

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD
MARCH 9, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **24-23** THRU **28-23**

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-EXC
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-EXC
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: CATHY LECLAIRE, JOE DONOVAN, LLOYD QUICK, GEORGE WATTS, KELLY WATTS, STACIE MOORE, JANET SAYRE AND MIKE WOLCOTT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- N/A.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECKS FOR \$1,897 AND \$1.00. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$33.63 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

- LECLAIRE STATED HE'S BEEN WORKING ON WEBSITE AND PERMITS HAVE BEEN SLOW.

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- SHOEMAKER NOTED SCENIC LANDSCAPE DID NOT COMPLETE WORK FOR BANFIELD SQUARE LAST YEAR AND TOWN WILL NEED NEW QUOTE TO PROCEED AND SHOEMAKER IS WORKING WITH LECLAIRE TO RESEARCH REMEDY OF BANFIELD SQUARE LAWN.

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

- EASTWOOD STATED FROM DECEMBER 2022 TO DATE, PURCHASED 3,971 GALLONS OF FUEL.

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- MAY 13 IS DUMPSTER AND TIRE DAY. TIRES ARE \$3 PER TIRE OR \$5 PER TIRE WITH RIM.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- KETURI RECEIVED:
 - CHECK #2605767 FROM QUILL IN AMOUNT OF \$23.59 FOR CREDIT.
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT.
 - INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASED BY 10%
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY SOIL AND WATER STORMWATER INCREASE TO \$3,750 AND VAN ETTEN HAS UTILIZED SERVICE AND ITS WELL WORTH IT.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF FEBRUARY 2023 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED TOWN ORDERING NEW E-SERIES WATER METER FOR TRIAL AND WILL INSTALL IN TOWN HALL.
 - SHOEMAKER STATED METER PIT LOCATED IN WRONG AREA ON WARNER STREET, HAS BEEN REPAIRED.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED
- RECEIVED \$600 CHECK (#38509) FROM ALLEN-MANZER FUNERAL HOME FOR BURIAL IN CANFIELD CEMETERY.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$45,557.15
FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$25,161.08
FX (WATER): \$2,763.60

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 HAS BEEN REACHING OUT TO HUNT ENGINEERING FOR ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT FOR BROADBAND EXTENSION FOR ALL OF VAN ETTEN. HUNT ENGINEERING IS SEEKING GRANT TO HELP WITH \$675,900 NEEDED FOR EXTENSION (SEE LETTER ON FILE). HUNT HAS INDICATED TOWN'S SHARE OF \$675,900 WOULD BE \$146,000 AND \$21,000 FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY.
- STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON-LARISON WILL REQUEST NEW LIGHT ON ALDERMAN LANE TO AID IN MAKING TOWN HALL PARKING LOT SAFER.

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- SHOEMAKER STATED LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MARCH 25 COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING. SWAYZE, JR. STATED COMMUNITY WATCH NEEDS PARTICIPATION FROM ENTIRE COMMUNITY.
- SHOEMAKER PRESENTED QUOTE FROM TELEDAIR (SEE FILE) FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AT WELL HOUSE ON MAIN STREET AND BOOSTER PUMP ON SOUTH HILL; WATER TANK AREA HAS NO POWER FOR CAMERA.
- SHOEMAKER INQUIRED ABOUT ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH ELMIRA ANIMAL CONTROL SINCE MAY 2022 WITH MR. CRAIG SPENCER, NO RESPONSE. COUNTY HAS PAID PREVIOUS CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$6,250 AND SHOEMAKER IS IN CONTACT WITH COUNTY AND WILL GIVE UPDATES WHEN RECEIVED.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. MIKE WOLCOTT ASKED EASTWOOD ABOUT MAG CHLORIDE FOR DUST CONTROL. SHOEMAKER STATED HE SPOKE WITH CHEMUNG TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AND THEY PAY APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 PER MILE FOR DUST "OIL". EASTWOOD STATED HE WILL MONITOR MAG CHLORIDE THIS YEAR. MR. WOLCOTT STATED COOPER HILL IS NEED OF REPAIR AND EASTWOOD IS AWARE AND WILL SCHEDULE WORK WHEN WEATHER PERMITS. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED TOWN BOARD DOES SPRING ROAD REVIEW WITH EASTWOOD. MR. WOLCOTT'S MAILBOX WAS HIT WITH TOWN SNOW PLOW AND HAS ASKED FOR REPLACEMENT IN SAME AREA AS LAST MAILBOX-PRESENTED QUOTE TO TOWN BOARD (SEE FILE).
- MS. STACIE MOORE INFORMED BOARD OF ISSUES WITH ADDRESSES ON MURRAY STREET; WHEN EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE NEEDED THEY ARE NOT FINDING CORRECT HOUSES. LECLAIRE WILL INVESTIGATE WITH COUNTY.
- MR. GEORGE WATTS STATED BARNES HILL IS IN DISREPAIR AND NEEDS ATTENTION. EASTWOOD IS AWARE AND WILL REPAIR AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS; AWARE OF LOGGING ON BARNES HILL. MR. WATTS ASKED WHY "PAVEMENT" ENDED AT MR. COTTLE'S RESIDENCE? SHOEMAKER STATED IT WAS PLANNED TO EXTEND AND IT NEVER HAPPENED.
- MS. SAYRE TOLD BOARD RESIDENT ON PARK HILL ASKED HER TO MENTION PARK HILL ROAD IS EXTREMELY MUDDY AND POT HOLES. EASTWOOD WILL INVESTIGATE. MS. SAYRE ASKED ABOUT FLASHING LIGHTS NEAR DANDY MINI MART AREA TO ASSIST WITH SLOWING TRAFFIC DOWN; EASTWOOD DID CONTACT STATE WITH NO REPLY TO DATE. SWAYZE, JR. RECOMMENDED WRITING TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER PHIL PALMESANO AND/OR SENATOR THOMAS O'MARA.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 24-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PURCHASING \$500 FOR AMERICAN FLAGS FOR VAN ETTEN-SPENCER VFW POST 8139. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 25-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PURCHASING \$500 FOR COOKBOOKS FOR VAN ETTEN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- SHOEMAKER HAS ASKED FOR VILLAGE OF SPENCER REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS PANTHER PAK PAYMENT.
- SWAYZE, JR. HAS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT TOWN HAS TO ADVERTISE FOR COURT CLERK POSITION.

RESOLUTION 26-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ADVERTISING FOR MT. HOPE AND CANFIELD MOWING BIDS FOR 2023 SEASON. SEALED BIDS DUE APRIL 13, 2023 BY 4:00PM. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION 27-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ADVERTISING FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT BIDS FOR 2023 SEASON. SEALED BIDS DUE APRIL 13, 2023 BY 4:00PM. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- DRAFT OF LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 (REGULATION OF RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES IN TOWN OF VAN ETTEN) WAS DISTRIBUTED FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:26 PM TO INCLUDE R. LECLAIRE, DUSTIN ROSE AND DAWN ROSE. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:11 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- KETURI NOTED CONTRACTOR ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

RESOLUTION 27-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ADVERTISING FOR HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS FOR 2023 SEASON. SEALED BIDS DUE APRIL 13, 2023 BY 4:00PM. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 13, 2023 AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 9:12 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.