

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **20-23** THRU **23-23**

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

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENF
BONNIE MALLEN- TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.-EXC
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: CATHY LECLAIRE, JOE DONOVAN, LLOYD QUICK, MIKE GROVER AND MIKE WOLCOTT.

KETURI REFLECTED ON PASSING OF FORMER JUSTICE JACK P. WIKI AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2023 AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2023 AND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2023. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- TOWN OF NEWFIELD LAND USE REGULATION NOTIFICATION.
- PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 27 FROM 5:15A – 9P.
- GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7 FROM 5:15A – 9P.
- 2023 COUNTYWIDE STREAM EQUIPMENT/RENEWAL OF IMA.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$368. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- PILOT EXPIRATION NOTICE FOR MILLENNIUM PIPELINE.

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$733.50 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION FROM DOG CONTROL OFFICER DUSTIN ROSE, TOWN IS NOT EQUIPT TO ACT AS ANIMAL CONTROL AND TOWN NEEDS TO BE UTILIZING ELMIRA ANIMAL CONTROL.

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- SHOEMAKER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR CONTRACT WITH ELMIRA ANIMAL CONTROL FOR COVERAGE OF VAN ETTEN. VAN ETTEN ENDED CONTRACT IN 2018 AND ONLY RECEIVED ONE PAYMENT FROM COUNTY IN AMOUNT OF \$6,250. SHOEMAKER STATED TOWN IS WAITING ON APPROVAL OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE MOSS.
- CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT
- LECLAIRE STATED WORD OF FAITH CHURCH, LOCATED ON MAIN STREET, HAS ASKED TO CONSTRUCT SMALL TEMPORARY STRUCTURE FOR USE AS FOOD/CLOTHING PANTRY.
 - LECLAIRE STATED 2022 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT HAS BEEN FILED WITH NYS.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
- SHOEMAKER STATED QUOTES FOR SIDEWALKS NEEDS TO START EARLY FOR COMPLETION OF SIDEWALK ON WAVERLY STREET.
 - SHOEMAKER NOTED SCENIC LANDSCAPE DID NOT COMPLETE WORK FOR BANFIELD SQUARE LAST YEAR AND TOWN WILL NEED NEW QUOTE TO PROCEED.
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-NO REPORT FILED
- EASTWOOD STATED TOWN WORKING WITH CHEMUNG COUNTY SOIL AND WATER FOR PLUGGED PIPE NEAR DEC WETLANDS ON HICKORY GROVE.
 - EASTWOOD STATED POSTING WEIGHT LIMITS ON ROADS WOULD NEED AUTHORITY TO REENFORCE.
 - TWO TRUCKS NEEDED TOWING.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- KETURI RECEIVED:
 - CHECK #1436 FROM CF&R IN AMOUNT OF \$509.74 FOR FUEL 11/2022-12/2022
 - CHECK #00705925 FROM REPSOL OIL IN AMOUNT OF \$520.
 - CHECK #2104722 FROM VONTAGE AMERICA IN AMOUNT OF \$4.36.
 - KETURI STATED HE MET WITH EC COOPER FOR YEARLY TOWN INSURANCE.
 - KETURI CHECK WITH EC COOPER AND TOWN INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER TOWING.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2022 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED TOWN RECEIVED QUOTES FROM MOODY'S PUMP FOR TURBINE PUMP AT WELLHOUSE AND TWO (2) PUMPS FOR BOOSTER STATION ON SOUTH HILL (SEE FILE).
 - SHOEMAKER RECOMMENDED ORDERING ONE TURBINE PUMP AND TWO (2) PUMPS FOR SOUTH HILL BOOSTER STATION (FOR BACK UP). CURRENT PUMPS ARE CURRENTLY 20 YEARS OLD AND SHOULD HAVE BIENNIAL PERFORMANCE TESTS.
 - SHOEMAKER NOTED IN DECEMBER LOST POWER AND GENERATOR AT WELL HOUSE DID NOT WORK. HE CONTACTED CUMMINS (CURRENT GENERATOR MAINTENANCE VENDOR) AND THEY TOLD HIM THEY COULDN'T BE OUT TO REPAIR FOR TWO (2) WEEKS AND HE TOLD THEM WE COULDN'T WAIT; CUMMINS DID COME OUT WITHIN FEW DAYS AND CHARGED \$1,900. SHOEMAKER CONTACTED UPSTATE GENERATOR AND THEY WILL NOW BE NEW GENERATOR MAINTENANCE VENDOR FOR VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$13,752.11
FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$22,696.11
FX (WATER): \$4,75367

