

September 12, 2022 the regular Town Board Meeting was held beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Coun. Barber, Coun. Brown and Highway Superintendent Hobus absent. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. Time was taken out to acknowledge the recent losses of Ray Brown, Bev Kennedy and Joe Rota in the last week. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** Sup. Ferguson announced there were two interested purveyors in the town hall upgrade project but that they would prefer to do the work during the winter months. The town is continuing to search for a Board of Assessment Review candidate and anyone interested in the position should contact the town clerk or Sup. Ferguson.

**New Business:** The August town financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. The 2021 AUD has been filed with the clerk as well.

**Resolution #12-2022** titled **Town of Dresden Procurement Policy** is needing to be amended from the resolution that was passed during the August meeting. A discussion about the changes are to include changing back to numerical amounts set for services and goods that were removed. Sup. Ferguson mentioned that he wanted to waive the procurement policy for the Sewer District #1 engineer study. However, Coun. Wilbur read an email from Matt Fuller, town Attorney, that there is no provision in town law to waive a procurement policy but it can be amended. A motion made by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Wilbur was made to exclude professional services from the three required bids if over \$25,000 and all were in favor.

**Resolution #13-2022** titled **Budget Amendments** to add monies to the Building Contractual Account from the Highway Garage Account as well as adding monies to the Landfill Closure Monitoring with a zero budget impact. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

The Code of Ethics for the town is once again tabled until a full board is achieved to pass a resolution to adopt one. Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur stated that whether the town adopts one or never does the board is fully understanding that even without one, the town is still bound by Town Law Article 18 under General Municipal Law. The board agreed with the statement but have elected to table it until a full board.

Sup. Ferguson reported that the town was able to secure a Bond Anticipation Note from Community Bank to help fund the Sewer District #1 project.

Stephanie Aiken Copeland addressed the board about the need for town support for the DEC and from LGA as well as LGPC for the inspection of septic systems located within 500 feet of Lake George or 100 feet within a DEC tributary. County Code Enforcement Officer John Graham is working in collaboration with properties to make sure the septic systems aren't polluting the lake. It is necessary for the town to fully support the effort to resolve the issue in Cook's Bay. A letter of support will be needed from the town sent to Lake George Park Commission. During the discussion it was determined that this support will not include financing the effort but only support to it. The town will not be responsible to enforce any violations. The inspections will occur every 5 years.

There was a question and concern about the possibility of the town taking over Sheep Meadow Lane but Superintendent Hobus was absent from tonight's meeting and the board decided to table it until he can attend to answer questions.

The Tentative Budget was given to the board by Sup. Ferguson for review. Coun. Wilbur asked about the Teamsters Contract for the road crew that has been out since December 31, 2021 as any negotiations could affect the budget for the highway. Sup. Ferguson stated that he emailed Rocco but he has been unavailable. The budget for the Sewer District #1 does not include any appropriations or expenses for the upcoming project, but the numbers can be inserted at a later time.

There was further discussion about the Town Procurement Policy. There is still a discrepancy about excluding the need for 3 bids on projects requiring professional services. The resolution that was passed during the special meeting held on July 19, 2022 was worded to allow the exclusion. However, during the August 8, 2022 meeting to board reverted back to its original policy requiring the bid process. The board decided to reflect condition number 7 from the amended policy on July 18<sup>th</sup> to not require a competitive bid, yet still require a Request For Proposal. Therefore, **Resolution #12-2022** shall reflect the addition of condition #7 from the previous amended Procurement Policy by a motion made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

The monthly bills for August are as follows:

GEN-\$9601.81 HWY-\$20829.75 SD#1-\$2273.36 SD#2-\$2774.50

There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Respectfully submitted,  
Marcinda Wilbur-Dresden Town Clerk

**Attendance:** Suzy Shad, Margaret Stoutenburg, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Mary Labrie, Caton Deuso