

March 12, 2024

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield held March 12, 2024 at the Smithfield Community Center commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor	Thomas J Stokes
Councilperson	Brenda Goff
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler
Councilperson	Kenny Mennig
Councilperson	Richard Looft
Highway Superintendent	Daniel Davis ( Absent)
Town Clerk	Janice Sebring

Others Present: James Corpin

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

-Pledge of Allegiance

**Resolution #23 2024**

Approval of Minutes of January 2024-

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

Resolution #23-2024 was adopted:

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, Kenny Mennig and Richard Looft  
Nays: 0

**Resolution #24-2024**

Supervisors Monthly Report-

Receipts and Payments for February 2024 were read and filed

General Fund Revenues totaled \$270,770.91 with expenditures of \$34,792.95

Streetlight expenditures totaled \$201.57

Highway Fund Revenues totaled \$339,181.98 with expenditure of \$26,147.05 Profit and Loss

Budget vs Actual Budget was presented for both General and Highway Funds for January - February 2024.

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

Resolution #24-2024 was adopted:

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, Kenny Mennig and Richard Looft  
Nays: 0

**Resolution #25-2024**

Town Clerks Monthly Report-

Receipts and Payments for February 2024 were read and filed.

Total State, County and Local Revenues totaled \$467.00 and the Local Shares Remitted totaled \$448.

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

Resolution #25-2024 was adopted:

Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, Kenny Mennig and Richard Looft  
Nays: 0

Codes Enforcement Report- Report for January and February 2024 was read and files

Planning Board- Nothing to report

Zoning Board- Nothing to report

Highway- Absent

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Public Courtesy of the Floor- James Corpin came before the board to request permission to make more storm windows in April.  
Town Board Approved.

Old Business- -Nell expressed interest in applying for a NYSERDA Energy Grant, would need to take inventory of the towns vehicles. Discussion continued as to which vehicles are presented as inventory.

NY Forward Grant- Ms Ziegler has asked for a meeting with the NY Forward Grant committee to review the application in an attempt to figure out why the grant was regeted.

New Business- Hoffman Falls Wind Project: Councilperson Zielger presented a map indicating the travel pattern of trucks supply materials for the project. Town Board indicated concern about the wear and tear of the roads.  
Supervisor Stokes: There is a resolution addressing the concerns will be presented to night.

**Resolution #26-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Special Legal Counsel**

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Falls Wind Project has been proposed to be located in the Towns of Fenner, Eaton, Nelson and Smithfield (the “Project”), and  
WHEREAS, the Project will undergo review by the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) pursuant to § 94-c of the New York State Executive Law, and  
WHEREAS, this Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Smithfield and its residents and taxpayers to work cooperatively with the other affected towns to ensure that the interests of the towns are adequately represented in the 94-c process.  
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to retain the law firm of Costello, Cooney & Fearon as special counsel to represent the interests of the Town of Smithfield cooperatively with the firm’s representation of the Towns of Fenner, Nelson and Eaton conditioned upon the fees to be paid to Costello, Cooney & Fearon will be reimbursed by funds provided through the 94-c process unless otherwise authorized by this Board.

Dated: March 12, 2024  
**Resolution # 26** Was Adopted by Roll Count

Supervisor	Thomas Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye
Councilperson	Kenny Mennig	Aye

**Resolution #27-2024 Appoint James Stokes Chairman of Planning Board**

WHEREAS: The Chairman of the Planning Board resigned and  
WHEREAS: a vacancy exists and  
WHEREAS: Mr. James Stokes is qualified to perform the Duties of Planning Board Chairman.

**Be It Resolved:** That James Stokes be Appointed Chairman of the Planning Board.

On a motion made by Councilperson Nell Ziegler, seconded by Supervisor Stokes  
Resolution #27-2024 was adopted by roll count

Supervisor	Thomas Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye
Councilperson	Kenny Mennig	Aye

**Resolution #28-2024** Approves moving forward with NYSERDA Energy Grant  
On a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Brenda Goff  
Resolution #28-2024 was adopted:  
Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler, Kenny Mennig and Richard Looft  
Nays: 0

**Resolution #29-2024 Reappoints Lindy La Fever To the Board of Assessment Review**

On a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Brenda Goff  
Resolution #29-2024 was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor	Thomas Stokes	Aye
Councilperson	Nell Ziegler	Aye
Councilperson	Brenda Goff	Aye
Councilperson	Richard Looft	Aye
Councilperson	Kenny Mennig	Aye

**Resolution #30-2024** Payment of Claims

On a motion made by Councilperson Richard Looft, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff  
Resolution #22-2024 was adopted  
Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Stokes, Councilpersons: Brenda Goff, Nell Ziegler , Kenny Mennig and Richard Looft  
Nays: 0

Resolved that bills be paid on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:  
General Fund            Vouchers #29-41 in the amount of \$5,143.00  
Highway Fund            Vouchers #11-17 in the amount of \$5,278.73

Notes and Communication:  
With no further business, on a motion made by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Goff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Sebring  
Town Clerk