

December 12, 2022 the regular town board meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Coun. Raymond and Coun. Barber absent. Supervisor Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

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

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

Old Business: The town is still looking for someone to sit on the Board of Assessment Review and anyone interested or knows someone may contact the Supervisor or Town Clerk. During the last month's meeting it was discussed about an issue brought to the attention of the board in regards to the Pike Brook Cemetery and the plots available for burials. The concern was that although there are no available plots for purchase there was evidence of burials taking place on owned plots. There was a recommendation for a committee to be established between the owner of the cemetery, the descendants of the available plots and the town. The board determined that since it does not own the cemetery, it is privately owned by a resident in the town, the concern should be addressed between the owner of the cemetery and the descendants for future security of the plots.

The town hall is in desperate need of a removal and replacement of a stairway, roof and the electric entrance wire to be moved off of the stairway. The magnitude of the project will require a Request For Proposal and a public notice ad must be placed in the Whitehall Times for sealed bids and proposals for the project.

New Business: The monthly financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #17-2022 titled **Budget Amendments** to move money around to cover year end line items was moved by a motion by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. A discussion about the Land Fill Closure expenditure that is paid each year by the town should begin to cease and have the DEC oversee the obligation for monitoring the land fill on Manning Road. Further discussions will be made throughout the year.

Resolution #18-2022 titled **Resolution Accepting A Grant From The Lake George Association** for the grant match amount for the EPG for the project in Sewer District #1 was moved by a motion made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. The roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Supervisor Ferguson-AYE; Coun. Raymond-ABSENT; Coun. Barber-ABSENT

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has completed an inspection of the Animal Control facilities and they are to satisfaction.

National Grid has begun a massive restoration of power poles in the town and will continue for 30 months.

County Business: During last month's meeting, a concern from Marilyn Borden was given to Supervisor Ferguson about the condition of the public beach area located in Hulett's Landing. She provided photographs to each board member in an email. Sup. Ferguson attempted to reach by phone the County Building and Grounds Director, Matt Jones, but he hasn't received a phone call back as the date of this meeting. Sup. Ferguson stated that perhaps if Ms. Borden is available to attend an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting at the county she can address them about her concern. She replied that she would be interested and Sup. Ferguson said he would relay the information to her.

It has been determined at this time that Sheep Meadow Way will remain a private road.

The monthly bills are as follows:

GEN-\$8100.06; HWY-\$23990.21; SD#1-2052.52; SD#2-\$27028.10

The meeting is being recessed until January 9, 2023 and we will have the 2022 Year End Closeout and Organizational meeting during the regular town board meeting.

There were no further discussions. Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk

Attendance: Jean Ferguson, Mary Griffin, Susan Bower, Ed Rehm, Marilyn Borden, Chris Diekel, Paul Diekel