

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
MARCH 11, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN 18-21 THRU 20-21

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
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

HEATHER GABLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC
TIM GRIPPO-H'WAY SUPT.
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
TJ SWARTOUT-CODE ENFORCEMENT &
DOG CTRL.-EXC
BONNIE MALLEN-CEMETERY CURATOR
AND TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC
WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: JANET SAYRE, KAREN FRICK, HEATHER DUNBAR, BRIAN HYLAND AND HANNAH ERB.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11 AND RECONVENED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- TOWN BOARD RECEIVED INVITATION TO RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT VFW ON MAY 31 AT 11:30.
- MS. KAREN FRICK EMAILED (SEE FILE) ALL BOARD MEMBERS ASKING FOR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS TO BE POSTED ON LINE.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
-ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT FILED
-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF FEBRUARY 2021 BUDGET REPORT.
-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$172.50 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT FILED
-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT

- ROSE NOTED SHE MADE CONTACT WITH TWO TEENAGERS THAT UNPLUGGED SECURITY CAMERAS AT BANFIELD PAVILION.

-DOG CONTROL-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED

- SCHUYLER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY YEARLY COST SUMMARY REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

-CODE OFFICER-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO REPORT
-CF&R FIRE CO- REPORT FILED
-SHOEMAKER-RAMS-NO MEETING PER SHOEMAKER
-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED

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- KETURI ASKED GRIPPO IF F550 COULD BE SOLD ON AUCTION-GRIPPO NOTED AROUND FALL TIME.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
 - CHECK FROM REPSOL OIL IN AMOUNT OF \$520.00 (CHECK #640125).
 - KETURI WORKING YEARLY RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FOR TOWN.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF FEBRUARY 2021 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
 - SHOEMAKER AND GABLE MAY ASK DEAN WETZEL TO COME IN WARMER WEATHER TO CHECK FOR ANY MORE LEAKS.
- CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT FILED-CEMETERIES CLOSED

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: \$9,288.98
FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$15,086.25
SW (WATER): \$1,609.91

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 NOTED ALL INFORMATION FOR ABANDONING PRESHER ROAD HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO TOWN ATTORNEY (AARON ALSHEIMER).
- SHOEMAKER PASSED OUT QUOTE FROM JEREMY HOGAN (SEE FILE) FOR PURCHASING NEW LED SIGN FOR TOWN AND WATER DISTRICT; TOTAL COST IS \$19,979.21. LAST QUOTE FROM EASTERN METAL WAS ~\$47,000 (SEE FILE).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY KETURI AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PURCHASING NEW LED SIGN PER QUOTE #030221 IN AMOUNT OF \$19,979.21. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATES-

- STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
 - LARISON STATED TWO (2) STREETLIGHTS AT END OF MAIN STREET HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY LED'S.
- SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./TJ SWARTOUT

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- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- SWAYZE, JR. STATED VAN ETTEN CLEAN UP DAY WILL BE MAY 15 FROM 8A – 12P AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. SWAYZE, JR. WILL BE GETTING QUOTE FROM B&E DISPOSAL.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

MR. HYLAND STATED CASELLA COMMUNITY FUND TOTAL IS \$5,000 AT THIS TIME FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HIS DISTRICT. SWAYZE, JR. ASKED MR. HYLAND ABOUT RE-DISTRICTING; MR. HYLAND STATED CHARTER MANDATES RE-DISTRICTING BASED ON LAST CENSUS. CHEMUNG COUNTY HAS CHOSEN CGR TO CONDUCT RE-DISTRICTING STUDY.

MS. FRICK AGREED WITH USING CHIPPER FOR BRUSH PILE AT TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. MS. FRICK ASKED SHOEMAKER ABOUT MONEY FROM SALE OF FORMER VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED PLANS ARE TO PAY OFF ONE (1) BOND AT END OF YEAR AND OTHER BOND IN COUPLE YEARS; LAST BOND IS INTEREST FREE. MS. FRICK ASKED HOW LEAK ON LEWIS STREET HAPPENED; SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED OPINION IS CURB STOP WAS NEAR GARAGE AND SOMEHOW CURB STOP WAS DAMAGED. MS. FRICK EXPRESSED HER CONCERN WITH SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALK NEAR ROUTE 34 BRIDGE. TOWN MAY ASK STATE HIGHWAY TO AID IN REMOVING SNOW.

MS. DUNBAR ASKED ABOUT LED SIGN-SHE HAS OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS. MS. DUNBAR STATED TWO (2) STREETLIGHTS WENT OUT ON HER STREET. MS. DUNBAR OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE WITH OBTAINING CONCERTS IN BANFIELD SQUARE WITH OUTSIDE FUNDING.

MS. SAYRE ASKED ABOUT BRUSH DROP OFF AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; GRIPPO ASKED FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONTACT HIM BEFORE BRINGING BRUSH DOWN. MS. SAYRE SIDEWALKS WERE NOT WELL TAKEN CARE OF AND WERE DANGEROUS. SHOEMAKER STATED NEW TOWN LAWS WILL BE REVIEWED SOON.

SWAYZE, JR. STATED EXAMPLE FOR PART OF COST OF NEW LED SIGN WILL BE FROM MONIES TOWN HAS SAVED FROM LED STREETLIGHTS AND ITEMS SIMILAR TO THAT.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #18-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES LEGAL NOTICE FOR TOWN MOWING (SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT TOWN HALL, SEE FILE); BIDS DUE APRIL 8 AT 4:00 PM. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #19-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES LEGAL NOTICE FOR RECEIVING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY: JOHN STREET, VAN ETTEN, TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 45.17-2-4.21; NYS ROUTE 34, VAN ETTEN, TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 45.18-2-36; WARNER STREET, VAN ETTEN, TAX

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MAP PARCEL NO. 45.18-2-47. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 4:00 P.M. ON APRIL 8, 2021. A BIDDER WISHING TO BID ON MORE THAN ONE PARCEL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A SEPARATE BID FOR EACH PARCEL IN WHICH THE BIDDER HAS INTEREST.

A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE BID PRICE SHALL ACCOMPANY EACH BID, IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED CHECK PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF VAN ETTEN. DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED TO UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AFTER THE BID OPENING. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 7:00 P.M. ON APRIL 8, 2021, AT THE TOWN HALL, 6 GEE STREET, VAN ETTEN, NEW YORK. THE TOWN WILL CONVEY EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY BY WARRANTY DEED OR OTHER SUCH TYPE OF DEED AS MAY BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE PURCHASER. EACH CONVEYANCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PARCEL CONVEYED AND TO SUCH FACTS AS WOULD BE DISCLOSED BY A SURVEY AND INSPECTION. THE TOWN MAKES NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION AS TO THE CONDITION OF ANY PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD, AND THE PURCHASER SHALL ASSUME ALL RISKS THEREOF. THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS RECEIVED, OR TO WITHDRAW ANY PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY FROM SALE AT ANY TIME. EACH SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE TOWN BOARD, AND SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM. . SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- SHOEMAKER NOTED HE MET WITH HUNT ENGINEERING IN REFERENCE TO HUNT'S MEETING WITH VILLAGE OF SPENCER IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC WATER AND WASTE WATER. SHOEMAKER NOTED HE MADE HUNT ENGINEERING AWARE OF VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICTS CAPABILITIES, IF SPENCER WAS INTERESTED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.
ADJOURNED AT 8:27 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.