

July 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 and Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur

Absent: Supervisor Ferguson

Councilwoman Diekel called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

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

Due to Sup. Ferguson being delayed on his arrival for the meeting and the board not having all the bills to audit they elected to table to motion until all the bills have been audited.

Old Business: Coun. Diekel commented that she has received an email from Rebecca Terry from the DEC that if any permits were needed to haul in material to raise the access at Chubb's Dock a consultation with the APA could be necessary. As long as the road footprint is adhered to the road can be raised. Two years ago a representative from the APA came to the site and painted lines to show how wide the road can become but not exceed. Those lines are no longer visible and will need to be done over again. There hasn't been any conversation with the APA since that time. The road is still passable and usable as it is and it is still necessary to go through the proper channels to bring material into wetlands. The road is an access to Lake Champlain for fire trucks to refill in fire event and the dock landing is state land.

A site plan map is necessary for National Grid to proceed with moving the entrance wire to the town hall. Sup. Ferguson says he has a site plan map drawing to submit to them via US mail.

The town is still looking for 2 appointees for the Board of Assessment Review.

New Business: Resolution #14-2023 titled "**Resolution Adopting Proposed Local Law Providing For A Partial Real Property Tax Exemption For Incorporated Volunteer Fire Company, Fire Department or Incorporated Volunteer Ambulance Service Members And Their Spouses**" will be rescinded at the August meeting and re-adopted on August 14th during the meeting. The criteria for the exemption shall be discussed and shall include the definition of full-time resident, attendance of fire meetings and drills, and be a volunteer for at least 2 years. The fire chief will keep track of the volunteers activity with the company. Also, the exception of the benefit for spouses in the event of the volunteers death. These will be discussed during the next meeting.

Resolution #15-2023 titled "**Bond Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Statutory Aggregate Principal Amount Of Serial Bonds Or Statutory Installment Bond Of The Town Of Dresden To Pay The Costs For The Purchase Of A New 2023 International Truck For The Highway Department Of The Town Of Dresden And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Town Of Dresden For The Aforesaid Purposes And In Connection Therewith**" was passed during the June 1st meeting. However, the estoppel was published outside of the 10 day window and will need to be rescinded and readopted. Therefore, by a motion made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Brown, Resolution #15-2023 is rescinded and will now become Resolution #17-2023 and was moved by a motion made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and a roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Sup. Ferguson-ABSENT. All were in favor and the resolution passed. The town clerk will put the estoppel in the Whitehall Times for the July 20th edition.

An inspection done by the NYSDEC found that a storage shed used by the sewer operator for the test chemicals in Sewer District #1 will need to be replaced. The Supervisor will need to respond to the inspection results within 30 days.

The completed 2022 AUD is filed with the town clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Highway Superintendent, Rick Hobus, reported during the meeting that the Lake Champlain weed eradication project has been temporarily placed on hold due to an administrative oversight on the state's behalf. The crew worked two days and since the boats have been parked while awaiting to hear back from them. Mr. Hobus once again has asked the Supervisor if the town could get a credit card for purchases for the highway department. He has been making purchases using his own credit card and the turn over for payment through the audit process delays his payment to the credit card company. Now that the AUD's are up to date Supervisor Ferguson can go to the bank and apply to get a credit card. An insurance check in the amount of \$27,500 was received for the 544 Loader that was totaled last year and put back into the highway funds. Mr. Hobus would like to use that money to put the spray on insulation on the highway barn. He will try to get the quotes before the next meeting to see if there have been any changes since the first ones were received last year.

The procurement policy will need to be adhered to for the purchase of a shed for Sewer District#1 if a shed will need to be purchased.

The monthly bills for June are as follows:

GEN-\$6407.77 HWY-\$29862.44 SD#1-\$253.33 SD#2-\$56.43

Coun. Diekel would like to view a copy of the agenda for each monthly meeting prior to the meeting. Sup. Ferguson replied that he would put one on the town website by Monday morning of each monthly meeting.

The board went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for personnel and came back out by 7:56. Sup. Ferguson called back those who waited outside and announced that Warren Gordon will be retiring on August 28th with 34 years of service to the town. "Thank you Warren for your dedication all these years."

The Council audited the monthly bills that Sup. Ferguson had and a motion to pay the audited bills was made by Cou. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

A motion to adjourn was unanimous at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Gail VanderPlaats, Marilyn Borden, Kim Brown, Matthew Keough, Linda Barber, Warren Gordon, Robert Weilacher, Margaret Stroutenburg, Thomas Mowatt, E.J. Conzola-Whitehall Times, Paul Diekel