

January 24, 2022 the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Town Board meeting was held beginning at 7:00 p.m. and all members of the board were in attendance. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur proceeded with the Oaths of Office for Councilman Ed Raymond and Town Justice Jared Eggleston. The organizational resolutions are as follows:

**RESOLUTION #1-2022**

January 10, 2022

Title: Policies

Be it RESOLVED that the 2022 Town Board of the Town of Dresden accepts and adopts all fiscal and procedural policies in effect at the end of 2022 until and unless modified by the board.

put forth by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION #2-2022**

January 10, 2022

Title: Salaries

Be it RESOLVED that the following schedule of salaries and compensation for employees of the Town of Dresden for the year 2022 is adopted;

Supervisor.....	\$15,000.00/yr
Town Councilman (4).....	\$3,300.00/yr
Town Clerk.....	\$18,500.00/yr
Highway Superintendent.....	\$56,500.00/yr
Town Justice (2).....	\$6,500.00/yr
Assessor.....	\$16,200.00/yr
Bookkeeper/Supervisor's Secretary.....	\$720.00/yr (unassigned)
Tax Collector.....	\$6,000.00/yr
Deputy Highway Superintendent.....	\$750.00/yr
Budget Officer.....	\$12,500.00/yr
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	\$700.00/yr
Dog Control Officer.....	\$2,500.00/yr
Historian.....	\$1000.00/yr
Sewer Dist. #1 Operator.....	\$10,972/yr, \$20.00/hr other
Justice Court Clerk.....	\$19.50/hr
Building Custodian.....	\$15.00/hr (unassigned)
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	\$14.00/hr as authorized by Town Board
Highway workers paid as per contract with the Teamsters Union	
Reimbursement for authorized travel on Town business outside of town: \$0.45/mile. Meals out of the County on Town Business: \$9.00 for Breakfast, \$15.00 for Lunch, \$23.00 for Dinner.	
Maximum use of town credit/debit cards, for any single purpose, to be set at \$300 without prior notification and approval from either the Budget Officer or member of the Budget Committee.	

put forth by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION #3-2022**

January 10, 2022

Title: Appointments

Be it RESOLVED that the following appointments to office or position are adopted for 2022:

Deputy Supervisor.....	Councilman John Barber
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.....	Councilman <del>Allen Wilbur</del> <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>
Deputy Highway Superintendent.....	James Brown
Director of Finance/Budget Officer.....	Supervisor Paul Ferguson
Tax Collector.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Supervisor Secretary.....	(Unassigned)
Dog/Animal Control Officer.....	Melissa Brown
Justice Court Clerk.....	Gail Smith
Historian.....	Cathy Huntington
Assessor.....	June Maniacek
Town Attorney.....	Matt Fuller
(With the firm of Meyer & Fuller)	
Official Bank.....	Community Bank
Official Paper.....	Whitehall Times

put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION #4-2022**

January 10, 2022

Title: Highway/Committees Agreement

Be it RESOLVED that the agreement with the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Dresden for the maintenance and improvement of the town highway system for 2022 is approved.

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 2022

Buildings and Grounds.....	Raymond, Brown
Budget.....	Barber, Ferguson
Cemeteries.....	Barber, Raymond
Highway.....	Wilbur, Raymond
Insurance.....	Barber, Ferguson
Legal.....	Barber, Ferguson
Recreation.....	Barber, Brown
Sewer District.....	Brown, Wilbur
Town Justice Review.....	Brown, Wilbur
Payroll.....	Barber, Ferguson

was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

**Resolution #5-2022** titled **Standard Workday Reporting** was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Barber and a roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE

**Resolution #6-2022** titled **Covid-19 Senior Exemption** was put forth by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Barber and a roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE

**Resolution #7-2022** titled **Town of Dresden Mission Statement** was put forth by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The yearly financials for 2021 were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. The most current financials will be available after the next meeting held in February.

**Resolution #12-2021** titled **Adjustments** was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

A copy of the newly updated contact list with phone numbers and emails was given to the board and is on file in the clerk's office.

Discussions continue on the Code of Ethics Resolution that needs to be implemented for the town. A copy of the Code of Ethics for the county was provided to the board members to read over until the next meeting and further steps will be attempted to pass a Code of Ethics Resolution for the town.

The Town Clerk continues to file the DMR's with the EPA and copies will be emailed to the Sewer Committee of the completed reports.

Long time Putnam Station Supervisor, John Lapointe, recently passed away and a moment of silence was observed in his honor.

SLIC has been successfully installed in the town hall and the password will be removed so that any town's people who need to have available internet will be able to come to the parking lot of the town hall to get access.

The TDI project will generate usable funds for Community Host Benefit Fund to improve the community in areas to make the town a more desirable place to live.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hobus inquired to the board that now that the AUD's are up to date would it be possible for him to get a credit card for the town use and Sup. Ferguson responded that he would try to get one for town use. With the help of the Town Clerk, a public notice was placed in the Whitehall Times advertising the sale of the 2005 Chevrolet truck. Bids will be mailed to the Town of Dresden at the post office box and will be opened and read at another date to come. Mr. Hobus went on to explain about the grant the town recently was awarded to put the sewer lines under the brook so to avoid any complications that may arise with them being on top of the ground.

Monthly bills are as follows:

Gen-\$11,808.61; Hwy-\$36,220.54; SD#1-\$121.32; SD#2-\$17.07

**Public Comment:** Court Clerk, Gail VanderPlaat, attended the meeting and brought to the board's attention the ongoing issue of the Town Court not being compliant by having the chambers on the stage. The town has been warned by the Insurance Company that the stairs leading up to the chamber is illegal and needs to be removed. They are unsafe to navigate with persons with disabilities as well as shackled litigants. There is an ongoing issue with the vermiculite insulation continuing to fall from the ceiling and potentially causing a quality of air problem as well as a safety issue. She inquired about the sanitizing of the town hall being done to Covid-19 standards. Sup. Ferguson replied that he is responsible and has been following guideline standards and the vermiculite is removed each month and yet continues to fall from the ceiling. It has been discussed in the past about the court obtaining a grant to address these and other issues. The grant must be applied for by the Justices and perhaps the town can get a grant writer to assist the court in the effort. It was further discussed about moving the justice's desk out into the main room and down to the floor. However, the court clerk needs to have access to the court files and cannot be scaling the stairs into the chamber. To make conditions more amenable the town will continue to look into a mini-split a/c unit for the court, as well as what can be done with the vermiculite and the potential of removing the stage completely and lowering the chamber to floor level. The Supervisor will look into obtaining 3 quotes for the project and address the other issues. In the meantime, the town would be interested in finding someone who is willing to clean the town hall on a monthly basis. A comment was made about what can be done with the monies expected from the TDI project to which the response was that the monies are restricted to only certain expenditures and used for capital improvements.

There were no further discussions, and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Kim Brown, Walt Tupper, Monika Tupper, Caton Deuso-Whitehall Times, Paul Diekel, Christine Diekel, Gail VanderPlaat