

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **62-24** THRU **65-24**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN 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  
VACANT-WATER CLERK-EXC  
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: RICH LECLAIRE, JOE DONOVAN, JANET SAYRE, KERMIT BOSSARD AND GEORGE DILLER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETINGS. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- N/A

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1052 FOR \$1,509. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR 9/26 RE VAL PUBLIC MEETING
- HANDED OUT COPIES OF PROPERTY DESCRIPTION EXAMPLES

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

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$473.49 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- KETURI STATED WORK IN PROGRESS TO FIX LIGHTS IN BANFIELD PARK.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- QUOTE RECEIVED FOR CLOCK TOWER SIGN (SEE FILE). TOWN BOARD APPROVED AND ASKED FOR BLACK POWDER COATING

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

- NEW HIRE; TIM WILSON

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- KELLY/BARNES HILL BRIDGE CLOSED FOR COUNTY WORK FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUGUST 2024 STATISTIC REPORT.
  - WORKING ON 2025 BUDGET.
  - CHECK FROM CF&R #1499 FOR APRIL – JUNE FUEL USAGE IN AMOUNT OF \$350.52
  - CHECK FROM FERREL GAS #0002030344 FOR REFUND IN AMOUNT OF \$517.39
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF AUGUST 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED PART FOR WATER TANK WILL BE HERE SOON. DENNIS RATHBUN FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE VISITING WELL HOUSE/WATER TANK ON SEPTEMBER 17 FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION AND SHOEMAKER ASKED MR. RATHBUN TO STOP IN TO SEE WATER CLERK FOR LEAD REPORTING REPORT CLARIFICATION.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-VERBAL REPORT
- DUSTIN ROSE INCLUDED QUOTE FOR REPAIR OF HEADSTONES (SEE FILE).

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: \$19,818.40  
FIRE: \$

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$406,208.01  
FX (WATER): \$4,003.15

- SHOEMAKER STATED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR CHIPS PROJECTS.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 62-24**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING \$276,804.71 FROM A ACCOUNT TO DA5112.4. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 63-24**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING \$1,696.80 FROM A ACCOUNT TO DA5130.4 SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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- SHOEMAKER STATED MR. LEE HAEFELE IS IN MEETINGS WITH NYSEG AND ENGINEERS TO REVIEW LINE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETELY BROADBAND PROJECT.
- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- SHOEMAKER SHARED EMAIL FROM KRISTIN GRIFFITHS (SEE FILE) REGARDING FUNDING FOR COOPER HILL AND RUMSEY HILL. EASTWOOD WILL INVESTIGATE. TOWN BOARD CONTINUES WORKING ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH CF&R CHIEF DAVE LANNING.
- LARISON STATED NYSEG SHOULD HAVE 5 MORE LIGHTS IN VAN ETTEN (PER HIS PREVIOUS REQUESTS) WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- MR. BOSSARD WANTED TO ENSURE BOARD RECEIVED REQUEST OF \$2,000 FOR SPENCER VAN ETTEN FOOD CUPBOARD.
- MR. DILLER EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN HELPING WITH LIGHTS IN BANFIELD SQUARE.
- MR. DONOVAN STATED NOT SURE OF AVAILABILITY OF CHIPS FUNDING FROM COUNTY IN FUTURE. C. LECLAIRE THANKED MR. DONOVAN FOR ASSISTING WITH SPEEDING SIGNS IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL AND SHE STATED CROSSWALK ON STATE ROUTE 224 IS GOING TO BE REPAIRED AND REPLACED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 64-24**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES JUDGE TUTTLE TO APPLY FOR JCAP FUNDING UP TO \$30,000 FOR 2024-2025. SPONSOR-KETURI SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 65-24**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2024, EXCEEDING NEW YORK STATE TAX CAP ON OCTOBER 10, 2024 AT 7:00 PM. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:48 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:49 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.