

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 10 & 24, 2020**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN 55-20 THRU 59-20

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:05 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: BRIAN HYLAND

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2020. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- N/A

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

- TOWN JUSTICE-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-NO REPORT
- BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF AUGUST 2020 BUDGET REPORT.
- TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED
  - CHECK FOR \$524.32 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED
- PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT
- DOG CONTROL-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
- CODE OFFICER-TJ SWARTOUT-REPORT FILED
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
  - SHOEMAKER REPORTED DOUG DECKER HAS COMPLETED ROOF OVER FUEL TANK AT HIGHWAY GARAGE; INSTALLED DROP SLOT FOR JUDGE'S CHAMBERS AND RENKO WILL BE ASSISTING WITH INSTALLATION OF TOWN HALL SIGN ON FRONT OF BUILDING.
- CF&R FIRE CO-REPORT FILED
  - CHIEF DAVID LANNING SUBMITTED JULY 2020 REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER-RAMS-NO MEETING PER SHOEMAKER
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED
  - GRIPPO STATED ELM CHEVROLET WILL OFFER \$24,000 FOR TRADE IN VALUE ON 2017 CHEVY TRUCK AND PURCHASE PRICE (WITH PLOW) IS \$37,000. FERRARIO PRICE WAS \$43,000 AND DODGE

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DEALERSHIP OFFERED ABOUT SAME AS ELM CHEVROLET. GRIPPO WOULD LIKE TO TRADE 2007 WHITE DIESEL TRUCK INSTEAD OF 2017 CHEVY TRUCK HE'S DRIVING. SWAYZE, JR. ASKED ABOUT PRIORITY OF REPLACING LARGE TRUCKS, GRIPPO REPLIED #80 WILL NEED REPLACING IN ABOUT 2-3 YEARS.

- GRIPPO WOULD LIKE WATER TRUCK DEEMED SURPLUS, HE WILL REMOVE WATER TANK TO SAVE.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- KETURI HAS BEEN WORKING ON 2021 BUDGET.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER COMMITTEE DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF AUGUST 2020 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER NOTED WATER DISTRICT PRODUCED 2X WATER AMOUNT DUE TO LOW CHLORINE (FROM SUMMER WEATHER).
  - SHOEMAKER NOTED LETTERS WILL BE MAILED TO MULTI DWELLING OWNERS THAT ARE LISTED AS SINGLE DWELLING.
  - SHOEMAKER STATED CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED (ON THEIR SEPTEMBER WATER BILLS) OF HYDRANT FLUSHING.
  - SHOEMAKER INDICATED RENKO CUT DOWN THREE (3) TREES AT WATER TOWER AND ONE FELL ON FENCE-ESTIMATE IS BEING WORKED ON. SHOEMAKER NOTED BULLDOZER WORK (TO MAKE TURN AROUND) HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD.
- CEMETERY-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED
- SHOEMAKER PHONED STORINO TO DISCUSS CEMETERY FINDINGS; STORINO EXPLAINED RADAR LOOKS FOR "VOIDS" TO DETERMINE GRAVE IS OCCUPIED OR NOT, OLDER GRAVES MAY HAVE COLLAPSED AND WILL NOT SHOW VOID.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

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

A ACCT: \$45,042.50  
FIRE: \$60,548.80

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$20,138.62  
SW (WATER): \$69,921.07

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #55-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES TRANSFER OF \$4,000 FROM A5182.4 TO A8810.4 AND TRANSFER OF \$700 FROM A1010.4 TO A1110.4. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #56-20**

