

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 10, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **66-24** THRU **69-24**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:05PM.

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
DONNA REDSICKER-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: RICH LECLAIRE, JANET SAYRE, KAREN FRICK, REBECCA WRIGHT, DENEEN DILLER, GEORGE DILLER, SAM SAVON, JEREMIAH WHEELER, EMILY WHEELER, AND JEREMY KASTENHUBER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- CHEMUNG COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING OCTOBER 15 AT 5PM AT 150 LAKE STREET, ELMIRA.
- PANTHER PAK 2024 RECAP FROM VILLAGE OF SPENCER
- EARLY VOTING DATES (SEE ATTACHED)
- GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5 6A – 9P

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1054 FOR \$732. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$965.06 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- KETURI STATED LIGHTS WORKING IN BANFIELD PARK.
- NEED TO ORDER NEW HOLIDAY LIGHTS FOR PARK.
- LIGHT POLE GFI RECEPTACLES REPLACED

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

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- BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- NO REPORT FILED
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
 - ALL THREE (3) EXHAUST FANS REPLACED ON TOWN HALL BUILDING.
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED
 - WYNCOOP CREEK CLOSED BETWEEN RUMSEY HILL AND DECKER ROAD FOR COUNTY WORK FOR REPAIRING "DIP" BY DECKER ROAD.
 - CHECK #5080 IN AMOUNT OF \$55.94 FROM MR. GARY VERGASON FOR ROAD SIGN PURCHASE.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
 - WORKING ON 2025 BUDGET.
 - CHECK #1292 FROM NYSAMCC FOR CANCELLATION OF COURT CLERK TRAINING IN AMOUNT OF \$907.
 - CHECK #1506 FROM CF&R FOR 3RD QUARTER FUEL USAGE IN AMOUNT OF \$417.46.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF SEPTEMBER 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
 - CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXERCISING OF THE APPROXIMATE 90 – 100 GATE VALVES IN WATER DISTRICT. SHOEMAKER CONTACTED ELMIRA WATER BOARD FOR ESTIMATE AND RECEIVED QUOTE IN AMOUNT OF \$36,000; SHOEMAKER HAS REACHED OUT TO NYS RURAL WATER AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE/GUIDANCE.
 - SHOEMAKER NOTED WATER CLERK REDSICKER IS GETTING PRICING FOR BATTERY REPLACEMENT ON TRIMBLE TABLET USED FOR READING METERS.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-VERBAL REPORT
 - DUSTIN ROSE STATED RENKO HAS NOT REMOVED DEAD (DANGEROUS) TREES FROM CEMETERY TO DATE.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER’S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$15,602.16
FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$64,724.
FX (WATER): \$69,903.63

- SHOEMAKER STATED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR TIOGA STATE BANK EQUIPMENT BOND PAYMENT AND LARGE AMOUNT IN WATER WAS FOR YEARLY \$67,000 WATER BOND PAYMENT.

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.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER STATED MR. LEE HAEFELE IS IN MEETINGS WITH NYSEG AND ENGINEERS TO REVIEW LINE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING BROADBAND PROJECT.
- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- SHOEMAKER SPOKE WITH CHIEF DAVE LANNING AND HE'S COMPLETED VAN ETTEN MITIGATION PLAN AND WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO BOARD SOON.
- R. LECLAIRE STILL WORKING ON SIGN FOR CLOCK TOWER-WILL UPDATE SOON.
- LARISON STATED HE WILL CONTACT NYSEG FOR UPDATE.
- TOWN CLERK ROSE WORKING ON 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS.
- SHOEMAKER HAS CONTACTED ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER IN REFERENCE TO SOLAR MORATORIUM AND NO UPDATE.
- C. LECLAIRE STATED SOLAR SPEED SIGN COST APPROXIMATELY \$2,000. LECLAIRE SPOKE TO COUNTY/STATE HIGHWAY REPRESENTATIVE IN REGARD TO CROSSWALK NEAR LANGFORD STREET/CREEK AND HAS NOT HAD RESPONSE. LECLAIRE STATED NO TRAFFIC INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED DURING TOWN'S USE OF SPEED SIGN FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. SAVON ASKED ABOUT SOLAR MORATORIUM AND SWAYZE, JR. EXPLAINED IT WAS FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND WIND FARMS AND DOES NOT AFFECT RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PROJECTS.
- MS. FRICK THANKED EASTWOOD FOR ROAD CLOSURE UPDATES. MS. FRICK RECOMMENDED TOWN HAVE FACEBOOK PAGE AND TO USE OWEGO PENNSAVER FOR MEETING ADVERTISEMENTS, MS. FRICK NOTED THERE'S NO CHARGE TO ADVERTISE LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- MS. SAYRE ASKED WHAT "GATE VALVES" ARE AND SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED.
- MS. DILLER INFORMED TOWN BOARD SHE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN BECOMING TOWN HISTORIAN AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS AGREED TO APPOINT HER AS TOWN HISTORIAN.

NEW BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION 66-24**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2024- OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- SHOEMAKER INDICATED SCENIC LANDSCAPE WILL CONTINUE WITH 2024-2025 SNOWPLOWING DUTIES FOR TOWN AT SAME PRICE AS PREVIOUS YEAR.
- KETURI NOTED HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING WILL BE OCTOBER 31 FROM 6 – 8PM.

RESOLUTION 67-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DECLARES USED ROAD BROOM AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS DENEEN DILLER AS TOWN HISTORIAN. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH BUILDING CODE OFFICER, BRANDON DECKER AT 8:19 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:10 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED LEGAL ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED.

RESOLUTION 69-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00PM AT VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL, 6 GEE STREET. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 9:18 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR.. SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.