

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
ONE CANAL STREET
SHERBURNE, NY 13460
July 12, 2023**

Regular meeting for the Sherburne Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in the Town Office. Present: Supervisor Charles Mastro, Councilmembers: Ed Meyer, Glen Bagnall, Rowena Krum, Dave Wern; Hwy Superintendent Chase Winton and Town Clerk McDaniel. Guest: Duane Wilcox

► **APPROVAL OF JUNE 2023 MINUTES**

Motion by Bagnall and seconded by Meyer to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 Town Board meeting. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

► **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT, HIGHWAY REPORT & TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

- a. Supervisor’s Report
- b. Town Clerk’s Report
- c. Code Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Mastro reported for Code Enforcement Officer Matt Gladstone. Code Enforcement Officer Matt Gladstone received two calls this week. One dealing with trash and the other regarding 40 cats at one residence. DCO Carol Lawrence is working with the Board of Health on this latter matter. Also a matter on Granville Hill road with dogs and garbage. Code Enforcement Officer Matt Gladstone has given the owner some time to clean up the residence. Notices have been sent on the garbage at junk vehicles at 3254 Route 80 and 146 Kendrick’s Road (Junk Vehicles). Code Officer Matt Gladstone is following up with these matters.

- c. Highway Report.

Highway Superintendent Chase Winton reported on the following: The town has been awarded the Bridge Grant for Granville Hill Road Bridge in the amount of 1.123 million. The Pleasant Valley Road Culvert project is progressing. The bridge has been removed. Paving should start by the end of next week and the road will be back open soon. The Granville Hill Road Bridge project will not begin until the summer of 2025. New Highway employee starts end of month. New pickup truck a 2023 RAM 2500 received from Norwich Dodge in the amount of 69,050.00. No bids were received from both Oneonta Ford and Friendly Ford of Hamilton. Further discussion held on highway trucks.

Motion by Bagnall and seconded by Wern to approve the above reports. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

► NEW BUSINESS

a. Equalization Rate

The equalization rate for the town has dropped to 54.9%. Every town in the county has dropped due to seller's market.

b. Fuel Bids.

Motion by Bagnall and seconded by Meyer to hold fuel bids for the 2023 – 2024 season. . Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried. The bids will be opened on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Office of the Supervisor. Fuel bid legal will be placed in the Sherburne News.

c. Justice Clerk

Justice Clerk was discussed. Justice Clerk Suzanne Winton has resigned. Motion by Meyer and seconded by Krum to accept the resignation of Justice Clerk Suzanne Winton. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

Motion by Bagnall and seconded by Meyer to appoint Martha Vidler as Town Justice Clerk. Martha Vidler appointed at the hourly rate of \$20. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

d. Permits

Monthly permits reviewed by Board.

e. Budget Officer

Budget Officer Carol King has resigned as our budget officer. Accounts Manager April Ray will be taking over the budget process. Motion by Krum and seconded by Wern to accept Carol King's resignation with regrets. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

Motion by Meyer and second by Wern to appoint April Ray as Budget Officer. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

► **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Update Salt Shed

Councilmember Bagnall met with Jim Webb and Hwy Superintendent Chase Winton on the purchase of property from Jim Webb for the Hwy Salt Shed. The original property considered to purchase from Jim Webb is not large enough for the needs of the highway. Plans and possible purchase of additional area at the mill was reviewed by the board. Supervisor Mastro to talk to Principle Design about revising the feasibility study. Further study to be made for the next step in purchasing the additional property at the mill. Supervisor Mastro will also contact town Attorney Dylan Harris. Motion by Bagnall and seconded by Meyer to allow Supervisor Charles Mastro to discuss these matters with the proper person(s). Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

b. Art Gallery

No further update.

c. Broadband

Broadband discussed. The town needs to apply for a ConnectAll Grant, once a strategic plan is in place.

► **July 12, 2023 TOWN BILLS**

Motion by Krum and seconded by Wern to approve the July 2023 bills. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried.

► **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Planning Board. Town Attorney Dylan Harris attended the Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board has approved the Solar Farm. Approval of the Site Plan Review and SEQR review was conducted. Around October- November, the town will need to discuss a PILOT program for the Solar Farm (New Equity Energy). The Planning Board has completed their part in the solar farm process. Councilmember Meyer: Village of Earlville. Village of Earlville meeting discussed the following: Picnic tables in square; tree stump project in progress; permit to own chickens; streets paved; purchasing water meters; new laptop DPW. Councilman Wern – Historic Park. Working on Heritage Day set for July 29th.

Motion by Bagnall and second by Meyer to adjourn meeting. Supervisor Mastro – Aye, Councilmembers Bagnall – Aye; Krum – Aye; Meyer – Aye; Wern – Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned – 8:15,

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McDaniel-Town Clerk Town of Sherburne