

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 11 AND 18, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN 15-21 THRU 17-20

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:03 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-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: JANET SAYRE, SETH NICHOLS, GEORGE DILLER AND HANNAH ERB (NO ATTENDEES ON FEBRUARY 18).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ACCEPT THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2021. 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
- BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF JANUARY 2021 BUDGET REPORT.
- TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED
 - CHECK FOR \$168.00 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT FILED
- PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT
 - KETURI NOTED TOWN RECEIVED \$2,500 FROM COUNTY GRANT FOR PAINTING AND STAINING BANFIELD SQUARE PAVILION.
- DOG CONTROL-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
 - NYS AG & MARKETS REPORTS INSPECTION REPORTS FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.
- CODE OFFICER-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO REPORT
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT
- SHOEMAKER-RAMS-NO MEETING PER SHOEMAKER
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED
 - GRIPPO PRESENTED 2021 HIGHWAY INVENTORY (SEE FILE).
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
 - CHECKS RECEIVED; OOMA, INC. CHECK #140790 IN AMOUNT OF \$.66; CHEMUNG COUNTY CHECK #905415 IN AMOUNT OF \$2,500 (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS-BANFIELD PAVILION);

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CHEMUNG COUNTY CHECK #905956 IN AMOUNT OF \$7,879.24 (NOV AND DEC PLOWING); ARAMARK CHECK #4206563 IN AMOUNT OF \$36.48 (OVERPAYMENT); VONAGE AMERICA CHECK #2056115 IN AMOUNT OF \$5.63.

- KETURI WORKING YEARLY RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FOR TOWN.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JANUARY 2021 WATER BUDGET REPORT. SHOEMAKER REPORTED LEAK ON LEWIS STREET HAS BEEN REPAIRED.
- CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-NO 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: \$7,996.65
FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$27,422.34
SW (WATER): \$12,797.62

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

N/A

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:

- SHOEMAKER NOTED HE'S CONTACTED SENATOR THOMAS O'MARA'S OFFICE TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING GRANT MONIES FOR TOWN FOR DISSOLUTION.
- SHOEMAKER STATED SPENCER POLICE COVERAGE IS NOT PERMISSIBLE, PER CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (SEE EMAIL FROM MS. KAREN FRICK ON FILE). CHEMUNG COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS LONG TERM DEDICATED COVERAGE IN VAN ETTEN AT LATER DATE.
 - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
 - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./TJ SWARTOUT
 - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER
 - SHOEMAKER REITERATED LEAK ON LEWIS STREET HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

MR. DILLER STATED STATE HIGHWAY PLOW TRUCK HAS BEEN GOING PAST HIS RESIDENCE EXTREMELY FAST AND COVERING HIM WHILE SNOW BLOWING HIS SIDEWALK. GRIPPO WILL CALL FOREMAN AND ASK FOR THEM TO SLOW DOWN WHILE PLOWING.

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MS. SAYRE ASKED WHY WATER BONDS ARE NOT BEING PAID OFF. SHOEMAKER INDICATED THAT THEY ARE HOPING TO PAY ONE BOND OFF BY END OF THIS YEAR AND HOPING TO PAY ANOTHER ONE OFF IN 2 – 3 YEARS. MS. SAYRE NOTED SCRUBS NEAR SIDEWALKS ARE NUISANCE.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER IS SEEKING QUOTES FOR NEW LED SIGN FOR 6 GEE STREET TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS
- KETURI INDICATED WE NEED TO CONTACT TOWN ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER TO ABANDON PART OF PRESHER ROAD.
- SHOEMAKER NOTED TOWN NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF BRUSH PILE AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN SPRING.
- SHOEMAKER INDICATED LAWS FOR VILLAGE HAVE EXPIRED AND NEED TO BE REVIEWED BY BOARD AND ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER TO REWRITE. TOWN BOARD AGREED TO RECONVENE ON FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:30 PM TO DISCUSS LAWS.
- SHOEMAKER SPOKE WITH MR. JAMES AMMACK IN REFERENCE TO RETURN OF CHEMICAL CART TO VAN ETTEN. MR. AMMACK EXPLAINED TO SHOEMAKER WHEN VAN ETTEN FIRE COMPANY CLOSED, IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS, THEY NEEDED ATTORNEY COMO TO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LAST FIVE (5) YEARS. VAN ETTEN FIRE COMPANY WAITING FOR REPLACEMENT OF ATTORNEY COMO AND NEEDS DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS.
- SHOEMAKER STATED PURCHASE PRICE FOR VILLAGE OF VAN ETTEN FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING WAS \$73,937.20 AND TOWN RECEIVED CHECK FOR \$68,000; TOWN OF VAN ETTEN AGREED TO HAVE \$2,000 RETAINED FOR SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD AND TOWN HAS REQUESTED AN INVOICE FROM ATTORNEY COMO'S OFFICE (\$3,937.20).
- GRIPPO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH TRUCK #80 (2011); BOX RUSTED, HAS OVER 75,000 MILES AND CONCERN WITH 2015 F550 1 TON TRUCK; BOX RUSTING OFF AND OVER 44,000 MILES. SHOEMAKER ASKED IF TRUCK IS WORTH REPLACING BOX (NEW BOX APPROXIMATELY \$40,000) AND ASKING CHEMUNG COUNTY TO HELP WITH INSTALLATION, GRIPPO ISN'T SURE THAT IT IS.
- SHOEMAKER MENTIONED ARTICLE IN RANDOM HARVEST REGARDING VILLAGE OF SPENCER INVESTIGATING WATER AND/OR WASTE WATER; HUNT ENGINEERING MADE PRESENTATION TO VILLAGE BOARD AND THEY MAY BE INTERESTED IN WASTE WATER AND NOT PUBLIC WATER.

FEBRUARY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL RECONVENE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 7:30 PM. MEETING RECESSED AT 8:30 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS RECONVENED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:50 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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OTHERS PRESENT: N/A

TOWN BOARD REVIEWED FORMER VILLAGE LAWS AND WILL AMEND ALL SIDEWALK LAWS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ONE LAW (LAW 1999-1-4) AND KEEP ADULT ENTERTAINMENT LAW (2000-1).

ALL OTHER FORMER VILLAGE LAWS WERE REVIEWED AND DEEMED TO BE COVERED UNDER CURRENT TOWN LAWS OR NEW YORK STATE LAWS.

SWAYZE, JR. SUGGESTED MAY 15 FROM 8A – 12P FOR DUMPSTER DAY. SWAYZE, JR. WILL CONTACT B&E FOR PRICING OF DUMPSTERS.

RESOLUTION #15-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES LEGAL NOTICE FOR VARIOUS HIGHWAY MATERIALS (SPECIFICATIONS SAME AS 2020); BIDS DUE APRIL 8. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON (EXCUSED) AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #16-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PURCHASE OF 2022 HX 520 6X4 10 WHEELER WITH VALLEY FAB EQUIPMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$213,000. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON (EXCUSED) AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #17-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES TRUCK #80 2011 AS SURPLUS AFTER NEW TRUCK ARRIVES. ALL PROCEEDS FROM SALE WILL APPLY TO PURCHASE PRICE OF NEW TRUCK. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON (EXCUSED) AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 9:36 PM MOTION BY KETURI. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.