

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD  
JULY 13, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **47-23** THRU **49-23**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN 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  
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC  
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND  
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.-EXC  
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK-EXC  
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: CATHY LECLAIRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2023. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- PANTHER PRIDE DAY JULY 29 FROM 11A – 2P BANFIELD PARK
- LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS. JOYCE KETURI IN REGARD TO NEIGHBORING FARM ANIMALS.

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$1,782. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$2,854.95 (INCLUDES SCRAP \$1,372.41) PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- SHOEMAKER STATED 4 NEW PICNIC TABLES AND 3 NEW TRASH RECEPTACLES WERE INSTALLED (VIA CASELLA COMMUNITY GRANT FUND). SHOEMAKER SPOKE TO OWNERS OF ICE CREAM SHOP TO AID IN TRASH REMOVAL FROM BANFIELD PARK.
- LECLAIRE STATED HE SPOKE TO MS. SUZIE POWERS AND ASKED IF SVE STUDENTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PAINTING NEW PICNIC TABLES; WILL START SOON.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

- LECLAIRE DISTRIBUTED UPDATE ON WETLANDS BREWERY (SEE FILE)

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- LECLAIRE DISTRIBUTED CORRESPONDENCE FROM NYS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SEE FILE) STATING COMPLAINT RECEIVED (FROM POST RESIDENCE ON WAVERLY STREET) HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED
  - EASTWOOD PRESENTED NEW 284 AGREEMENT.
  - EASTWOOD STATED WORKING ON VENNEL, SHOEMAKER, BECKHORN HOLLOW AND WAVERLY STREET.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
  - KETURI RECEIVED:
    - CHECK #7003842330 FROM FRONTIER FOR CREDIT IN AMOUNT OF \$19.69.
    - CHECK #2634946 FROM QUILL FOR CREDIT IN AMOUNT OF \$105.78.
  - UPDATE ON TEAMSTER'S MINIMUM HIRE (SEE FILE)
  - JUNE 2023 CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF APRIL 2023 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
  - SHOEMAKER REPORTED MR. DEAN WETZEL REPAIRED LINE AT WELL HOUSE.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-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: \$20,057.85  
FIRE: \$10,456.50

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$46,700.75  
FX (WATER): \$2,500.43

-SHOEMAKER STATED \$26,666.67 FOR HIGHWAY WAS BOND PAYMENT FOR 5500 DODGE..

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 47-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS:

- \$6,000 from A1990.4 to A5182.4
- \$3,000 from A1990.4 to A7110.4
- \$3,800 from DA9710.7 to DA9710.6
- \$1,200 from DA5130.4 to DA9710.6
- \$5,000 from FX8330.4 to FX8310.4

SPONSOR-LARISON. 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 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 STATED HE'S REACHED OUT TO HUNT ENGINEERING TO MEET WITH HUNT AND MR. LEE HAEFELE. SHOEMAKER REQUESTED LETTER TO BE WRITTEN TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY LARISON AND CARRIED TO WRITE LETTER TO VAN ETTEN'S STATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH BROADBAND INITIATIVE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 48-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS ROBERT EASTWOOD, TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, 284 AGREEMENT FOR \$160,000. SPONSOR- KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 49-23**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS ERB INSPECTIONS INC. FROM TOWANDA, PA FOR APPROVED ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS. SPONSOR-FLORA. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- LECLAIRE STATED WOODEN "WELCOME TO VAN ETTEN" SIGNS NEED ATTENTION. SWAYZE, JR. WILL INVESTIGATE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:29 PM TO INCLUDE RICH LECLAIRE AND DAWN ROSE. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- KETURI STATED PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2023, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM MOTION BY FLORA. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.