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**RESOLUTION 20-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING \$5,000 FROM WATER RESERVES TO FX8320.4. 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:

- COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON-NYSEG FIXED LIGHT ON 34/FRONT STREET AND WORKING ON FIXING LIGHT OUT ON WAVERLY STREET.
 - COMMUNITY WATCH
 - SHOEMAKER WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING; JOEL KLOSE HAD SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS HE SHARED WHEN HE WAS AT TOWN BOARD MEETING.
 - SWAYZE, JR. WOULD LIKE MEETING FOR NEXT MONTH AND ADVERTISE ON CALENDAR TOWN IS SENDING OUT, POSTING ON LED SIGN AND WEBSITE.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. MIKE WOLCOTT STATED HIS MAILBOX WAS HIT BY PLOW AND HE'S WORKING WITH EASTWOOD FOR REPLACEMENT. MR. WOLCOTT'S CONCERNED WITH WIDTH OF COOPER HILL ROAD NEAR HIS RESIDENCE, CONDITION OF ROBERTSON ROAD AND INSTALLING BARRIERS ON COOPER HILL ROAD. MR. WOLCOTT IS NOT SATISFIED WITH DUST CONTROL.
- MR. DONOVAN OFFERED TO CONTACT SEVERAL TOWN SUPERVISORS TO MEET AND DISCUSS SHARED SERVICES WITH TOWN.
- MR. MIKE GROVER APPROVES COMMUNITY WATCH EFFORTS. MR. GROVER STATED SEVERAL HOMEOWNERS WOULD PAY MORE IN TAXES FOR MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE. SWAYZE, JR. INDICATED WE NEED MORE THAN JUST TOWN BOARD TO HELP WITH COMMUNITY WATCH. SWAYZE, JR. PROMOTES COMMUNITY WALK AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

NEW BUSINESS:

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RESOLUTION 21-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PURCHASING ONE (1) TURBINE PUMP FOR WELL HOUSE AND TWO (2) PUMPS FOR SOUTH HILL BOOSTER STATION FOR BACK UP PURPOSES (SEE MOODY'S QUOTE ON FILE). SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION 22-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN REAPPOINTS MR. FRED MAKI III TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TERM 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2027. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR..SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION 23-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES OUTDATED TREMBLE METER READING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION 24-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES ADVERTISING FOR COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 9:00AM AT TOWN HALL, 6 GEE STREET. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- SHOEMAKER NOTED HE'S INVESTIGATING SECURITY CAMERAS FOR VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT WELL HOUSE AND SOUTH HILL BOOSER PUMP.
- SHOEMAKER STATED CHEMUNG COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT HAS REQUESTED WRITTEN CONTRACT FOR USE OF TOWN HALL SPACE-ATTORNEY IS WORKING ON IT. JULY 20 CHEMUNG COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL UTILIZE TOWN HALL FOR THEIR MEETING.
- EASTWOOD STATED JANUAYR 19 WORKSHOP; \$280,000 TO REPLACE CURRENT 10-WHEELER AND AVAILABILITY IS 2024/2025.
- EASTWOOD IS INVESTIGATING POLY TANK FOR SPREADING MAG CHLORIDE ON ROADS AND NEW BOX FOR TRUCK TOWN RECENTLY PURCHASED FROM SVE SCHOOL.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 9, 2023 AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.