

June 13, 2023

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield held June 13, 2023 at the Smithfield Community Center commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor	Thomas J Stokes
Councilperson	Brenda Goff
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler
Councilperson	James Corpin
Councilperson	Richard Looft
Highway Superintendent	Daniel Davis
Town Clerk	Christine Boyden

Others Present: Jim Stokes, Les Kraft and Kevin Howard

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

-Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution #44-2023

Approval of Minutes of May 2023-

On a motion made by Councilperson James Corpin, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff

Resolution #44-2023 was adopted:

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Public Hearing

Supervisor Stokes makes a motion to open Public Hearing at 7:10 pm to consider Local Laws for the Town of Smithfield Building and Development Control Law for Solar and Wind.

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

- Jim Stokes, the Town Attorney, explains this is to update solar and wind regulations. The town would be creating three new zoning districts (the hamlet district, the buffer district, and the rural/agricultural district). Within the rural/agricultural districts commercial solar and wind would be allowed. In the buffer district and hamlet district, commercial solar and wind would not be allowed.

-Les Kraft expresses concern for the environmental impact of the solar panels and encourages the board to take into consideration a construction standard to allow grass to be able to grow under the solar panels.

Supervisor Stokes makes a motion to adjourn Public Hearing at 7:40 pm until July 11, 2023.

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Resolution #45-2023 schedules a Public Hearing to consider local laws to amend the Town of Smithfield Building and Development Control Law

WHEREAS, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE Town Supervisor, the attorney for the Town has prepared proposed legislation to amend the Building and Development Control Law of the Town of Smithfield to establish new regulations for wind and solar energy systems and to create the Peterboro Hamlet and Hamlet Buffer zoning districts, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Town Board to act as lead agency with respect to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act as it applies to the potential adoption of this legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the attorney for the Town is hereby directed to refer the proposed legislation to the Madison County Planning Agency in accordance with the provisions of section 239-m of the New York General Municipal Law, and

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield will hold a public hearing on July 11, 2023 at 7:10p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Town of Smithfield Community Center located at 5255 Pleasant Valley Road in the Hamlet of Peterboro to consider the proposed local laws.

Dated: May 9, 2023

On a motion made by Councilperson Nell Ziegler seconded by Councilperson James Corpin
Resolution #45-2023 was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor	TJ Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	James Corpin	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye

Resolution #46-2023

Supervisors Monthly Report-

Receipts and Payments for May 2023 were read and filed

General Fund Revenues totaled \$182,033.62 with expenditures of \$18,839.74

Streetlight expenditures totaled \$310.10

Highway Fund Revenues totaled \$2,271.57 with expenditure of \$10,941.86 Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual Budget was presented for both General and Highway Funds for May 2023.

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

Resolution #46-2023 was adopted:

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Town Clerks Monthly Report- Unavailable this month, will be available at next months meeting.

Codes Enforcement Report- Report was reviewed and filed.

Planning Board- One open position on Planning Board.

Zoning Board- Two open positions on Zoning Board.

Highway- Exploring the possibility of purchasing a newer Highway pickup truck.

Public Courtesy of the Floor-

Old Business- Craft and Cruisin' to take place on July 29, 2023 11am-4pm.

New Business-

Resolution #47-2023 reappoints Jody Luce as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 5 year term.

On a motion made by Councilperson Nell Ziegler, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff

Resolution #47-2023 was adopted

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Resolution #48-2023 approves the application to Madison County to close Peterboro Road between Pleasant Valley and Swamp Road along with the closure of Park Street and Zophy Ave on July 29, 2023 between 11am and 4pm.

On a motion made by Councilperson James Corpin, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff

Resolution #48-2023 was adopted

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Resolution #49-2023 authorizes the Smithfield Community Development Association to use the green between 10 am and 6 pm on July 29, 2023 for the Craft and Cruisin' event.

On a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Councilperson Richard Looft

Resolution #49-2023 was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor	TJ Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	James Corpin	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye

Resolution #50-2023 designates the Smithfield Community Center as a Pollsite for Madison County.

On a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Councilperson Nell Ziegler

Resolution #50-2023 was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor	TJ Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye

Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	James Corpin	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye

Resolution #51-2023 Payment of Claims

On a motion made by Councilperson Richard Looft, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff
Resolution #51-2023 was adopted

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, James Corpin
and Richard Looft

Nays: 0

Resolved that bills be paid on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers #82-98	in the amount of \$5,246.54
Highway Fund	Vouchers #46-52	in the amount of \$20,161.47

Notes and Communication:

With no further business, on a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Boyden, Town Clerk