

Town of Dresden
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2024
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Ferguson, Councilman Wilbur, Councilwoman Borden, Highway Superintendent Hobus, Town Clerk Wilbur, Kolleen Knight, Elizabeth Knight Hildebrandt, Helena Rice, Lucinda Bhavsar, Jillian Maginnis, Warren Gordon, Jaqueline Grant, Mark Ives, Suzy Shad, Kim Brown, Charles Tall, Thomas Mowatt, Margaret Stroutenburg, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Jane Carter, Rick Carter, Pat Portela, Mary Labrie, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times, Chris Navitsky-LG Waterkeeper

Absent: Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Diekel

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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. Borden and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

Old Business: None

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

A rough draft for the Lateral Permit and Determination Application was given to the board and is on file. The board will review and make any changes and discuss it further in the future.

The contractor who will be digging the test holes in the Sewer District will be returning with the excavator soon and will begin to dig them. A letter was handed out to the board from Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP for Engagement for Legal Services on behalf of the Lake George Association for the litigation purposes for the use of ProcCellaCOR in Lake George as well as **Resolution #26-2024** titled **Resolution regarding ProcCellaCOR Testing on Lake George** resolving the Town Of Dresden agrees to join any litigation opposing the application of ProcCellaCOR in Lake George at this time. Discussions included that there will be no tax payer monies used for this purpose. The LGA will be fronting all of the expenses. The local support is what the resolution is for. The Lake George Park Commission declined the allow the LGA to pay for hand harvesting as an alternative to the use of ProcCellaCOR. It was further discussed that there wasn't an agenda on the town website for anyone to know what was going to be discussed during the meeting and that the town shouldn't take a vote on the resolution since no one knew what the town intended to vote on. Given that the Town is strongly opposed to the use of ProcCellaCOR the board continued and voted on passing the resolution. It was introduced by Sup. Ferguson and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and a roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Ferguson-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Brown-ABSENT; Coun. Diekel-ABSENT. The resolution passed 3-2.

There will be an informational meeting for the Office of the Aging on current services being offered will be held in the Town Hall beginning at 12:00 p.m. on June 12 and lunch will be provided.

Sup. Ferguson added that the board will have to discuss about a 3 month bond to invest the town monies and that the board can determine how much is invested in the bond.

The May bills are as follows:

GEN-\$3815.87 HWY-\$36511.99 SD#1-\$3942.61 SD#2-\$55.36

Cou. Wilbur brought up for under **Old Business** that **Resolution #25-2024** titled **Sewer Committee** will need to be re-written for the next meeting since an alternate member cannot be added unless the Sewer Law is re-written to include the provision. **Resolution #5-2024** titled **Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution** will need to be re-written and passed for each individual elected position and the board will need to vote on it. Per the May meeting, the town attorney, Matt Fuller, will need to write up a Capital Improvement Fund for the Highway Fund Balance monies to be allocated in the Highway Department for Bridge work.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hobus updated the board about projects the road crew has been actively working on. One important matter he discussed was the Water Chestnut Program and the ongoing road construction for the CHPE powerline. There are two authorized sites per the DEC for the dumping of the weeds. One is located at the town pit north of town and the one located near South Bay. As the project continues the site near South Bay will not be able to be used and the turn around time with all the delays in traffic to get to the town pit will make it very difficult to conduct the eradication process. Mr. Hobus also reported that there isn't anyone to do the work Monday through Thursday, yet has people to do it Fridays and Saturdays. We have obtained the grant to upgrade the equipment and it is still in place. Bids for the upgrade will be going out soon. Mr. Hobus asked the board for permission to spend highway funds for a new 2025 Ford F-350 at \$52,000 to replace the 2008 Ford. The board agreed he could proceed with the purchase.

Public Comment: Mr. Hobus put down some road material on Jaqueline Grants driveway recently; however the recent rains has it flooded out again. She asserts that the water is coming down the right side of the road behind Ed Gertsch's house and right to her driveway. Mr. Hobus will continue to try and do what he can. Thomas Mowatt addressed the board about the use of ProcCellaCOR in Lake George and how it can affect Lake Champlain. The DEC will permit the LGPC to have the authority without accountability. There have been new appointments of commissioners on the LGPC and it was stressed that everyone should email or get in contact with the new commissioners expressing the concerns of ProcCellaCOR and the opposition of it being introduced into the Lake. Next month, a proposal for the investments of idle monies will be prepared for the next meeting for discussion. Also, the monthly agenda will be posted in a timely manner. It was asked of the Supervisor where the resolutions that were discussed during the May meeting are for this meeting. As well as there was no comment about the 9 page email sent to the town board members about the investment possibilities for the town monies sitting in no interest bearing accounts at the bank. There are many options to consider. Sup. Ferguson and Coun. Diekel will have a proposal for the board to vote on for the investments. There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Town Clerk