

Town of Dresden  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
May 20, 2024  
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Supervisor Ferguson, Town Clerk Wilbur, Matt Fuller-Town Attorney, Bill Borden, Margaret Stroutenburg, Larry Nash, Mary Ann Nash, Scott Brown, Thomas Mowatt, Mark Ives, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Mary Labrie, Suzy Shad, Jane Carter, Jaqueline Grant  
Absent: Highway Superintendent Hobus

Sup. Ferguson called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Diekel with one correction that the Supervisors Internal Audit was completed and that the Town Clerk and the Justices will still need to be done. The motion was seconded by Cou. Wilbur and all were in favor.

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Brown and seconded by Cou. Diekel and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** The Internal Audit for the Town Clerk as well as the Justices will need to be completed and the Council should contact them for individual audits.

**New Business:** The Dog Control Officer's inspection done by the NYS Department of Ag and Markets was satisfactory.

The Financials were given to the board and are on file with the Clerk.

Resolution #5-2024 was tabled during the January meeting and has been brought back during this meeting. It will become **Resolution #25-2024** titled **Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution** for the appointed and elected officials. Sup. Ferguson read the resolution as presented per Official, the Title, Name, Work Days, Term of Service, and Days per Month. A motion was made by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Diekel. A roll call vote was taken and is as follows:

Cou. Wilbur-NAY; Coun. Borden-NAY; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE

Discussion ensued about the hours for the Supervisor being reported as 8 hours a day for 20 days a month.

However, he has no posted hours of availability for the public to contact him. Since the Resolution has the Supervisor's position in question he is not allowed to vote on it passing and recuses himself. It was further discussed by Matt Fuller with the board, that the Resolution be separated for each position and has a vote taken individually. A new Resolution will be given at the next meeting and Resolution #25-2024 is tabled.

Resolution #4-2024 will need to be rescinded to removed Coun. Borden as an alternate for the Sewer District Committee as the Sewer Law does not make a provision for an alternate. Sup. Ferguson will retype Resolution #4-2024 and remove Coun. Borden from the list of Committee members.

Sup. Ferguson along with Thomas Mowatt attended a meeting held in Putnam Station about the use of ProcellaCOR in Lake George for information. A discussion ensued about the Town's position on the matter and the Lake George Park Commission and APA and DEC and the power each hold on State issues. A meeting by the LGPC will be held on May 28, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Queensbury Fire Station on Route 9L for anyone to attend. The Towns located around Lake George need to continue to do the research. Unfortunately the LGPC is a state agency and has the authority to overrule the area town's opposition as long as it has all the permits it needs to proceed. The Lake is technically located in Warren County.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. the Office of Aging will be holding an Informational Meeting in the Dresden Town Hall with lunch being provided. This notice will be placed on the Town Website as well as the Facebook page. The Town's Code of Ethics that passed May 8, 2023 Resolution #13-2023, and a copy of the Resolution was given to each of the Board Members in attendance.

A specific capital improvement fund needs to be created for the Highway Budget for Bridge Repair/Replacement and it will be drafted by the Town Attorney. A motion to create a Budget Line Item for Capital Improvement for Bridges was made by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Public Comment:** It was brought up about the town's finances in interest bearing accounts and how to gain interest in the Money Market. Charles Tall offered some suggestions on how the Town can earn interest on idle assets. The Office of the State Comptroller lays out how to make money with town funds. Treasury bonds can be purchased for a determined length of time. The Board is responsible with the town tax dollars. Sup. Ferguson is willing to take advice from Mr. Tall and information will be emailed to the Supervisor.

Jackie Grant brought to the boards attention that her driveway is in need of repair due to the removal of a culvert and now her driveway is flooded almost impassable. The board will mention her concern to the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Hobus. Tom Mowatt mentioned that there is a safety issue with the power line installation at the construction sites where there is flagmen or stop light signals. He has a call to the Safety Officer for the project, Kelly Bell, and is waiting to hear back from her. Stephanie Copeland announced an encouragement to those attending to look into registering to vote in Dresden.

The bills for month of April are as follows:

GEN-\$32,541.06                      HWY-\$19,008.14                      SD#1-\$6,223.68                      SD#2-\$37.08

The board elected to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and will immediately adjourn following coming out. A Sewer Committee meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

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