

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **63-21** THRU **64-21**

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

TIM GRIPPO-H'WAY SUPT.
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENFORCEMENT
BONNIE MALLEN- TOWN HISTORIAN
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.

OTHERS PRESENT: KAREN TILLOTSON, MARK WATTS, JIM WALLE, LAVERNE DANIELS, CAROL DANIELS, NANCY BANFIELD JOHNSON, ROBERT DICKENS, MIKE GROVER, KAREN FRICK, ROBERT EASTWOOD SR., JANET SAYRE, AND HEATHER DUNBAR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY KETURI. TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021 AND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2021. 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 SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF AUGUST 2021 BUDGET REPORT.
- TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED
 - CHECK FOR \$632.89 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.
- TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED
- PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT
 - MS. NANCY BANFIELD JOHNSON WORKING IN BANFIELD SQUARE AND INDICATED ROCKS NEAR PARKING AREA NEED REPLACING.
- DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED
- CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT
 - LECLAIRE STATED WORKING ON NEW LAW FOR DEBRIS, JUNK, ETCETERA MAY AID LANDLORDS.
 - LECLAIRE'S BUILDING CODE TRAINING IS ON TRACK.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT
 - SHOEMAKER STATED ALL IS GOING WELL.
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED
 - GRIPPO INDICATED F550 HAD ANOTHER SHORT; COMPANY CAME AND REPAIRED AND ALL IS WELL.

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-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- KETURI WORKING ON BUDGET AND WORKING ON SCHEDULING BUDGET WORKSHOP.
- WORKING ON SCHEDULING SPENDING ARPA MONEY.
- WORKING WITH LEE HAEFELE REGARDING MORE BROADBAND IN VAN ETTEN AREA.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF AUGUST 2021 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- WATER TANK INSPECTION WENT WELL-INSPECTION NEEDED EVERY 7 YEARS. WATER TANK INSPECTION COMPANY PROVIDED SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- RECEIVED \$1,200 CHECK (#1170) FROM MS. DEKLE FOR MT. HOPE (PRESENTED AUGUST 31, 2021 TO GEORGE KETURI).

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$16,119.86

FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$98,718.02

SW (WATER): \$4,000.34

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION #63-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$2,000 FROM A1620.2 TO A3620.4. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. 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 UPDATED GRANT PROGRESS; EMAILED SENATOR O'MARA'S OFFICE AGAIN TO INFORM THEM TOWN HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY. SHOEMAKER READ EMAIL (SEE FILE).
- SHOEMAKER NOTED CHEMICAL CART HAS BEEN RETURNED AND IS CURRENTLY BEING CLEANED FOR DISPLAY.
- SHOEMAKER LED SIGN IS COMPLETE. TOWN WILL POST "HAPPENINGS" WHEN APPLICABLE.

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- KETURI STATED TOWN INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE REVALUATION OF TOWN. KETURI NOTED WOULD LIKE TO STAY AS CLOSE TO 100% (TOWN IS CURRENTLY AT 84%).
 - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
 - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR.-EXC/RICH LECLAIRE
 - SWAYZE, JR. SHOULD HAVE QUOTE FOR WAVERLY STREET SIDEWALKS TOMORROW.
 - MR. SCOTT PRESHER WILL BE REPAIRING SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL.
 - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. LEE HAEFELE PRESENTED TOWN BOARD WITH MAP (SEE FILE) INDICATING WHERE BROADBAND IS NEEDED. MR. HAEFELE NOTED COST OF BROADBAND IS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 PER MILE AND VAN ETTEN IS IN NEED OF 7.4 MILES OF BROADBAND.
- MR. MARK WATTS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY SOIL AND WATER AND INTRODUCED HIS REPLACEMENT, KAREN TILLOTSON.
- MR. DANIELS ASKED ABOUT FARM ANIMALS NEXT TO HIS HOME. KETURI INDICATED VAN ETTEN IS RIGHT TO FARM TOWN.
- MS. DUNBAR ADDED SHE LIKED NEW LED SIGN.
- MS. SAYRE ASKED ABOUT TYPE OF SIGN AT WATER TOWER. SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED SIGN FOR “KEEPING OUT”, ETC.
- MS. FRICK ADDED COMMUNITY WATCH SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE FOR TEN DOLLARS (\$10) EACH. SIGNS PROVIDED BY SULLIVANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. MS. FRICK LIKES LED SIGN TOO.
- MR. DICKENS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH ATVS AND MOTORCYCLES IN YARDS AND THEY CREATE NOISE NUISANCE. SHOEMAKER NOTED TOWN REVIEWED PREVIOUS VILLAGE LAW AND IT WAS NOT ENFORCEABLE. SWAYZE, JR. ASKED RESIDENTS TO CONTACT LAW OFFICIALS FOR ILLEGAL ACTIONS AND TOWN CAN REVIEW NOISE NUISANCE LAW.

NEW BUSINESS:

- LARISON PASSED OUT REPORT OF ROAD INSPECTIONS (SEE FILE) HE CONDUCTED WITH FLORA. SWAYZE, JR. SUGGESTED ANOTHER ROAD TRIP WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS IN FALL TO COMPARE NOTES FROM SPRING ROAD TOUR.
- SHOEMAKER STATED NEED FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW YORK CANNABIS LAW. SHOEMAKER INDICATED TOWN OF CHEMUNG WILL BE OPTING OUT.
- SWAYZE, JR. WOULD LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE HOW CANNABIS LAW WORKS OUT-IF TOWN OPTS OUT, TOWN CAN OPT BACK IN HOWEVER, IF TOWN OPTS IN, TOWN CAN NOT OPT BACK OUT.

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TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CANNABIS LAW ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021, AT 7:00 PM. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

- GRIPPO ASKED TO EXTEND HIGHWAY VACANCY OPENING UNTIL OCTOBER 14 AND POST ON WEBSITE.

- KETURI NOTED BUDGET WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 7:00PM.

AT 8:14 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTION SESSION WITH HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT GRIPPO. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AT 8:40 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY FLORA AND CARRIED TO RECONVENE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

- KETURI NOTED EXECUTIVE SESSION USED TO DISCUSS EXTENDING HIGHWAY VACANCY APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE UNTIL OCTOBER 14 TO COLLECT MORE APPLICANTS AND TOWN BOARD AGREED.

- SHOEMAKER STATED ARPA FUNDS MAY HELP WITH BROADBAND AND TOWN NEEDS TO MAKE A PLAN FOR SPENDING ARPA FUNDS.

- SHOEMAKER NOTED TENTATIVE 2022 TOWN BUDGET IS \$5.39/THOUSAND AND IN 2021 IT WAS \$5.36/THOUSAND.

- SHOEMAKER STATED FRONT STREET SHOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT WEEK (WEATHER PERMITTING).

- SHOEMAKER NOTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE MOSS HAS INVITED TOWN TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR COUNTY FUNDING CF&R PARKING LOT FOR \$7,754.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.