

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
JULY 11, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **57-24** THRU **60-24**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024 AT 7:02PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-COUNCILPERSON/DEPUTY SUPV.
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
CATHY LECLAIRE-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
BRANDON DECKER-CODE ENF
VACANT- TOWN HISTORIAN
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.
VACANT-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: RICH LECLAIRE, JOE DONOVAN AND JAMES WHITMARSH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2024. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- NYS ROUTE 34 & 224 MILL AND FILL PAVEMENT REPAIR WILL START JULY 15 AND LAST APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS.
- FOLLOW UP EMAIL FROM MS. CHRISTINE PANOS REGARDING NYS BILL S7834-BESS STORAGE FACILITIES.
- OFFICE OF AGING FARMER'S MARKET COUPONS ON JULY 16 FROM 2A-4P VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL.
- PANTHER PRIDE DAY SATURDAY, JULY 27 11A – 2PM; VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED.
- RECEIVED THANK YOU CARD FROM SVE FOR SUPPORT IN FUNDING PROJECT.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1050 FOR \$1,133. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- WHITSON PROVIDED CONTRACT FOR 2025 RE-ASSESSMENT FOR BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF JUNE 2024 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$2,164.79 (SCRAP AMOUNT INCLUDED) PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- WHITE BUILDING IN BANFIELD PARK PAINTED BY MR. ALAN TREMBLAY.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- DUSTIN ROSE REVIEWED UPCOMING CHANGES FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT AND NOTED NEXT CONTRACT MAY BE MORE EXPENSIVE.

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- BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- REPORT FILED
 - DECKER ON VACATION JULY 29 – AUGUST 5
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED
 - EASTWOOD WOULD LIKE BOARD TO REVIEW COUNTY STREAM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT (2023-2027). EASTWOOD RECOMMENDS STAYING WITH PROGRAM.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE JUNE 2024 STATISTIC REPORT.
 - MEETING WITH TEAMSTERS’ REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
 - COUNTY EXECUTIVE MOSS LETTER STATING SALES TAX RATE FOR TOWNS IN 2025 AND 2026 WILL BE 34.55%
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JUNE 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
 - SHOEMAKER DISTRIBUTED PICTURES OF WELL HOUSE FOR BOARDS REVIEW; CHANGED VALVES TO PLASTIC AND WELL HOUSE FLOOR NEEDS TO BE PAINTED. RECEIVED QUOTE FOR \$2,000 AND BOARD AGREES TO PROCEED.
 - SHOEMAKER NOTED WATER DISTRICT RECEIVED SIX (6) RESUMES’ FOR WATER CLERK POSITION AND INTERVIEWING WILL START NEXT WEEK.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED
 - DUSTIN ROSE INFORMED BOARD OF SEVERAL LARGE TREES IN CEMETERY THAT HAVE COME DOWN AND THERE’S SEVERAL MORE CONCERNING TREES; HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL COMPANY EVALUATE AND REMOVE POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC TREES.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.
 A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER’S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$19,021.01
 FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$16,518.60
 FX (WATER): \$4,660.89

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 CONTINUES WORKING ON BROADBAND EXTENSION PHASE II WITH TOWN ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER AND MR. LEE HAEFELE. HAEFELE PRESENTED TO CONTRACT TO TOWN BOARD AND FORWARD ON TO ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER FOR REVIEW. SHOEMAKER WAS INFORMED BY MR.

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HAEFELE POLES WERE NOT SATISFACTORY AND WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED NEAR NYS ROUTE 34 SOUTH AND HAEFELE CONNECT SAYS DRILLING UNDER RAILROAD TRACK IS COSTLY. SWAYZE, JR. RECOMMENDED ASKING MR. HAEFELE TO ATTEND NEXT BOARD MEETING.

- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- TOWN CLERK ROSE HAS NO UPDATE ON WELCOME SIGNS.
- LARISON STATED STREET LIGHTS WERE ALL ON AND HE WILL CHECK ON STATUS OF NEW LIGHTS REQUEST.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. DONOVAN LEFT ONE HUNDRED (100) CHEMUNG COUNTY FAIR ADMISSION TICKETS TO DISTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY.
- DUSTIN ROSE THANKED MR. DONOVAN FOR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CEMETERY.
- MR. LECLAIRE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PANTHER PRIDE DAY ON SATURDAY, JULY 27 FROM 11A-2P; MR. LECLAIRE IS EXPECTING NYS TROOPERS, CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF, SEVERAL VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCK.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 57-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024-EXTENDING LARGE SOLAR AND WIND MORATORIUM. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 58-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DECLARES OLD KOHLER GENERATOR FROM VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 59-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN SUPERVISOR KETURI TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH KATHERINE GABRIEL. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 60-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN TO ENTER INTO 2025 STREAM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITH COUNTY. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT BOB EASTWOOD AT 8:03 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM MOTION BY LECLAIRE. SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.