

November 8, 2021 the Regular Town Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Coun. Raymond and Highway Superintendent Hobus absent. Councilman Raymond attended the meeting by phone to listen in on the meeting. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Old Business: Sup. Ferguson reported that the deeds for the Tony Moore properties are being drawn up by the town attorney's office. A grant will be completed sometime during the month of November for the forgotten roads from the Broadband Program in Washington County.

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

A motion to adopt the 2022 Budget was made by Coun. Barber and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. The 2022 Budget was adopted with a Zero percent increase. During the meeting it was necessary to re-appoint Darin Eggleston to the Board of Assessment Review. A motion was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. An appraisal was ordered for the property on Route 22 that the town is interested in purchasing and Town Attorney, Matt Fuller, is continuing to facilitate the transaction.

The Town Clerk, Marcinda Wilbur, announced at October's Meeting that a conflict of interest occurred when Sup. Ferguson said that he has already bought a free standing pavilion from a business owned and operated by a relative and that the town has no Code of Ethics Resolution as well as a copy of the Town Procurement Policies and requested to have a moment during the November meeting to discuss the issue. Resolution number one voted on each year in the town is "Be Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Dresden accepts and adopts all fiscal and procedural policies in effect at the end of the previous year until and unless modified by the board" and yet there are no current copies of any fiscal and procedural policies on record. According to Article 18 of General Municipal Law Section 806, requires the governing body of each county, city, town, village, school district and fire district to adopt a code of ethics that sets forth for the guidance of its officers and employees standards of conduct reasonable expected of them. Just because things have always been done one way doesn't make it a right way. To be compliant to the standards set forth by the General Municipal Law would require the town to adopt a Code of Ethics Resolution. A model copy was handed to all members of the board and should be considered for adoption during the December meeting. Also, the Procurement Policy amounts were updated in 2012 but never officially written up. A copy of the updated Policy was handed to the board for future reference. The Code of Ethics Resolution is not a negotiable document or policy, however, the Procurement Policy for the town can be negotiated during a board meeting. Based on the agreement procedure, it would be necessary for a third quote before purchasing a pavilion for the Chubb's Dock project. It has been recommended to adopt a Code of Ethics Resolution at the December 13th meeting, and to have the town get three quotes for the purchase of the pavilion.

The TDI project is in full effect and a rush has been ordered by the New York Governor.

County Business: An answer is expected by the December meeting about the grant to pick up the forgotten roads in the town for high speed interest. Sup. Ferguson stated that the grant will be offered through the county.

Supervisor Ferguson briefly described the specs for a 2023 International HX620 6X4 TNDEM Axle Truck and a necessary resolution to purchase a new truck for the highway department to conduct town business. The board agreed to allow the Highway Superintendent to search for and get quotes during last month's meeting. **Resolution #15-2021** titled **Truck Purchase** was put forth by a motion made by Sup. Ferguson and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and a roll call vote were as follows:

Councilman Wilbur-AYE; Councilman Barber-AYE; Councilman Greenough-AYE;

Councilman Raymond-ABSENT

Public Comment: None

Coun. Greenough brought to the boards attention that the Highway Contract will be running out on December 31, 2021 and discussion will occur during the next meeting.

Monthly bill amounts are as follows: GEN-\$4,536.16; HWY-\$15,465.43;SD1-\$489.71;SD2-\$463.67

There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Dresden Town Clerk