

August 14, 2023 the regular town board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Sup. Ferguson, Councilwoman Diekel, Coun. Brown, Coun. Brown, Town Clerk, Marcinda Wilbur

Absent: Coun. Wilbur

Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

After some discussion, the board agreed to amend the previous month's minutes stating the Supervisor was tardy, not absent. Sup. Ferguson came in the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

**Old Business:** Chubbs Dock has been tabled for this month.

Gary Chaplin expressed interest in being appointed to the Board of Assessment Review. During the May meeting, Linda Card seemed interested but has not contacted anyone from the town or Real Property Tax Service.

**New Business:** The July financials were given to the board and are on file the clerk's office. The 2023 International Truck BAN paperwork has been signed at the bank and payment will be sent out.

During last month's meeting, a discussion was brought up about a storage shed for chemicals for the sewer district operator to be stored. Suzy Shad recommends getting a small foot locker sized tote to replace the dilapidated shed and will be purchasing one for the chemicals for approximately \$120. The board agreed to the purchase.

**SD#1 Update:** The EPG Grant is complete and what needs to be done now is to set up a date and time for LaBella's and KPI to begin the inspection of the sewer district. There is a two-step process that will be implemented during the inspections. One will be the sewer infrastructure and collection tanks and the other one will be to bury the sewer lines that go over the water of Foster Brook and a new and updated price will be needed to know how much it will cost to move them.

**SD#2 Update:** A SD#2 Law is still not available in the town records except for the Draft law given to the committee during the June Sewer Committee meeting. There isn't a copy accessible on the Secretary of State website that was filed. The committee will continue to search for the Law if it has been filed.

The town cemeteries are in need of some clean-up of debris from the trees. The town road crew will assist in that matter as well as removing the dilapidated shed for the sewer chemicals.

The board spent some time discussing the Volunteer Fireman/EMT Exemption Law. The town attorney advised that recommends mirroring the county law that passed this year. Attendances, drills, and emergency calls, volunteers must meet at least 50% of them to qualify. The municipality can implement at survivor's benefit if it chooses to. The board would like to meet with each of the fire house chiefs' to go over specifics. Terry Storms is the chief for Hulett's Landing Volunteer Fire Company, and Ed Rehm is the chief for the Dresden Volunteer Fire Company. The fire companies each meet weekly with HLVFC meeting on Monday's beginning at 5:00 p.m. and DVFC meeting on Tuesday's beginning at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Ferguson will try to reach out to each company to see if they are available for the next monthly board meeting held on September 11. It would be helpful if they were given a meeting agenda so they can prepare for any questions that may come their way and for any questions they may present to the board.

The July monthly bills are as follows:

GEN-\$29,114.28 HWY-\$30,208.24 SD#1-\$8,173.33 SD#2-\$834.96

The county beach in Huletts Landing will be closing on Labor Day, September 4, but the gate will remain open for kayakers and canoeists.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hobus reported that there have been two significant storm damages for the town and cleanup is necessary. The Weed Program is on again. A contract with the state has settled at \$375,000-5 Year to conduct the removal of weeds in South Bay. Mr. Hobus would like to ask the board for the ability to purchase an over the rail mulching brush cutter to make removing brush on the other side of guard rails easier. He has 3 quotes. The quotes are from \$24,000 to \$37,000. He also has been able to secure for the town a grant in the amount of \$166,928 from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the proceeds will be used to repair and replace the equipment used for the weed program. A vote was taken of the board to allow Mr. Hobus to purchase the over the rail mulching brush cutter as is as follows:

Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE and all were in favor. The status on the town shed insulation is that the lowest quote has come in from Airtight from South Glens Falls, however he hasn't heard anything back from them about doing the work. He will be using the insurance recovery money from the pay loader.

Finally, the Washington County Fair will take place in Easton beginning on August 21 through August 27.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

No further discussions, respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Dresden Town Clerk

**Attendance:** Linda barber, Marilyn Borden, Gail VanderPlaat, Pat Greenough, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Thomas Mowatt, Suzy Shad, Brian Shad, Warren Gordon, Mary Labrie, Margaret Stoutenburg, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times