

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN 18-20 THRU 23-20

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:05 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.
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
TJ SWARTOUT-CODE ENFORCEMENT &
DOG CTRL.
BONNIE MALLEN-DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
AND TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC
WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: GEORGE DILLER, DENEEN DILLER, MICHELLE LARIMORE, HEATHER DUNBAR, EMILY WHEELER, KERMIT BOSSARD, GLENN EWING, TERESA SILVERNAIL, SCOTT RODMAN, DAWN STIEHL, JIM SAYRE AND JANET SAYRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2020. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- PLASTIC CHALLENGE SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22 AT 6 GEE STREET.
- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY; APRIL 28 FROM 5:15A – 9P
- STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY; JUNE 23 FROM 5:15A – 9P
- GENERAL ELECTION; NOVEMBER 3 FROM 5:15A – 9P
- CHEMUNG COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP UPDATE.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

- TOWN JUSTICE-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
 - 2020 AUDIT LETTER PRESENTED TO BOARD
- ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT
- BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF JANUARY 2020 BUDGET REPORT.
- TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED
 - CHECK FOR \$429.28 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT
- PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT
- DOG CONTROL-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
 - SWARTOUT REPORTED MEETING WITH COUNTY WITH SHOEMAKER TO DISCUSS ANIMAL CRUELTY AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ELMIRA. VAN ETTEN OPTED OUT OF RENEWING AND \$6,250 WILL BE RETURNED TO TOWN FROM COUNTY FOR DOG CONTROL.
- CODE OFFICER-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
 - SWARTOUT REPORTED UPDATING SOME LOCAL LAWS, FOR EXAMPLE, HIGHWAY PRESERVATION LAW AND HE'S WORKING WITH GRIPPO AND SHOEMAKER.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-TJ SWARTOUT-VERBAL REPORT
 - CASELLA COUNTY GRANT IS IN PROCESS FOR LED REPLACEMENT AT TOWN HALL. SWARTOUT IS REVIEWING SIDEWALK LAWS.
- CF&R FIRE CO-VERBAL REPORT
 - KETURI STATED CHIEF LANNING PLANS ON ATTENDING NEXT MONTHS TOWN BOARD MEETING.
 - KETURI STATED TRAINING IS ON GOING.
- SHOEMAKER-RAMS-NO REPORT
 - SHOEMAKER STATED NO MEETING AND NO DATE.
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED
 - GRIPPO STATED MARK WATTS WILL HAVE BOCES STUDENTS COME AND CLEAR OUT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OBSERVATION AREA AND COVER WITH THICK MULCH.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- KETURI NOTED NEW SIGN AT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY COURTESY OF CHEMUNG COUNTY SPORTSMAN FEDERATION.
- CF&R MADE PAYMENT (CHECK #1309) OF \$296.12 FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER FUEL.
- KETURI RECEIVED FOLLOWING CHECKS;
 - VE ELDERLY HOUSING \$1800
 - FRONTIER \$47.38
 - FRONTIER REFUND \$16.25
 - VONAGE AMERICA \$8.50 AND \$26.41

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$116,472.96
FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$12,283.15
SW (WATER): \$9,619.45

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION #18-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$2,264.65 FROM A1620.4 TO A1010.4. SPONSOR-KETURI SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI 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 STATED REMOVAL OF CEMETERY TREES HAS BEEN HINDERED DUE TO WET GROUND. GRIPPO NOTED HE’S ASKED TREE REMOVAL OPERATOR TO WAIT UNTIL GRIPPO PHONES HIM.
- SHOEMAKER NOTED VILLAGE SIGNS ON STATE ROADS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
- SHOEMAKER STATED DUNDEE LIBRARY IS EXPANDING AND MAY BE INTERESTED IN SURPLUS SHELVING.
- SHOEMAKER SPOKE WITH MR. CASS DOANE REGARDING FRONT STREET. FRONT STREET NEEDS TO BE CRACKED SEALED, SURFACE TREAT AND SLURRY, REPAIR DRIVEWAY ENTRYS AND LARGE HUMP IN ROAD BEFORE TOWN TAKES OWNERSHIP.
 - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHT-ANDY LARISON
 - LARISON DROVE AROUND AND SUGGESTED HELP WITH INFORMING NYSEG ABOUT LIGHT ISSUES.
 - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./TJ SWARTOUT
 - SWAROUT IS REVIEWING FORMER VILLAGE SIDEWALK LAW.
 - WATER-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-
 - WATER COMMITTEE APPROVED UPGRADING METER READING SOFTWARE, CURRENT SOFTWARE IS EXPIRING IN SPRING 2020. 2020 WATER BUDGET INCLUDED THIS UPGRADE.
 - SHOEMAKER STATED WATER COMMITTEE WILL SEND LETTER TO PARCELS THAT HAVE NOT PAID LAST YEARS DEBT SERVICE FEE OF \$139.41 STARTING APRIL 2020 WILL INCUR MONTHLY PENALTY RATE OF 10%. WATER COMMITTEE WILL BE SENDING OUT NOTICES TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

