

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **70-23** THRU **78-23**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:05 PM. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 TOWN AND WATER BUDGETS.

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
VACANT-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: CATHY LECLAIRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR 2024 BUDGETS HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2023; PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 3 AND 4 OF 2023 AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2023. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- KETURI ACCEPTED RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, FROM RICH LECLAIRE FOR BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- NEWLY ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS SCHOOL-JAN. 10-12 IN ROCHESTER AND JAN. 17-19 IN ALBANY.
- CCLD VAN ETTEN LIBRARY CLERK POSITION.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$2,449. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$633.86 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- ROSE DISTRIBUTED 2023 VAN ETTEN RABIES CLINIC STATISTICS (SEE FILE)
- SCHUYLER COUNTY DOG CONTRACT

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-VACANT

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO REPORT

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- SHOEMAKER CONTACTING SCENIC LANDSCAPING FOR 2023-2024 SNOW REMOVAL-NO PRICE INCREASE FROM 2022.
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED
 - EASTWOOD STATED POSTING BRINK ROAD WITH “NO TRUCKS, EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERY”.
 - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN RECEIPT OF NEW BACKHOE.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
 - KETURI REPORTED SHOEMAKER HELPING OUT AFTER KETURI’S KNEE SURGERY.
 - CHECK #1005 IN AMOUNT OF \$300 FROM D. BARR FOR CULVER PIPE ON PARK HILL (TO BE APPLIED TO DA5110.4).
 - CHECK #450 IN AMOUNT OF \$200 FROM D. KRAFTON FOR CULVER PIPE ON BECKHORN HOLLOW (TO BE APPLIED TO DA5110.4).
 - CHECK #6305 IN AMOUNT OF \$300 FROM T. REINEMENN FOR CULVER PIPE (TO BE APPLIED TO DA5110.4).
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE OCTOBER 2023 STATISTIC REPORT.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF OCTOBER 2023 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
 - SHOEMAKER REPORTED HYDRANT FLUSHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED; SEVERAL HYDRANTS IN NEED OF CHAINS, PAINTING (SHOEMAKER NOTED HYDRANTS WERE PAINTED LAST YEAR).
- 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: \$19,615.04
FIRE: \$0

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$43,217.46
FX (WATER): \$2,980.53

- SHOEMAKER STATED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR ENGINE REPAIR.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION 70-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$12,000. FROM A8810.4 TO A5410.4. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER STATED HE WILL MEET WITH MR. LEE HAEFELE NEXT WEEK AND PHASE ONE OF BROADBAND PLAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER IS WORKING ON CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN AND HAEFELE. SHOEMAKER STATED \$250,000 FROM COUNTY HAS BEEN APPROVED.
- KETURI ASKED FOR VOLUNTEER FOR AID IN UPDATING TOWN'S EMERGENCY PLAN; EASTWOOD AND TOWN CLERK ROSE.
- SHOEMAKER RECOMMENDED CONTACTING MR. FRANK PATTERSON TO ASSIST TOWN WITH SOLAR AND WIND MORATORIUM.
- SHOEMAKER STATED TOWN OF BALDWIN'S LAW FOR ATV USE WAS NOT ON BALLOT; SHOEMAKER WAS INFORMED BALDWIN WANTED TO REVISE LAW AND WILL PUT BACK OUT TO VOTE.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. MICHAEL BROWN OF CORNELL COOP EXT/SCHUYLER COUNTY EXPLAINED DETAILS OF TOWN RECEIVING \$5,000 GRANT FROM NYSERDA FOR CLEAN ENERGY PARTICIPATION. TOWN HAS COMPLETED TRAINING COURSES AND LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION AND NEEDS TO COMPLETE NY RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PERMIT AND BENCHMARKING (REPORTING TO NYSERDA TOWN'S ELECTRICAL USE FOR TOWN HALL AND TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT BLDG.) RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE \$5,000.
- MS. LECLAIRE ASKED EASTWOOD ABOUT BRINK AND MCDUFFY HOLLOW ROAD POSTING TRUCK LIMIT SIGNS. EASTWOOD EXPLAINED IT'S FOR DIRECTING LARGE VEHICLES AWAY FROM BRINK ROAD.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 71-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES USE OF NEW YORK SOLAR PERMIT. SPONSOR- SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., AND KETURI. ALL AYE. LARISON-NAY CARRIED

RESOLUTION 72-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHING ENERGY BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TOWN BUILDINGS. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 73-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS 2024 TOWN OF VAN ETTEN BUDGET. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 74-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS 2024 VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT BUDGET. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER (ABSTAIN), FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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RESOLUTION 75-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS BRANDON DECKER AS BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT \$25.00 PER HOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 76-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS PETER SECONDO AS BUILDING SECURITY FOR OFFICIAL TOWN MEETINGS AT \$75.00 PER MEETING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 77-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN OPPOSES NYS SENATE BILL S-00139B AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-1358B. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED- LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- SHOEMAKER STATED SEVERAL RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH DISREPAIR OF DANDY MINI MART PARKING LOT (LOCATED AT 3 GEE ST) AND SAFETY OF PATRONS USING STORE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO WRITE DANDY MINI MART LETTER ASKING FOR REPAIR OF PARKING LOT. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 78-23

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES POSTING BRINK ROAD WITH “NO TRUCKS EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERIES”. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA-EXC, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:12 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2023, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.