

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD  
MAY 12, 2022**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **34-22** THRU **42-22**

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

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.  
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR-EXC  
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK  
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENF-EXC  
BONNIE MALLEN- TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC  
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC  
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND  
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.  
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK-EXC  
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: BRANDON DECKER (DEPUTY BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFCR.), BRIAN HYLAND, LAVERNE DANIELS, CAROL DANIELS, FRED MAKI III, MIKE WOLCOTT, LEE HAEFELE, KAREN FRICK, HANNAH ERB AND JANET SAYRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2022. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 28 6A – 9P
- CHEMUNG VALLEY FARMER'S MUSEUM PROGRAM PROPOSAL

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$1,085 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF APRIL 2022 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$614.40 AND \$8.50 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-NO REPORT

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

ROSE INFORMED BOARD ANIMAL CONTROL WILL NOW BE TAKEN CARE OF BY CITY OF ELMIRA ANIMAL CONTROL (CRAIG SPENCER). KETURI WILL CONTACT CRAIG SPENCER.

ROSE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT LAURIE MACIAK, DCO FROM SPENCER AS DEPUTY DCO.

-CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

- DECKER ASKED TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE NEW ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, KEVIN LAUPER; CURRENT ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS ARE RETIRING.

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- SHOEMAKER STATED MOWING HAS STARTED.

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- SHOEMAKER NOTED WORK IN BANFIELD SQUARE WILL START SOON.
  - SHOEMAKER IS WORKING ON OBTAINING MOBILE SHREDDING TRUCK AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING.
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORTS FILED
- EASTWOOD WOULD LIKE TO PAVE FRONT PARKING LOT AT TOWN HALL; INVESTIGATE 6 OR 10 WHEEL TRUCK FOR WATER TANK; REQUEST BIDS FOR SHOEMAKER ROAD; BIDS DUE 2 WEEKS FROM TODAY; NEED AED FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE.
  - LARISON NOTED NICE CONDITION OF HIGHWAY GARAGE.
  - EASTWOOD NOTED \$262.23 RECEIVED FROM SCRAP FOR "DUMPSTER DAY".
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF MONTHLY REPORT PRESENTED (SEE FILE).
  - KETURI RECEIVED FOLLOWING CHECKS:
    - # FROM SPRINSTEAD FOR DRIVEWAY PIPE IN AMOUNT OF \$
    - #484 FROM TAX COLLECTOR FOR PENALTIES IN AMOUNT OF \$4,434.41
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF APRIL 2022 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER REPORTED HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TESTING ON BACKFLOW DEVICES AT COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES. TESTING SHOULD START NEXT WEEK.
  - SHOEMAKER MET WITH SCHMIDT'S FOR PURCHASING 30 NEW METERS AND TRANSMITTERS TO START REPLACING OLDER METERS.
  - SHOEMAKER REQUESTED ROSE CONTACT USDA FOR PAYOFF AMOUNT IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022.
- 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 LARISON TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER**

A ACCT: \$16,623.52  
FIRE: \$0

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$9,314.44  
FX (WATER): \$3,144.40

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

N/A

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY FLORA AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE OF SWAYZE, JR. AND SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- SHOEMAKER CONTACTED ASSEMBLYMEN PALMESANO AND SENATOR O'MARA'S OFFICES REGARDING ASSISTANCE WITH BROADBAND EXPANSION. SHOEMAKER WAS INFORMED FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR OFFICES. SHOEMAKER CONTACT CHEMUNG COUNTY DEPUTY

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EXECUTIVE SHEEN FOR ASSISTANCE AND COUNTY APPROVED VAN ETTEN FOR \$50,000. IF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, HUNT ENGINEERING HAS OFFERED ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT APPLICATIONS.

- SHOEMAKER ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO AID WITH PANTHER PAK 5K RUN EVENTS. CF&R WILL BE PROVIDING TRAFFIC SAFETY DURING RACE.
- COMMITTEE UPDATES-
  - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
    - LARISON STATED STREET LIGHTS ARE GOOD.
  - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./RICH LECLAIRE
    - 1 BID RECEIVED FOR 300 FEET OF SIDEWALKS ON WEST SIDE OF WAVERLY STREET FROM MAYO & SONS AT \$9,45/SF FOR TOTAL OF \$14,175 (ALL INSURANCE PAPERS RECEIVED WITH BID).

