

March 13, 2023 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Dresden Town Hall with Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Barber and Coun. Diekel in attendance as well as Sup. Ferguson. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

The first order of business was to swear in Ms. Christine Diekel with the oath of office done by the Town Clerk. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

Old Business: A recent fire that occurred in town left the fire company unsure if the road to Chubb's Dock was plowed so they went to South Bay to refill the truck. The road is being repaired for access to the landing part. Coun. Wilbur asked if it was possible to see the deed for the property and Sup. Ferguson stated he would look into it. The property belongs to NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. They gave the town permission to bring the road up to make better access for fisherman and kayakers. After discussion it was determined that there needs to be more information with DEC and Real Property Tax Services and that we need to go back to what the deed says. An Electrician came to the town hall and gave a proposal for work that needs to be done with the electricity. A public notice has been placed in the Whitehall Times for the next 3 weeks to collect sealed bids that will be closed on March 31, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened during the April 10th regular Town Board Meeting. The Town is still looking for someone to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review and anyone interested can contact the Town Clerk.

New Business: The monthly financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. Coun. Wilbur reminded Sup. Ferguson that during the January meeting it was brought up that DA 5132.4 in the amount of \$70,000 must be moved to A 5132.4 as determined during the last State Audit it should not be in the Highway Budget. The 2022 Year End Fund Balances were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. A question came from the audience about investing the leftover fund balances into the money markets. Sup. Ferguson stated that he would look into the investments.

Resolution #10-2023 titled **Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution** was read by Sup. Ferguson and a roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; all favor. The Town's Code of Ethics is still tabled. Sup. Ferguson said that the attorney is still working on providing a copy to the town. Coun. Wilbur emailed the attorney inquiring about when to expect the Code of Ethics to be given to the board and a response from Mr. Fuller was that he didn't know anything about it.

Suzy Shad conducted interviews with Labella and K.P.I. and it is going forward.

The town recently met with the Teamsters Union Representative and the Councilpersons have copies of the proposed contract. The Council will have until the next meeting to read over the material and a vote will be taken as to whether to agree with it or not then.

During last month's meeting the town passed a resolution in regards to the use of ProcellaCOR in Lake George for eradication of Eurasian Milfoil. The resolution needs to be reviewed in light of the fact that there was only one side of the issue in attendance during the February Meeting. Although a town can pass a floor resolution it would be reasonable to have the APA and LGPC to give a presentation with the material they have to the town board in effort to be equitable and transparent.

For the purpose of those wishing to attend the monthly meetings it would be helpful if the agenda and any and all resolutions and policies could be posted on the town website before the meetings. Open Meeting Law states that if a town has its own website and high speed internet it must post on the website 24 hours before a meeting. It was discussed and determined that the agenda, resolutions, and proposal/policies be emailed to the councilpersons prior to the monthly meeting along with the drafted minutes.

The status of the 2022 AUD is it is being reviewed. Sup. Ferguson stated that he requested by writing an extension and was granted the extension. Sup. Ferguson is hopeful that the AUD will be returned before the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hobus was absent for tonight's meeting but he did give Sup. Ferguson an agreement to spend highway funds for repairs and improvements and is on file in the clerk's office. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

The monthly bills for February are as follows:

GEN-\$5666.16; HWY-\$21540.09; SD#1-\$949.67 SD#2-\$16.94

Public Comment: The Court Clerk informed the board that the judiciary grant was not applied for this year because the town will need an engineer's plan to move forward with it. There are several issues that will need to be dealt with including lowering the judge's chambers and the electrical hazards and that the court is not ADA compliant. It was explained that the repairs and renovations need to be done in a timely manner so that each project can be done correctly, including the bids that are being taken to move the entrance wire first and foremost. A couple of suggestions came from those in attendance like bringing the judge's chamber to the main floor or perhaps even paying a locality near Dresden for the use of their facility.

A motion to move into executive session was made at 8:25 and the meeting would be adjourned once coming out of the session.

There were no further discussions. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Linda Barber, Meghan Ashe, Warren Gordon, Kim Brown, Gail Vander Plaat, Chris Navitsky, Barb Bennett, Charles Tall, Paul Diekel