

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD  
JANUARY 12, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **15-23** THRU **19-23**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:16 PM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 2023 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

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  
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, JANET SAYRE, JOE DONOVAN, KERMIT BOSSARD, TERRY SHEETS (BRADCO) AND SHANE CHAPMAN (TENCO)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2022 HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2022. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS 2023 TRAINING SCHOOL FEBRUARY 19-22, 2023 IN NYC.

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$273. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/AMBULANCE WORKERS (SEE FILE)
- REVISED SLIDING SCALE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS OVER 65 (SEE FILE)

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2022 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-NO REPORT FILED-WILL FILE ASAP

- OFFICIAL ELECTION CANVASS FROM NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION GENERAL ELECTION RECEIVED (SEE FILE)

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- NYS AG & MARKETS MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT FROM 12/8/22 RECEIVED (SEE FILE)
- ROSE INDICATED NO RESPONSE FOR DEPUTY DOG CONTROL AND ASKED FOR MORE ADVERTISEMENT (MORNING TIMES?). SWAYZE, JR. NOTED PUTTING ADVERTISEMENT ON VAN ETTEN RESIDENTS FORUM ON FACEBOOK.

-CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

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- LECLAIRE CONTINUES TO WORK ON BACK LOG FOR NYS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
  - LECLAIRE DISTRIBUTED NYS BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION TO BOARD MEMBERS (24 HOURS COMPLETE, SEE FILE).
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
- SNOW REMOVAL GOING GOOD
- CF&R FIRE CO-REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-NO REPORT FILED
- MR. TERRY SHEETS AND MR. SHANE CHAPMAN PRESENTED TOWN BOARD WITH QUOTES (SEE FILE) FOR NEW TRUCK BOX (STEEL OR STAINLESS). NOTED 2024 DELIVERY DATE.
  - EASTWOOD NOTED WORK BEING DONE ON BARNES HILL ROAD.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- KETURI RECEIVED:
    - CHECK #3459 FROM LIGHT ON THE HILL IN AMOUNT OF \$850.
    - \$162 CASH FROM EASTWOOD FOR SCRAP RETURNED TO WEITSMAN RECYCLING IN OWEGO.
- 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 JEFF PERDUE FROM MOODY'S PUMP EMAILED DIAGRAMS FOR VAN ETTEN WATER SYSTEM AND IS WORKING ON QUOTE FOR SUBMERSIBLE PUMP AND TURBINE PUMP (APPROXIMATELY \$8,000).
  - HUNT ENGINEERING CREATED NEW WATER DIAGRAMS FOR WATER SYSTEM.
  - SHOEMAKER NOTED RADIO TRANSMITTING METERS ARE BEING REPLACE WITH NEW CELLULAR TRANSMITTING METERS; HOPING TO COMPLETE 100 REPLACEMENTS IN 2023 AND 100 REPLACEMENTS IN 2024.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

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: \$17,016.71

FIRE: \$90,000

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$31,405.50

FX (WATER): \$12,308.78

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 15-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS:

TRANSFER \$5,987.15 FROM WATER DISTRICT RESERVES TO FX8320.2

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

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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-ONE LIGHT OUT AND WORKING WITH NYSEG.
- SHOEMAKER REITERATED TOWN BOARD HELD SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 17. UNFORTUNATELY, NO COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE. FLORA NOTED ATTENDANCE WAS LOW FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED COMMUNITY CAN HELP. SHOEMAKER TO CONTACT UNDERSHERIFF HOLLEY.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- MR. KERMIT BOSSARD FROM SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD UPDATED TOWN BOARD ON 2022 STATISTICS; SPENCER DISTRIBUTED 110,000 POUNDS OF FOOD. SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD OCCURS SECOND AND LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
- MS. SAYRE NOTED COUNTY ASSISTED WITH CHURCH SIGN ON CORNER OF MAIN AND NYS ROUTE 34 AND FRONT STREET NEEDS SNOW REMOVED.
- SWAYZE, JR. INDICATED MAY 13, 2023 WILL BE VAN ETTEN DUMPSTER DAY (SWAYZE, JR. NOTED TOWN MAY NEED MORE DUMPSTERS) AND TOWN WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND TIRE CLEAN UP ON SAME DAY. SWAYZE, JR. WOULD LIKE TO CREATE MAILING TO ALL VAN ETTEN RESIDENTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS; I.E., DUMPSTER DAY, EARTH DAY, VAN ETTEN OPEN, RABIES CLINIC, PANTHER PRIDE DAY. SWAYZE, JR. STATED ASKING CF&R, VFW AND VAN ETTEN SENIOR CITIZENS TO INCLUDE DATES ON MAILING.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 17-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS TOWN OF VAN ETTEN SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY. SPONSOR-FLORA. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 18-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN EXTENDS FRANK'S DISPOSAL FOR VAN ETTEN REFUSE AND RECYCLING AT SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR.. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 19-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS HAROLD SHOEMAKER AS VAN ETTEN WATER LIASON. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER-ABSTAIN, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

ADJOURNED AT 8:36 PM MOTION BY FLORA. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.