- SHOEMAKER STATED WATER DISTRICT WILL NOT BE EXTENDED AT THIS TIME.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. BOSSARD REPORTED ON SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD AS FOLLOWS:
 - SERVED 931 HOUSEHOLDS
 - 2400 INDIVIDUALS
 - 220 FAMILIES
 - BACKPACK PROGRAM SERVED APPROXIMATELY 150
 - 64,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR 2019

MR. BOSSARD STATED STILL LOOKING FOR NEW BUILDING. MR. BOSSARD NOTED SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT VE ELEMENTARY HAD LOWER NUMBERS.

- MS. SAYRE ASKED ABOUT NO PARKING SIGNS AT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. THEY WERE NOT PUT UP BY TOWN.
- MS. STIEHL SUGGESTED MOVING LIBRARY SIGNS (CURRENTLY ON ROAD SIGNS) TO APPROPRIATE LOCATION. MS. STIEHL ASKED ABOUT SNOW ON SIDEWALKS NEAR VIADUCT. TOWN IS INVESTIGATING.
- MS DUNBAR ASKED ABOUT HAVING BUS STOP IN VAN ETTEN. MR. BOSSARD SUGGESTED CONTACTING BOCES.
- MS. DILLER THANKED GRIPPO FOR PLOWING SLOW PAST THEIR HOME. MS. DILLER ASKED SWARTOUT ABOUT VALIDITY OF 11 GEE STREET; SWARTOUT INDICATED COUNTY KNOWS 11 GEE STREET IS PERMANENT RESIDENCE.
- MS. SILVERNAIL ASKED ABOUT CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE. BOARD INFORMED HER THAT FRANK'S HAS CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE. SHOEMAKER STATED IF GARBAGE CONTRACT PRICE CONTINUES TO RISE (DUE TO RECYCLING INCREASE) THIS SERVICE MAY CEASE TO EXIST.
- MS. WHEELER INQUIRED ABOUT REPAIR OF COOPER HILL DUE TO HER BASEMENT FLOODING. MS. WHEELER NOTED SNOW PLOW DID NOT TOUCH HER ROAD FOR 24 HOURS RECENTLY (SHE HAS VIDEO). SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED SNOW PLOW ROUTE AND COOPER HILL IS ONE OF FIRST ROADS TO BE PLOWED. MS. LARISON EXPRESSED HER UNPLEASANT PAST EXPERIENCE WITH PHONING GRIPPO IN REFERENCE TO ROAD PLOWING. MS. WHEELER IS ASKING FOR RESOLUTION TO CORRECTING COOPER HILL. GRIPPO STATED HIGHWAY PLOWS NO MATTER WHAT DAY, IF THERE'S SNOW EVENT AND HOW MUCH SNOW. SHOEMAKER NOTED GRIPPO SHOULD REVIEW DRAINAGE ISSUE ON COOPER HILL.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CRIME COVERAGE TO BE REVIEWED NEXT MONTH PER KETURI.
- ROSE NOTED LECLAIRE IS NOT INTERESTED IN DEPUTY BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND WOULD LIKE THE RESOLUTION RESCINDED. SWARTOUT NOTED IF BACK UP COVERAGE IS NEEDED, HE WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY.

RESOLUTION #19-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN RESCINDS RESOLUTION 6-20. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN BOOKKEEPER TO DO ONLINE BANK TRANSFERS, WHEN APPLICABLE. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #21-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO POST LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS ON CEMETERY MOWING (TOWNLINE, SWARTWOOD, MT. HOPE AND CANFIELD) AND PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO CHUCK ALDERMAN FIELD. BIDS DUE BY MARCH 12 AT 4 PM. SPONSOR-LARISON SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- SHOEMAKER NOTED NEED FOR WATER CLERK JOB POSTING.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

RESOLUTION #22-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO POST LEGAL NOTICE FOR WATER CLERK, DUE BY MARCH 12. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER SECONDED- FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- SHOEMAKER NOTED NEW WATER RATES (SEE FILE). SHOEMAKER STATED SEVERAL RESIDENTS IN WATER DISTRICT THAT ARE MULTIPLE RESIDENTS AND BEING BILLED AS SINGLE. WATER DISTRICT IS INVESTIGATING.
- SHOEMAKER STATED ROUTE 34 WILL BE PAVED FROM VIADUCT TO TIOGA COUNTY LINE AND SHOEMAKER WILL INVESTIGATE MOVING 30 MPH TO CORNER NEAR CRAMER HOLLOW.

RESOLUTION #23-20

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DECLARES 2007 INTERNATIONAL AS SURPLUS AND ADVERTISE ON AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 12, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.
ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.