

April 12, 2021 the Regular Town Board Meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and all members of the board were in attendance. Highway Superintendent Hobus was absent. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. A motion to pay the April bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion was made for bills that were paid during March by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. Due to the meeting being cancelled for March, the Councilmen met at the Town Hall and signed the vouchers and the Supervisor paid them.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Financials were given to the board and are on file in the Clerk's office.

The Office of the State Comptroller has accepted the 2018 and the 2019 AUD and are on file in the Clerk's office. Currently, Sup. Ferguson is working on 2020 and when they are completed and filed the town should be able to receive a score.

TDI is continuing to do core testing along Route 22 and to date they are still planning on beginning the project. SLIC in putting up cable lines in the town. Sup. Ferguson spoke with a manager recently and was quoted that residents will be able to contact them for service. Coun. Wilbur spoke with an installer and he was told by him they are scheduled to be in the area until October. H&M are contracted by SLIC to install cable lines from Elizabethtown to Whitehall. Side roads have been serviced and Coun. Raymond spoke with an installer and was told any area with a power pole will be getting a cable placed on it. Sup. Ferguson announced that the 2021 Payroll has been certified. Coun. Raymond wanted it put into the minutes that during the cancellation of the March meeting Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Greenough, and Mr. Raymond came to the town hall to sign the vouchers so that the monthly bills could get paid but that no other business was conducted and no discussions were made.

The deed of the small parcels owned by the Town was mailed to the members of the board detailing the descriptions for the land taken to create the South Bay Highway from the landowners. Since the highway was never created, most of the land was deeded back to the current owner at the time. Tony Moore has made it known that he would like the pieces removed from his parcels to be returned to him. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur to get advice from the county to have the property deeded back to Mr. Moore. The board took some time to extensively look over the map at the property in question. They determined that the issue will be tabled until there is clarity on a neighboring property owned by Thomas Furgason and the driveway.

There was a discussion about making improvements to Chubb's Dock and having the town use material to bring the road up so that it wouldn't be flooded during high water. The town highway department would use the town's equipment and material and possible putting a pavilion up at the end. A vote was taken and is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Greenough-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; It was further discussed that the town can use the highway department crew to maintain the weeds along the road as well a trash pickup and having a sign placed on the property stating "Take in-Take out" made. The board decided to get quotes from local contractors and try to begin the project as soon as possible.

The board also discussed that if Highway Superintendent Hobus cannot attend the monthly meetings it would benefit the town to have the Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend so that if there are any questions about the road projects there is someone to answer them. The board agreed that someone should be in attendance during the monthly meetings.

During this meeting, Coun. Wilbur, and Coun. Raymond read aloud a standard Sexual Harassment statement and were signed by each in attendance for the meeting attesting that the statements were read.

The board discussed that recently citations have been handed out to riders of ATV's and UTV's by the D.E.C. and they are allowed on town roads but not the county roads or state highways. A helmet, insurance and registration are required even if they are allowed on town roads. It is still possible to receive a ticket if these regulations are not met. Coun. Greenough seems to think that the ordinance to allow ATV's on town roads has been rescinded. Sup. Ferguson will find out during the Supervisor's Board Meeting held at the county about the use of ATV's and UTV's on town roads. Hartford has a legal ordinance to allow them for use on town roads and Sup. Ferguson will find out how to make them legal for the town of Dresden.

Town Clerk, Marcinda Wilbur, gave an update for the FOIL request by Ms. Stipins-Gang. The information requested is not in possession of the clerk and will be needed in order to fill the FOIL. Sup. Ferguson stated that the AUD's have been completed for the years that are being requested and that should satisfy the request. The clerk also brought up that she has talked with George Kapusinski about how to update the town website. There are more options to put information out to the community using the town website. There has been some information placed on the Facebook page, Dresden, NY in Washington County but the clerk feels that since not everyone is on social media that information should be placed on the town website for everyone to have access to.

The town is slated to receive a part of the last stimulus incentive package in an amount determined by the population during the last census. Sup. Ferguson reported that an amount of approximately \$70,000 will be given to the town. Sup. Ferguson will be attending a meeting on April 21, 2021 to find out what things can be done with the stimulus money.

Sup. Ferguson reported during the meeting the month's expenditures as follows:

General-\$7,057.04

Highway- \$20,135.78

Sewer District #1-\$1,378.60

Sewer District#2-\$48.88

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times