

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
JULY 8, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN 56-21 THRU 58-21

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-EXC
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON-EXC
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

TIM GRIPPO-H'WAY SUPT.-EXC
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENFORCEMENT
BONNIE MALLEN- TOWN HISTORIAN
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
ROB FRYE-DOG CONTROL OFFCR- EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: ROBERT EASTWOOD SR., JANET SAYRE, AND HEATHER DUNBAR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAWS 1 -3 OF 2021 HELD ON JUNE 10, 2021. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- FARMER'S MARKET COUPON DISTRIBUTION, JULY 28TH FROM 2-3:30 PM AT TOWN HALL/TOWN BOARD ROOM.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

- TOWN JUSTICE-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT
- BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JUNE 2021 BUDGET REPORT.
- TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED
 - CHECK FOR \$607.40 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED
- PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT
- DOG CONTROL-ROB FRYE-NO REPORT FILED
- CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT
 - LECLAIRE STATED FIRE INSPECTIONS ARE IN PROCESS AND UTILIZING NEW BUILDING CODE SOFTWARE.
 - LECLAIRE IS WORKING ON REMEDYING BRIGGS HILL COMPLAINT FROM ALBANY AND REVIEWING ALL BUILDING PERMITS FROM 2020 PER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REQUEST.
 - LECLAIRE IS WORKING ON REMOVING VEHICLES WITH NO VALID REGISTRATION.
 - LECLAIRE WAS CALLED REGARDING FIRE ON MAIN STREET AND WORKING ON DEMOLITION OF REMAINING STRUCTURE.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
 - SHOEMAKER STATED:

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- LED SIGN HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND READY FOR INSTALLATION; SHOEMAKER ASKED BOARD ABOUT MOVING SIGN TO AREA NEAR LIBRARY-ALL AGREED.

-CF&R FIRE CO-REPORT FILED

- SHOEMAKER READ LAST PAGE OF CHIEF LANNING'S REPORT (SEE FILE).

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED

- GRIPPO INDICATED F550 WAS AT SURE SHIFT, NOW AT HUMPHREY'S IN NEWFIELD TO TRY AND REMEDY ELECTRICAL ISSUES.
- GRIPPO NOTED F250 MAY HAVE TURBO DAMAGE AND NEW TRUCK IS APPROXIMATELY \$40,000.
- GRIPPO WILL SLURRY SEAL (BLACK IN COLOR) WEST PLEASANT, CLARK, LEWIS, RUMSEY LANE AND SOUTH HILL. CHIPS

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-NO REPORT

- RECEIVED \$12,706.27 CHECK (#911669) FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY FOR MORTGAGE TAX APPROPRIATION.
- KETURI HAD ISSUES WITH DOG CONTROL OFFICER.
- KETURI ATTENDED MEETING REGARDING ARP FUNDS; SPENDING LIMITATIONS, CAN USE FOR WATER, LOST REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS. SHOEMAKER STATED ALL VAN ETTEN PAPERWORK HAS BEEN FILED AND TOWN IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE \$150,360.
- KETURI SIGNED GRANT REVISION PAPERWORK FOR REMOVING INVOICE FOR FRANK COMO'S OFFICE-TOWN NEVER PAID.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JUNE 2021 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

-CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

- CEMETERY ROAD NEEDS REPAIR-GRIPPO TO INVESTIGATE NEXT WEEK.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$8,566.25
FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$25,821.72
SW (WATER): \$2,842.61

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

N/A

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI 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.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER UPDATED GRANT PROGRESS; READ EMAIL (SEE FILE) FROM LABERGE AND NOTED TOWN DID NOT PAY INVOICE FROM ATTORNEY COMO.
- SWAYZE, JR. UPDATED CHEMICAL CART DISPLAY;
 - 2 WINDOWS FOR VIEWING INSTALLED
 - PAINT RED WITH FIRE STATION THEME
 - PROVIDING ELECTRIC TO BUILDING
 - WORKING ON INSTALLING SIDEWALKS FOR VIEWING

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SHOEMAKER TO SEND LETTER TO MR. AMMACK ASKING TO RECEIVE CHEMICAL CART EARLY FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE PERSONNEL TO CLEAN CART BEFORE BEING DISPLAYED. ALL AYE.

- COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
 - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./RICH LECLAIRE
 - FRONT SIDEWALK AT TOWN HALL IN NEED OF REPAIR. SWAYZE, JR. STATED REPAIR IS IN PROCESS.
 - SHOEMAKER WILL SPEAK TO CHEMUNG COUNTY NEXT WEEK REGARDING 11 MAIN STREET SIDEWALK; STREET IS HIGHER THAN SIDEWALK AND ALL WATER IS GOING INTO BUILDING. MR. DICKENS (OWNER) HAS OFFERED TO DO EXCAVATING WORK IF TOWN PAYS FOR MATERIAL.
 - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER
 - ERIC LANG ACCEPTED ANOTHER POSITION AND DECLINED WATER TECHNICIAN POSITION FOR VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT. RESUME'S WILL BE REVIEWED.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

MS. DUNBAR ASKED ABOUT BUS STOP AND SHOEMAKER INDICATED TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SAID IT IS NOT FEASIBLE.

NEW BUSINESS:

- DEC INFORMED TOWN HOGWEED CONTROL ON SOUTH HILL EXTENSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR 2021.

RESOLUTION #56-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN SUPERVISOR KETURI TO SIGN NEW TEAMSTER'S CONTRACT PENDING REVIEW. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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- SHOEMAKER READ LETTER TO MS. DUNBAR (SEE FILE) REGARDING HER ANIMALS AND SAFELY CONTAINING THEM. SHOEMAKER READ EMAIL (SEE FILE) FROM MS. DUNBAR'S NEIGHBOR REGARDING DESTRUCTION OF GARDEN. SHOEMAKER HAS PICTURES OF DUCK ON WEST PLEASANT STREET THAT INDICATES ANY FENCING THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED IS NOT WORKING. MS. DUNBAR INDICATED SHE HAS BEEN WORKING ON GATHERING MATERIALS FOR ENCLOSURES AND SHE WILL HAVE THEM CONTAINED BY MONDAY, JULY 12.

- KETURI RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERTAINING TO DOG BITE IN VAN ETTEN AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT DOG CONTROL OFFICER ROB FRYE. KETURI AND DUSTIN ROSE WENT TO ALLEGED DOG BITE OWNER'S HOME AND CONTACTED CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION #57-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN TERMINATES ROBERT FRYE AS DOG CONTROL OFFICER AND APPOINTS DUSTIN ROSE AS DOG CONTROL OFFICER AT 2021 BUDGETED SALARY. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC., SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC. AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- KETURI ASKED TOWN CLERK ROSE TO SEND ROBERT FRYE TERMINATION LETTER.

- SHOEMAKER THANKED DUSTIN ROSE FOR HIS HELP CLEANING UP LARGE TREE THAT FELL IN MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY. SHOEMAKER NOTED CEMETERY MAY NEED MORE EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST WITH MAINTAINING CEMETERIES.

RESOLUTION #58-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES BOND FOR PURCHASE OF 2021 RAM 5500 MODEL #DB969514SS FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000). SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC., SWAYZE, JR., LARISON-EXC. AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.
ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.