

July 19, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield held  
**July 13, 2021** at the Smithfield Community Center Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor	Thomas J Stokes
Councilperson	James Corpin Absent
Councilperson	Brenda Goff
Councilperson	Richard Looft
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler Absent
Highway Superintendent	Dan Davis Absent
Town Clerk	Janice Sebring
Deputy Clerk	Elizabeth Braun

Others Present; Sharon Davies of 4197 Bennett Rd

-The meeting was called to order by Thomas Stokes, Supervisor.

-Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Resolution # 55 – 2021**

##### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 8, 2021**

On a motion of Councilperson Brenda Goff seconded by Councilperson Richard Looft

**Resolution #55-2021** was

ADOPTED: Ayes 3- Supervisor Stokes Councilperson, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff

**Resolution #56-2021--Supervisor's Monthly Report** – of Receipts and Payments for June 2021 was read and filed. General Fund Revenues totaled \$882.53 with expenditures of \$37,064.40  
Streetlight expenditures totaled \$ 251.11

Highway fund revenues totaled \$19.92 Expenditures, of \$14,498.18 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual was, presented for both General and Highway Funds for January-June 2021.

On a motion of Supervisor TJ Stokes seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff

Resolution #56-2021 was

ADOPTED Ayes3-, Supervisor Thomas J Stokes Councilperson, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff,  
Nays 0

#### **Resolution #57-2021**

##### **Town Clerk's Monthly Report -**

- Receipts and payments for June 2021 read and filed. Gross receipts totaled \$569.00 Town retained \$446.56

On a motion of Supervisor Stokes seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff

Resolution #57-2021 was

ADOPTED Ayes 3-, Supervisor Thomas J Stokes Councilperson, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff,  
Nays 0

**-Codes Enforcement Report** – Report was read and filed.

**-Planning Board** – Nothing to report

**-Zoning Board** – Nothing to report

**-Highway**– Superintendent Davis: Absent.

#### **Public Courtesy of the Floor:**

Ms. Sharon Davies came before the board to register a complaint regarding the Company that resurfaced Bennett Rd. When they applied the asphalt they created a curb right in front of her driveway, she cannot get in her driveway without scraping the undercharge of her car. She is asking the town to please remove the curb.

Supervisor Stokes will contact the Highway Superintendent to see what can be done to rectify the problem

**New Business:** - Clerk Sebring, (in an effort to better inform the residents of meetings, town events, blood drives etc.), presented to the board, photographs of LED Signs from TV Liquidator, that are multicolor, programable and scrolling with wireless key board, price range of \$ 685.00 to 2,000.00 each, for the Board to consider purchasing.

**Supervisor Stokes reported:** The American Rescue Funds application has been approved and the town shall be receiving funds from the State next month. The Town would be wise to contact a consulting firm, on how to defederalize the funds. This will allow the Town to spend the monies as needed, not as the State requires.

#### **Old Business:**

**Hamlet Improvements- No Report**

**NYS Clean Energy Communities Program- No Report**

Resolutions:

Resolution #58 Authorizing the Purchase of 2 LED multicolor, programmable and scrolling signs With wireless keyboard, for a price range of \$ 685. To 2,000 each.

On a motion of Supervisor Stokes seconded by Brenda Goff

Resolution 58 was

Adopted: Ayes 3-, Supervisor Thomas J Stokes Councilperson, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff,  
Nays 0

Resolution #59 2021 Budget Modification: Resolves that the Town Supervisor be authorized to modify the 2021

On a motion of Councilperson Looft seconded by Councilperson Goff

Resolution#59 was adopted:

By roll Count

Supervisor	Thomas J Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	James Corpin	Absent
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Absent
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye

Highway Department Budget

	From	To
DA9030.8 Social Security	11,000.00	10,821.00
DA9040.8 Workers Comp	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7, 179.00</u>
Control Total:	18,000.00	18,000.00

Resolution #60-2021 Authorizing Supervisors Stokes, upon the advice of Town Attorney Stokes, to hire Madison County’s Consulting firm, at a rate of \$350.00 per hour up to \$5,000.00, regarding defederalizing funds, received from American Rescue Fund.

On a motion of Richard Looft seconded by Brenda Goff

Resolution #60 was

Adopted: Ayes 3 Supervisor Thomas J Stokes, Councilpersons, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff,  
Nays 0

Resolution #61-2021 Payment of Claims

On a motion of Richard Looft seconded by Brenda Goff

Resolution #61-2021 was

ADOPTED: Ayes 3 Supervisor Thomas J Stokes, Councilpersons, Richard Looft, Brenda Goff,  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #7 in the following amounts:

General Fund	117-140	in the amount of	\$ 23,751.10
Highway Fund	53 -57	in the amount of	\$ 4,128.57

Notes and Communication: Supervisor Stokes relayed the discussion, Madison County Board of Supervisors had, regarding Solar and Wind energy. Neither the County or supervisors oppose Solar or Wind Sites, but opposes the New York States regulatory authority, granting the Office of Renewable Resources to write a law, which in essence, overwrites home rule authority. This law can circumvent any towns Zoning Laws. Mr. Stokes further stated, several towns are suing the State over this issue and recommends that Smithfield does the same, when the times comes.

With no further business, on a motion made by Councilperson Richard Looft seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Janice Sebring,  
Town Clerk