**RESOLUTION 34-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS BID FROM MAYO & SONS FOR 300 FEET OF SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE OF WAVERLY STREET FOR TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,175. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER
- MR. DAN WOODRING OF SKATE OF MIND (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FROM TRUMANSBURG) HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING VAN ETTEN'S SKATE PARK. MR. WOODRING PRESENTED HISTORY OF SKATEBOARDING. TOWN IS CONCERNED WITH LIABILITY OF PARK. MR. WOODRING HAS REACHED OUT TO SCHOOL AND IS AWAITING RESPONSE.
- MR. WOODRING WILL PRESENT TOWN AT LATER DATE WITH OPTIONS FOR SKATEBOARD PARK INCLUDING INSPECTIONS, INSURANCE REQUIRMENTS AND MONIES NEEDED.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- MR. HYLAND INFORMED BOARD CASELLA FUNDS ARE USED UP FOR THIS YEAR. MR. HYLAND ASKED TO BE COPIES ON ALL CORRESPONDE WITH COUNTY AND HE WILL ASSIST WITH ARPA FUNDING. SWAYZE, JR. EXPLAINED SECURITY CAMERAS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS AND HE WILL CONTACT MR. HYLAND WITH MORE INFORMATION.
- MS. FRICK THANKED BOARD FOR VAN ETTEN EARTH DAYS AND VAN ETTEN CLEANUP DAY. MS. FRICK NOTED MORE ADVERTISING NEEDED FOR VAN ETTEN EARTH DAY.
- MR. WOLCOTT EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH DUST ON COOPER HILL ROAD AND FEELS DUST OIL WOULD WORK BETTER THAN WHAT TOWN HAS DONE IN PAST. EASTWOOD EXPLAINED COST OF DUST OIL AND IS WORKING ON BETTER METHOD OF DUST CONTROL.
- MR. DANIELS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH ISSUES HIS FAMILY IS HAVING WITH HIS NEIGHBORS; NEIGHBORS PULLED EXISITING FENCE FROM, WHAT MR. DANIELS BELIEVES, IS TOWN PROPERTY, NEIGHBORS POINTING SECURITY CAMERAS DIRECTLY AT HIS PROPERTY. MR. DANIELS ASKED TOWN IF THEY CAN PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE. KETURI NOTED TOWN WILL INVESTIGATE.
- MS. SAYRE THANKED TOWN BOARD FOR TIRE CLEAN UP. MS. SAYRE ASKED WHY STREET SWEEPER DID NOT DO FRONT STREET AND TOWN INDICATED FRONT STREET IS NOW TOWN OWNED AND NOT

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COUNTY. MS. SAYRE WOULD LIKE FRONT STREET SWEEP AGAIN. MS. SAYRE ASKED ABOUT FLASHING SPEED ZONE SIGN FOR GEE STREET, EASTWOOD WILL INVESTIGATE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 35-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS LAURIE MACIAK AS DEPUTY DOG CONTROL OFFICER. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 36-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES LEGAL NOTICE FOR SHOEMAKER ROAD HIGHWAY WORK DUE TO TOWN HALL MAY 26, 2022 AT 4PM (EASTWOOD WILL BE CONTACT PERSON FOR SPECIFICATIONS). SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 37-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES KEVIN LAUPER AS A VAN ETTEN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 38-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BUILDING CODE LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2022. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 39-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SPECIAL WORKSHOP TO OPEN SHOEMAKER ROAD REPAIR BIDS ON MAY 26, 2022 AT 7:00PM. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 40-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES UTILIZING ELMIRA ANIMAL CONTROL (CRAIG SPENCER) FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 41-22**

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS 284 AGREEMENT FOR UPPER CLARK AND RUMSEY LANE REPAIRS FOR AMOUNT OF \$7,340. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 42-22**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DEEMS ZERO TURN JOHN DEERE HIGHWAY MOWER AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM.  
ADJOURNED AT 8:52 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.