

April 11, 2022 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all members of the board in attendance. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. 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:** Sup. Ferguson reported there has been no movement on the deeds for Tony Moore as this time. He stated that he wants to move forward with the purchase of the canon house. During last month's meeting Highway Superintendent, Rick Hobus, suggested a potential plan of using the property along with Washington County as a shared service project. He conferred with Deb Donahue about that plan and it was recommended by her that it could be a difficult proposition to get the County on board with. Does the property have enough space to build a large enough barn to house not only the town equipment but also any for the County? What the town has already isn't big enough for the equipment we have on inventory. A suggestion of a 4-5 bay barn to allow trucks to enter from one end and exit out the other could require a 120 foot by 80 foot size building but it needs to be deep enough to fit the vehicles. Because the town is situated in the Adirondack Park there may be some setback from the highway, and also septic, oil and water separator requirements that could prevent the process to begin. An engineer survey will need to be conducted and could cost as much as \$100,000 before even building the barn. The need for a new highway building is still necessary and the amount of potential cost to use the canon house as a shared service building may not be feasible. A request for a map of the property was made to have it available at the next meeting to see how large the lot is. Chubb's Dock is currently under water from the spring thaw therefore the highway department is unable to bring the road up the 4-5 inches agreed upon last fall.

Councilman Raymond requested the minutes reflect that during Executive Session the Town Board and invited guests shall only be in attendance.

**New Business:** Financials were given to the board and are on file in the town clerk's office. One bid was received for the A/C and heating units to be put in the town hall from TDT Mechanical. The offer was for complete installation of 3 Daikin Aurora condensing units for a total of \$9,287.00 requiring 50 percent down and the remainder paid upon complete installation. A motion was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Brown to move ahead with the project and all were in favor.

The approval of the Code of Ethics/Procurement Policy is still under review by Jeff Meyer.

The boat washing station is being removed in Hulett's Landing and placed at the Lake Champlain Boat Launch by the DEC. Mr. Conrad, the owner of the marina, has offered to do the inspections for no cost but he hasn't heard from the DEC at this time. During the January 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting court clerk Gail VanderPlaat approached the board about renovations to the judge's chambers to become ADA compliant. The town is in violation for not having handicap accessibility and during the meeting the board agreed to get 3 bids to bring the judge's chamber down to floor level. After discussion ensued it was determined that the next day a Legal notice will be placed in the Whitehall Times. Also, Coun. Raymond suggested that the Town Clerk's office be put down in the town hall as soon as the renovations were complete. The board is relying on the monies that will be generated by the upcoming TDI project to fund the renovation but those monies may not be available for more than 2 years as it needs to be completed before any money is disbursed. The Town Clerk duties can be all hours of any day and if the office is moved to the town hall it can restrict the availability to conduct business for the town. Coun. Raymond recommended that the clerk will be available to answer the Supervisor's phone calls and can better serve the community from the town hall location. A vote was taken to allow the Supervisor to put a legal notice in the Whitehall Times to take bids on the upgrade to the town hall and a roll call is as follows: Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE. A roll call vote was taken to decide to have the town clerk move to the town hall and is as follows: Coun. Brown-NAY; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-NAY; Coun. Barber-AYE; Supervisor Ferguson-AYE.

Scott Brown has once again received the nod for the mowing of the cemeteries for the town and has requested an additional \$1,000 for the 2022 season. A roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Brown-ABSTAIN.

Sewer District #1 Foster Brook project grant has been approved and a letter was established by Sup. Ferguson addressed to Representative Elise Stefanik requesting funding needed to the Community Projects for the fiscal year 2023 Appropriation list.

Long time Town Clerk, Patricia Leclair, recently had passed away and a moment of silence was observed for her memory.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hobus mentioned again about the repairs necessary for the town garage roof. Josh Markie will be coming to the barn to look at the job to spray foam onto the ceiling, however, he is recovering from a recent surgery and will come as soon as he can.

The monthly bills for the month of March are as follows:

GEN-\$4,575.96; HWY-\$22,761.35; SD#1-\$310.30; SD#2-\$1.41

**Public Comment:** None

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk

**Attendance:** Walt Tupper, Monika Tupper, Kim Brown, Caton Deuso, Chris Diekel, Paul Diekel, Duane Bennett, Barb Bennett, Scott Brown