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES TRANSFER OF \$1,000 FROM SW8330.4 TO SW8310.4. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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 SPOKE WITH ENGINEER FROM DOT REGARDING LOWERING SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 34 SOUTH AND DOT WILL NOT REDUCE SPEED HOWEVER, THEY WILL HAVE NO PASSING ZONE IN AREA OF CONCERN. SHOEMAKER WILL FOLLOW UP.
- SHOEMAKER AND GRIPPO WILL ASK MR. CASS DOANE TO COME AND DISCUSS ITEMS IN NEED OF COMPLETION FOR TRANSFER OF FRONT STREET OWNERSHIP. SHOEMAKER STATED CHEMUNG COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLETED PART OF WORK ON FRONT STREET. DRIVEWAY APPROACHES NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND PARKING LOT NEEDS SLURRY SEAL. MR. AVERY INDICATED TO SHOEMAKER THAT REPAIR OF DRIVEWAY APPROACHES WERE NOT PART OF AGREEMENT, SHOEMAKER INFORMED HIM LETTER FROM TOWN IN MARCH INDICATED THAT REPAIR NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED AS PART OF FINALIZATION.
- KETURI NOTED SALE OF FORMER VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAPPEN SOON.
  - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
    - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
      - LARISON INDICATED TWO (2) PREVIOUSLY TOWN OF VAN ETTEN STREETLIGHTS WILL BE CHANGED TO LED SOON.
    - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./TJ SWARTOUT
      - GRIPPO WILL MEET WITH SWAYZE, JR. THIS WEEKEND TO FRAME OUT SIDEWALK AT NORTH SIDE OF TOWN HALL TO PREPARE FOR EXCAVATOR. MR. DOUG DECKER WILL BE FRAMING SIDEWALK.
      - SHOEMAKER NOTED SIDEWALK REPAIR AT 7 WAVERLY STREET HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND PAID IN FULL BY OWNER. TOWN BOARD AGREED TO PAY HALF OF REPAIR BILL.
    - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER
      - WATER BUDGET SHOULD REMAIN SAME AS 2020.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

MR. HYLAND STATED CHEMUNG COUNTY SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MOSS WILL BE SAME FOR 2021 HOWEVER, 2022 WILL BE 66.7% COUNTY AND 33.3% TOWN (CURRENTLY 63.8% COUNTY AND 36.2% TOWN). MR. HYLAND NOTED CHEMUNG COUNTY IS REVIEWING EXISTING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND COUNTY HAS 75 OPEN FULL TIME POSITIONS AND WILL BE FILLING CRITICAL.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #57-20**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF VAN ETTEN TO JOEL KLOSE" (HEREINAFTER, THE "RESOLUTION"), AN ABSTRACT OF WHICH FOLLOWS, WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO SECTION 64(2) AND ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE RESOLUTION WAS TO (1) DETERMINE THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 83 MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF VAN ETTEN, DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 45.17-2-6 (HEREINAFTER, THE "PROPERTY"), IS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR USE BY THE TOWN, AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE SALE, TRANSFER, AND CONVEYANCE BY THE TOWN TO JOEL KLOSE OF ALL OF THE TOWN'S RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100THS DOLLARS (\$65,000.00). SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #58-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH "NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION". SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- KETURI NOTED MEETING WILL BE RECESSED AND RECONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 7:30 PM.
- TOWN BOARD APPROVES \$360 FOR NEW PLAQUE TO REPLACE CLOCK TOWER PLAQUE.
- SHOEMAKER IS INVESTIGATING SNOW PLOWING ALTERNATIVES FOR TOWN HALL AND VICINITY.
- SHOEMAKER DISCUSSED LOGGING TREES IN CEMETERY (CANFIELD/MT. HOPE). SHOEMAKER PASSED OUT DRAFT AGREEMENT (SEE FILE) FOR MR. PAT POMPA.

**RESOLUTION #59-20**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DECLARES WATER TRUCK AND INVENTORY AT OLD TOWN HALL (83 MAIN ST.) AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RECONVENE SEPTEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 7:30 PM.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.

RECESSED AT 9:30 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS RECONVENED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:42 PM ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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OTHERS PRESENT: N/A

KETURI DISCUSSED 2021 BUDGET CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

A1010.1	DEPUTY SUPERVISOR \$6,500	\$14,900 TOTAL
A1330.4	\$2,100	
A1410.4	\$4,000	
A1620.4	\$40,000	
A3310.4	\$500	
A5010.1	\$62,500	
A5132.4	\$25,000	
A7110.4	\$3,000	
A7510.4	\$1,500	
A8810.1	\$9,000	
A5182.4	\$6,000	
A5410.4	\$6,000	
DA9710.6	\$23,000	
DA9710.7	KETURI WILL INQUIRE ABOUT INTEREST AMOUNT	
DA5112.4	\$140,000	
DA1120	\$150,000	
DA2302	\$23,250	

SHOEMAKER STATED OWNERS OF 12 ACRES LOCATED IN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO TOWN.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.  
ADJOURNED AT 9:41 PM MOTION BY FLORA. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.