

April 10, 2023 the regular Town Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Wilbur, Councilman Brown, Councilman Barber, Councilwoman Diekel, Supervisor Ferguson  
Supervisor Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Barber. Coun. Diekel asked the board why the minutes are approved each month when it isn't required by town law. The clerk replied that it has been past practice for several years and has been continued as such. A vote on the acceptance of the minutes was Mr. Wilbur-AYE; Mr. Brown-AYE; Mr. Barber-AYE; Ms. Diekel-ABSTAIN

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

**Old Business:** Sup. Ferguson gave the board a copy of a map of Lake Road indicating that Lake Road is part of the town inventory of roads maintained by the town. The road is a right of way and the town is responsible to maintain it to the water. The DEC has given the town permission to build up the road with two feet of overfill to fix the potholes and raise the road up 12 inches for easier access for fishermen and kayakers. A layer of shock rock will need to be placed first so that material doesn't just wash back into the lake. A question about a pavilion being placed on the dock area was discussed that the town no longer is interested in putting the pavilion on the site, but to merely make access easier. The board agrees to the upgrade necessary and Sup. Ferguson will discuss it with Highway Superintendent Hobus.

There were no bids mailed to the town for the electrical work that was placed in the newspaper. The clerk will re-run the public notice to get bids for the work that needs to be done. The upgrade project for the town hall will require an engineer's plan. We will most likely need to have a public hearing for the plan.

There is still an opening for a Board of Assessment Review appointment. Since Ms. Diekel has been appointed Councilwoman she will no longer be able to serve on the board, therefore the town is in need of two persons to serve.

**New Business:** The financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. As to the code of ethics, Sup. Ferguson was too busy to email the attorney for an updated copy of the Code of Ethics to be adopted. He said that he would try to reach out to Matt Fuller this coming week.

The Hulett's Landing Sewer District #1 project has the potential for financing from Community Bank N.A. but there is missing paperwork to continue to process. The Sewer District Committee has secured the proposal from LaBella for professional services and a proposal and contract is needed from K.P.I for the Engineering Study. It is necessary to revisit the resolution passed during the October Special Meeting, Resolution #16-2022 will now become Resolution #11-2023 titled Engineering Planning Grant Resolution and was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. Once Sup. Ferguson has a copy of the RFQ from K.P.I. he will forward it on to the Council.

The Union Contract was discussed with the Union Rep and Sup. Ferguson, Coun. Brown, and Coun. Diekel recently and has been determined and compiled for the board to vote on. A motion to move on the contract as written was made by Coun. Brown and seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor.

Lake George Association president, Dave Wick, did not attend this meeting to discuss ProcellaCOR and Sup. Ferguson said that he invited him to come and talk about the position of the LGA for the use of the herbicide. The Lake George Park Commission has recently withdrawn all the permits to continue further applications for the use. The owners of the canon house have sent Sup. Ferguson an email stating they would like to donate the house to the town. There has been some discussion about the environmental impact of acquiring the house for future town use but the asbestos siding and potential lead paint could pose a problem for demolition for the town. Sup. Ferguson asked the council for a vote on accepting the donation and all members of the board were in favor. Sup. Ferguson will contact the attorney to finalize the acquisition and Northern Insuring for future insurance coverage.

It has been further determined that the town may take advantage of interest bearing accounts at the bank for the General Fund only and Sup. Ferguson has already changed the accounts.

Scott Brown has once again given the board his proposal to continue the cemetery mowing contract for the 2023 season. Sup. Ferguson has requested that the board forego the Procurement Policy for the town and allow Mr. Brown to continue without putting the mowing job out to bid. A motion made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Diekel. Coun. Brown abstained from the vote due to Scott Brown being his brother, and all Councilpersons were in favor.

The monthly bills for March are as follows:

GEN-\$2934.36      HWY-\$24,618.78      SD#1-\$1575.25      SD#2-\$52.17

**Public Comment:** Marilyn Borden has been in contact with Matt Jones, the Buildings and Grounds Director at Washington County, and he has been able to secure the public beach funds to repair the dilapidated buildings located down there after the season ends this year. There is currently \$4,000 allocated in the County Budget and Mr. Jones will plan on using \$11,000 to complete all the necessary repairs. It was further discussed that someone would like to anonymously donate additional funds for even more upgrades which may include new playground equipment and improvements to the tennis court and basketball court. The donor must talk to the Board of Supervisors in the future as the beach is not a town facility but a county facility. The donor may also come to any future Town Board Meeting to discuss the plans.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Diekel at 8:12 p.m. and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Dresden Town Clerk

**Attendance:** Linda Barber, Gavin Rodgers, Gail VanderPlaat, Marilyn Borden, Brian Ashe, Meghan Ashe, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Barb Bennett, Mary Fox Labrie, Kim Brown, Warren Gordon, Scott Brown, Thomas Mowatt, Jim Corby, Patrice Koeneke, Delores Koeneke, E.J. Conzola-Whitehall Times, Suzy Shad, John Chambers, Brea Davidson