEMAKER AND LECLAIRE CONTINUE WORKING ON REPLACING WATER METERS WITH CELLULAR TRANSMITTERS.
 - LECLAIRE TAGGED HYDRANTS WITH BRASS NUMBER TAGS AND FOUND FOUR (4) HYDRANTS NOT ON MAP. HYDRANT MAP HAS BEEN UPDATED.
 - SHOEMAKER WORKING ON FLUSHING HYDRANTS IN SPRING.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$24,946.88

FIRE: \$0

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$59,162.40

FX (WATER): \$4,017.10

- SHOEMAKER STATED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR 10-WHEELER BOND PAYMENT-\$32,400 AND \$825 IN WATER WAS FOR SURVEYING WARNER STREET FOR EASEMENT IDENTIFICATION.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION 79-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF:

\$18,500 FROM DA5112.1 TO DA5130.4

\$3,500 FROM DA5142.4 TO HIGHWAY FUEL ACCOUNT

\$4,300 FROM A1990.4 TO A5132.4

\$3,550 FROM A1990.4 TO A1420.4

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\$750 FROM A1990.4 TO A9040.8

SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER STATED AARON ALSHEIMER IS WORKING ON CONTRACT FOR BROADBAND PROJECT WITH HAEFELE CONNECT.
- ROSE WORKING ON CALENDAR; WAITING ON MORE DATES FROM SEVERAL SOURCES.
- SHOEMAKER STATED DANDY MINI MART WORKING ON PARKING LOT TODAY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. JOE DONOVAN STATED COUNTY BUDGET PASSED. MR. DONOVAN WILL CONTACT COUNTY FOR GIS INFORMATION.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 80-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 11 AT 7PM. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 81-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE 2024 RECEIPT OF TAX WARRANT FOR TOWN OF VAN ETTEN. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 82-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN SUPERVISOR, GEORGE KETURI, TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CITY OF ELMIRA FOR 2024 ANIMAL CONTROL (SEE FILE). SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:54 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM MOTION BY FLORA. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.