

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
JUNE 13, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **46-24** THRU **56-24**

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
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.-EXC
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: RICH LECLAIRE, KAREN FRICK AND GEORGE DILLER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2024, AND HAZARD MITIGATION WORKSHOP HELD ON MAY 23, 2024. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- VE SHREDDING DAY JUNE 22 9A-12P VE TOWN HALL,
- 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.
- VETERAN PINNING CEREMONY JULY 2 AT 2PM.
- MS. STACEY SMITH EMAIL REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1049 FOR \$552. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$1,980.59 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- GRASS SEED PLANTED IN VACANT FLOWER BOX AREA.
- SIDEWALK AND FLAGPOLE COMPLETED.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

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-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-NO REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- TOWN HALL AND BANFIELD SQUARE WHITE BUILDING HAVE BEEN POWER WASHED.

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

- EASTWOOD REQUESTED PURCHASING NEW EXCAVATOR.
- EASTWOOD PRESENTED CHIPS 284 AGREEMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$427,000 (CHIPS) AND \$119,208.37 (COUNTY CHIPS).
- EASTWOOD PRESENTED UPDATED COUNTYWIDE STREAM MANAGER PRICING FOR TOWN BOARDS REVIEW.
- EASTWOOD NOTED M. ELSTON WILL BE CLOSED SOON TO REPAIR-HE WILL NOTIFY APPROPRIATE CONTACTS.

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAY 2024 STATISTIC REPORT.
- MEET WITH TEAMSTERS' REPRESENTATIVE TO START NEW CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
- CHECK #947943 RECEIVED FROM COUNTY FOR \$250,000 TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF BROADBAND EXTENSION.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY HAS NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, MATTHEW STEVENS.
- TEAMSTERS LETTER RECEIVED TO SCHEDULE MEETING FOR 2025 CONTRACT.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF MAY 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- SHOEMAKER INDICATED HYDRANT FLUSHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED
- SHOEMAKER INDICATED TRANSMITTER AND ENDCODERS REPLACEMENT IS ONGOING.
- SHOEMAKER RECEIVED TEST RESULTS FROM MOODY'S FOR SUMP AND HYDRO PUMP-THEY ARE RUNNING SATISFACTORY AND MOODYS' RECOMMENDS BIENNIAL INSPECTION.
- SHOEMAKER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ELMIRA WATER BOARD TO ASSIST WITH OBTAINING QUOTE FOR EXERCISING VALVES.
- SHOEMAKER IS HAVING COMPANY PROVIDE REMOVAL OF OLD PAINT ON PIPE IN WELL HOUSE AND REPAINTING WITH EPOXY PAINT.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- MR. DONOVAN WILL EMAIL ROSE REGARDING NYS POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR REPAIR OF HEADSTONES.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$36,197.47

FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$77,579.15

FX (WATER): \$1

- SWAYZE, JR. NOTED LARGE AMOUNT IN GENERAL WAS FOR DUMPSTER, INSURANCE, START OF MOWING AND SIDEWALKS.

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- SHOEMAKER NOTED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR HIGHWAY MATERIAL, SIDEWALKS (CHIPS) AND LAST PAYMENT OF 5500 DODGE.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION 46-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING \$5,000. FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO A1620.4 FOR PAYMENT OF DUMPSTERS FOR VE DUMPSTER DAY. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE 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.
- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- TOWN CLERK ROSE HAS NO UPDATE ON WELCOME SIGNS. MR. SECONDO RECOMMENDED JH DESIGN AND ROSE WILL CONTACT.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. DILLER STATED HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING IN BANFIELD PARK AND WAS HAPPY TO HELP.
- MS. FRICK ASKED ABOUT SHARED SERVICES; EASTWOOD INDICATED TOWN DOES SHARED SERVICES WITH LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY.
- MR. LECLAIRE ASKED TOWN BOARD FOR THANK YOU LETTER FOR DONATION OF SUPPLIES FOR CLOCK TOWER SIGN. ALL AYE. MR. LECLAIRE UPDATED BOARD REGARDING HIS EFFORTS IN OBTAINING VENDORS FOR PANTHER PRIDE DAY, JULY 27 AND ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

NEW BUSINESS:

- KETURI ACCEPTS BRENDA QUICK'S RETIREMENT WITH REGRETS.

RESOLUTION 47-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES 2025 REASSESSMENT/DATA COLLECTION PROJECT FOR TOWN OF VAN ETTEN . SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 48-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES POSTING HIGHWAY VACANCY IN NEWSPAPER (USING PREVIOUS ADVERTISEMENT). APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 49-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES POSTING "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON MAIN STREET. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES POSTING “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON MURRAY STREET. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 51-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ADVERTISING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024; EXTENDING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY AND WIND ENERGY WITHIN TOWN OF VAN ETTEN, TO BE HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 11. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 52-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES PURCHASING NEW GENERATOR FOR VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL FROM ACCURATE POWER SYSTEMS IN AMOUNT OF \$8,975. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 53-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES POSTING WATER CLERK VACANCY IN NEWSPAPER (USING PREVIOUS ADVERTISEMENT). APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 54-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES BOB EASTWOOD APPOINTING MICHAEL GRAHAM AS HIGHWAY WORKING FOREMAN. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 55-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS BOB EASTWOOD’S 284 AGREEMENTS (CHIPS \$427,000 AND CHEMUNG COUNTY \$119,208.37) FOR 2024 SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 56-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, BOB EASTWOOD, TO PURCHASE NEW 309 CAT EXCAVATOR IN AMOUNT OF \$155,390 AND PAYMENTS TO START SEPTEMBER 2024. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. LECLAIRE-NAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 13, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.