

June 13, 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. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Brown and seconded by Coun. Wilbur 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: Supervisor Ferguson reported that the town attorney is still working on the deed for Tony Moore. It was told to him that there were more details that needed to be addressed in the process. Sup. Ferguson stated that he would contact the attorney to check on the progress. The roadway leading to Chubb's dock has been filled in with material and smoothed out. The A/C wall units have been installed and are working properly.

New Business: The monthly financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The board members were given a copy of the Code of Ethics Resolution to pass during tonight's meeting, however, with two members of the board not being in attendance it was recommended that the board hold off on a vote to pass the resolution until all members are in attendance. Coun. Wilbur moved to take the vote during the meeting and Coun. Brown wanted to wait.

The Lake George Boat Inspection station was been moved to Lake Champlain at the DEC boat launch and signs have been changed on the highway to direct boaters to go to the boat launch to have their vessels inspected.

The town hall renovations are still being discussed. There is more entailed to renovate a municipal building than a residential building. Chris Jones from Code Enforcement told Coun. Brown that an engineer will need to be involved to create offices inside the town hall. It is being tabled until more board members are in attendance to further discuss what the town should do.

Town Clerk, Marcinda Wilbur, took some time during the meeting to express some points to not put the Clerk's office in the town hall. There is no state law that provides the town board with the authority to dictate neither where the clerk's office is to be nor the hours that the clerk is expected to work. The clerk is currently working 30 hours a week, 20 days a month from the office located in her home. The standard practice for the Town of Dresden has been that the clerk has always worked out of their homes from the longest records kept for the town. Secondly, a quote from Coun. Raymond in the Whitehall Times in an article written on November 18, 2021 he stated "I don't think our town has grown so big that what the town has always done for the last 50 years doesn't work and that we need to make drastic changes of how we operate our business in the town." In an article written in the Whitehall Times dated April 21, 2022 Coun. Raymond is quoted saying "the times have changed." Which is it? Things have always been done this way, or times are changing, it cannot be both. As a final point made, the town passed Resolution #5-2022 titled "Standard Workday and reporting Resolution on January 24, 2022. NYS and Local Retirement Reporting is based on the record of activity submitted and held on file in the clerk's office. The resolution establishes the following standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report following days worked to the retirement system. Sup. Ferguson reports each month 8 hours a day, 20 days a month he is working. The Clerk reports, and has a record of activity on file, 30 hours a week and working 20 days a month. The Supervisor works out of his home office to report the hours and days worked, taking into consideration county meetings and any other meetings that takes him away from his home office. The Town Clerk has office hours posted on the office door that reflects the 30 hours working from her home office. If the Supervisor can use his home office to report hours and days worked, why can't the town clerk also use her home office to report hours and days worked. It cannot be a double standard.

There was an opportunity for those attending the meeting to express their opinion about where the clerk should be to serve the town.

The next item on the agenda is Sewer District #1 pipeline (paperwork provided) was a motion to move the pipeline under the bridge. A roll call vote is recorded at Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE, and all were in favor. The town will need to appoint someone to the Board of Assessment Review board and are looking for interested individuals.

The Red Top located in town is in the process of applying for their liquor license and a certified copy of their intent was received by the clerk and mention to the town is a requirement for the license.

Anda Stipins-Gang requested to be added to the agenda to discuss her concerns with the board and Sup. Ferguson. She wants to know what the board has done to gain understanding of town law. Each member of the board has a copy of the Association of Towns Town Law Manual and a few webinars have been attended by the Supervisor. The May meeting was canceled due to not having a quorum by the Supervisor and yet even with no quorum a meeting can still go on. It is by resolution of the town board that a meeting can be canceled and not just because the Supervisor chooses to. She asked if there was a multi-year plan in place for capital improvements like the town hall renovations. She also addressed the Supervisor about the 2021 AUD's. Sup. Ferguson responded that they were currently under construction and that an extension was placed with the Office of the State Comptroller since the AUD needed to be completed by February 28th. An additional extension for 120 days can be filed with the OSC. Sup. Ferguson stated that the 2021 AUD should be completed by the end of June. Ms. Stipins-Gang feels that the town board and the Supervisor have neglected to take her up on her offers to be helpful to assist in facilitating town procedures and she would like an apology for how the Supervisor slandered her name in the newspaper.

County Business: Seasonal workers are still needed to fulfill positions at the Highway Department for flaggers/drivers beginning at \$19/hr. as well as lifeguards to the county owned beaches beginning at \$16/hr. Monthly bills for April are as follows: GEN-\$4575.98; HWY-\$22761.35; SD#1-\$310.30; SD#2-\$1.41 During the July meeting May and June bills will be added together.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn made by Coun. Wilbur at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Kim Brown, Warren Gordon, Mark Ives, Chris Diekel, Paul Diekel, Anda Stipins-Gang, George Gang, Caton Deuso-Whitehall Times