

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE ON January 14, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taylor at 4:00 p.m. with the following present:

Ronald C. Taylor, Supervisor	Lee Shimel, ZEO
Mary C. Smith, Town Clerk	Nathan Toutant, Ck to Supervisor
Samuel Biondolillo, Councilman	Joseph Russell, Atty
Michael Gracey, Councilman	Jessica Jenack, Planner
John Eisenhower, Councilman	William Vargulick, Assessor
Lee Carpenter, Councilman	Mike Altieri, Engineer

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhower to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2020. Carried Ayes 4 Nay 0.

Dan Young, Highway Superintendent gave his monthly report. Reported that the FlexPro snowplow blades were working well. He also requested to purchase a used 2002 John Deere loader that was owned by the Town of Worth for \$27,000. He would like to trade years with the purchase of the loader instead of the $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup with plow and purchase the truck in 2023. A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Biondolillo to make the purchase. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A public hearing was held at 4:10 p.m on proposed Local Law 1-21 to hear comments on water and sewer rates for the year 2021 as follows:

Water District #1 – Effective February 1, 2021- .00330 per gallon O&M charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$26.50 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Water District #2 – Effective January 1, 2021- .00330 per gallon charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a combined minimum charge of \$26.50 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Water District #3 – Effective March 1, 2021- .00575 per gallon charge-metered Water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$26.50 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Water District #4 – Effective March 1, 2021- .00330 per gallon O&M charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$26.50 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #1 – Effective January 1, 2021 - .00760 per gallon sewer rate based

on metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #2 – Effective March 1, 2021 - .00760 per gallon sewer rate based on metered sewerage flow billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$15.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #3 – Effective February 1, 2021 - .00300 per gallon sewer rate based on metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$60.25 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

Sewer District #4 – Effective March 1, 2021 -.00300 per gallon O&M charge-metered water usage billed quarterly with a minimum charge of \$48.00 and a 3% per quarter penalty after 30 days from billing date.

No comments: Closed

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that the board approved Local Law 1-21 water and sewer rates as presented. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Immediately following the second public hearing was held at 4:15 p.m. on proposed Local Law 2-21 to hear comments on solar energy/battery energy storage systems and equipment and access to sunlight necessary therefor. Mr. Eisenhauer expressed his concerns to Mrs. Biondolillo regarding the proposed solar law. Mrs. Biondolillo acknowledged the concerns and said she would take the comments into consideration.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that the board has reviewed and agreed with SEQR and to declare a negative declaration. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Eisenhauer and seconded by Biondolillo that the board approve Local Law #2-21 Solar Law as presented. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Mike Altieri, BCA gave monthly report on New Highway Facilities and water tower project. Close to getting them ready for bidding.

William Vargulick, Assessor presented a resolution to adopt provisions of executive order 202.83 Suspending the requirements of renewal applications as a condition to granting exemptions under section 459-c and 467 of the Real property laws.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that the board adopt resolution as presented. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that Abstract #1 vouchers -1-151 in the amount of \$303,662.30 be paid from the following accounts.

Cash Balances as of December 31, 2020		Current Month Abstract 1
\$ 3,070,217.81	General Fund	\$47,001.72
\$ 620,282.41	Highway Fund-Townwide	\$98,352.94
\$ 475,667.01	Highway Fund-Town Outside	\$ 258.50
\$ 787.25	Expendable Trust	\$
\$ 952,147.21	Water District # 2	\$35,238.65
\$ 22,425.79	Water District # 3	\$ 156.67
\$ 153,560.41	Sewer District # 1	\$97,778.81
\$ 20,268.02	Sewer District # 2	\$ 1,606.80
\$ 82,331.45	Sewer District # 3	\$12,947.48
\$ 171,032.52	Sewer District # 4	\$ 3,869.17
\$ 168,321.61	Capital Project # 1 (Taylor Rd)	\$
\$ 8,573.69	Capital Project # 2 (Water Dist 4)	\$
\$ 119,906.14	Capital Project # 3 (Sewer Dist 1)	\$
\$ 74.23	Capital Project # 3A (Sewer Dist 4)	\$
\$ -3,683.65	Capital Project # 4W (Water 2 Imp)	\$
\$ 215,772.21	Capital Project # 5 (Highway Fac.)	\$ 2,800.00
\$ 22,397.00	Trust & Agency	\$ 3,651.56

Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the board approve changing water and sewer billing program from Business Automation Systems to Edmunds Gov Tech in the amount of \$12,000. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhauer that the Evans Mills Branch of the KeyBank and the Community Bank, Black River be designated as the depositories for the Town of LeRay for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the schedule of salary payments be paid bi-weekly during the year 2021 except for the Town Board and Planning board which will be paid on a quarterly basis. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the Watertown Daily Times be designated as the official newspaper for the Town of LeRay for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhauer that the Evans Mills branch of KeyBank be designated as the depository for the Town Tax Collector for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Biondolillo and seconded by Councilman Eisenhauer, Resolved, to approve the blanket undertaking bond covering all Town Employees as required by Section 25 of the Town Law, and it is further Resolved, that Town Justices are specifically covered under said Blanket Undertaking, as required by Public Officers Law Section 112). Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhauer that Lee Shimel be appointed Constable for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhauer that the 2020 report of the Town Clerk was presented and examined, her monies turned over to the proper officials and that the detailed statement has been examined and filed. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Eisenhauer and seconded by Biondolillo to appoint Mary E. Hebert as Deputy Town Clerk for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that Mary C. Smith be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics and Mary E. Hebert be appointed as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Gracey and seconded by Biondolillo that Nathan Toutant be appointed as official delegate and _____ be alternate to attend the Association of Towns Meeting. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Eisenhauer to appoint Samuel Biondolillo as Deputy Supervisor for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 4 Biondolillo abstained.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that the mileage for Town business will be the allowable IRS rate. 56 cents Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo to appoint Lee Shimel as ZEO for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Gracey to appoint Deborah Biondolillo as the Planning Board Chairman for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter to appoint William Albrecht to the Planning board, term to expire 12/31/2027. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo to appoint Jackie Tunstall to the ZBA board, her term to expire 12/31/2025. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter to appoint Jan Oatman as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman for the year 2021. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Youth contracts with the Villages of Evans Mills and Black River in the amount of \$6,000 each. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the board approve the Fire and Ambulance Contracts as presented at budget time. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the board approve the Library Contracts with the Evans Mills Public Library and Sally Ploof Hunter Library in the amount of \$3000 each. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo to authorize the sale of the Riverbend Property. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter to contract with The Computer Store for IT service in the amount of \$40.00 per month this does not include extra service that the Town may need. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Biondolillo that the board goes into executive session at 5:38 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Carpenter that the board returns to regular session at 6:20 p.m. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Biondolillo and seconded by Eisenhauer to authorize BCA to prepare map plan and report for water extension up Route 11 to Steinhilber Road. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

A motion was made by Eisenhauer and seconded by Biondolillo that the board adjourns meeting at 6:25 p.m. Carried Ayes 5 Nay 0.

Respectfully given:

Mary C. Smith, RMC
Town Clerk