

May 10, 2021 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Coun. Greenough and Coun. Raymond absent. Sup. 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. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Old Business: The copy read during the previous month's meeting for the Sexual Harassment training with signatures of each of the board members was given to the clerk and filed in the office. A class will be offered during the month of June at Lake Lauderdale for Safety Day. Sup. Ferguson will check up to see if there is a movie that can be shown to the board before a monthly meeting to qualify as acceptable instead of going to the Safety Day. During a recent Supervisor's Meeting held at the county building it was brought up about the UTV being allowed on public roads. It has been reported that they are illegal on town roads due to the fact that they are above the length and weight to be legal. ATV's are legal to be used on town roads as long as the rider wears a helmet and has the vehicle registered and insured. Some towns have trail systems to allow them to be used. It was recommended by NYMER to remove the signs on the town roads for liability reasons. It has been requested that in the event that the Highway Superintendent is unable to attend the monthly meeting that the Deputy Highway Superintendent can attend instead in case there are any questions or concerns that can be answered in a timely manner. The councilmen agreed to have the deputy attend if the Superintendent can't be at the meetings. Coming up in the future will be a stimulus check for Covid Relief and given to the town to use for relief. It will have to be used for any undue hardship created by the pandemic and will have instructions of what it can and cannot be used for when it arrives.

New Business: Financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. The 2020 AUD is still being worked on and is not completed as of this meeting. The TDI project is temporarily on hold due to court issues as to all the permits to begin digging. The SLIC project has begun and will be done in three phases and currently a wire is being hung from the utility poles to which the cable will be hung from at a later time. It has been determined that the deed for the property owned by the town in South Bay will require the town attorney to view and have the boundaries checked so that there is no discrepancies and that land will not be cross deeded. Sup. Ferguson will notify Mr. Moore about what has been determined and to let him know he will have to use an attorney of his choice or use the town attorney to figure out how to move forward with the transition. Coun. Wilbur and Coun. Barber agreed with the suggestion by Sup. Ferguson. During the last month's meeting a discussion was begun about a potential project to improve the Chubb's Dock area and since Highway Superintendent was not in attendance during April's meeting it was brought up again for this month. Mr. Hobus stated that the town owns eight tenths of a mile and was mentioned that the state doesn't want changes made to the road. The town can repair the road to make it passable but cannot raise or widen the road. Vermont wanted to make improvements so that they could do the weed project using the landing in 2019 however NYDEC said those improvements couldn't happen. Mr. Hobus recommended two individual contacts at Raybrook for the Supervisor to contact for further options. A discussion ensued about the trouble on the South Bay Pier during 2020 when someone set it on fire, so to erect a structure located at the end of Chubb's Landing would make it vulnerable unless there could be more drive by actions from local law enforcement. The road currently needs to be repaired before the chestnut eradication project for this summer begins. It has been determined that this topic will be researched and revisited at a later time. Perhaps the NYDEC will be willing to work with the idea. Grievance Day will be held on May 25, 2021 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Ms. Maniacek has requested the purchase of a Trac Phone paid for by the town for use instead of submitting quarterly invoice percentage for her home phone. A motion was made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur to get a Trac phone for her to use and all were in favor. It is time again for a contract for the mowing of the cemeteries in town. Mr. Brown has been doing the mowing for some time and a bid from Ed Raymond was given to the town before a decision has been made. The bid was \$1,200 less than the bid offer from Scott Brown. Coun. Raymond was not present at the meeting and a question was brought up about him having liability insurance and if it could be possible to recess the meeting to make a phone call to him and ask. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur to consider the lower bid if Mr. Raymond can provide liability insurance, since the bid could save money for the town. Supervisor Ferguson made the motion to keep Mr. Brown since he provided a copy of the liability insurance. Coun. Barber seconded the motion to keep Mr. Brown and in a vote by the councilmen it is recorded as Coun. Barber-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-ABSTAINED and Sup. Ferguson voted AYE. The mowing contract will be awarded to Scott Brown.

The monthly bills paid for the month are as follows:

General-\$24,255.00
Highway-\$19,755.00
Sewer 1-\$9,141.33
Sewer 2-\$98.04

A discussion ensued about the town developing a building replacement plan. The town hall as well as the town highway building is declining and perhaps the town can begin a capital fund. There was a discussion about how the town of Putnam and the Washing County DPW have a combined building but the distance from the Whitehall County building is too far away. During the last state audit it was recommended to make a plan on paper for the replacements.

Mr. Hobus has made a suggestion to replace the 2005 Chevrolet that is used for the weed project. We paid \$8,000 for it, and it has a return of \$12,000 each year for the weed project. Mr. Hobus will do some research to replace it after this years weed project.

A motion was made by Sup. Ferguson to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition at 8:06 p.m. and dismissed the audience as adjournment will be made immediately coming out of the Executive Session. The board came out of Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. and no further discussions were made. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

Attendance: Caton Deuso, Chris Diekel, Paul Diekel