

March 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Stepanski with the following people present: Councilman Fort, Marshall, Meeker, Shea, Pete Kiehn, Joanne Shea, Water Superintendent Jim Chamberlain, Fire Chief Todd Collins and Rocco Pizzuto.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the February 5th meeting were approved on the motion of Marshall/Shea, all in favor. Financial report was accepted on a motion of Marshall/Meeker. All in favor.

Deputy Historian Celeste Smith submitted her report, motion made by Marshall/Meeker to accept her report, all in favor.

Public comments: Water Superintendent, Jim Chamberlain, and Fire Chief, Todd Collins, attended to talk to the Board regarding the fire hydrants in the water district, the issues discovered when the fire department conducted their hydrant flow testing in 2023 and ways to repair/improve the hydrants. Supervisor Stepanski/Board agreed there needed to be improvements to the hydrants and would like to see a maintenance program and a ten year plan to repair/replace the hydrants.

Bids were opened at 7:51 pm for the Asphalt Paving Project of Freeman Road (From Williams Road South to Stockbridge Falls Road) and Brown Road (From Stockbridge Falls Road North to Williams Road). 1.) Heidelberg Materials Northeast: \$73.00 per ton/total \$204,400.00. 2.) Ulster Paving: \$69.88 per ton/total \$195,664.00. Motion was made by Marshall/Meeker to accept the bid from Ulster Paving, as the lowest responsible bidder, of \$69.88 per ton/total job \$195,664.00 with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Yes; Stepanski: Yes.

Public comments revisited: Rocco Pizzuto attended to update the Board on his Eagle Scout project of updating the dugouts with paint, fascia, helmet boxes, batting boxes and will purchasing some equipment as well, any remaining funds will be donated. Pizzuto thanked Highway Superintendent Kiehn and Supervisor Stepanski for their assistance with his project. Kiehn/Stepanski/Board thanked Pizzuto for a job well done.

Public communications: None

CEO Shaver was unable to submit his report.

Highway Superintendent Kiehn said they had been hauling stone, reported on an issue with the generator after the last storm but had been repaired.

Supervisor Stepanski had the Firefighter Tax Exemption for the Board to review. The Board requested more information before they proceed, Stepanski will contact the Town Assessor, Tanya Pifer and Fire Chief, Todd Collins. Supervisor Stepanski also had the Audit report for the Town Clerk/Water Collector/Tax Collector everything was found to be satisfactory, motion made by Marshall/Meeker to accept the Audit, all in favor.

Supervisor Stepanski had the Fire Protection Agreement that was up for renewal, it is currently renewed every 5 years and the rate is currently at \$86,500k per year and proposed increases per year for the next 5 years starting in 2025 in order to stay under the 2% tax cap. No action taken at this time.

Motion was made by Marshall/Meeker to pay bills. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm on motion of Marshall/Meeker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cami L. Kiehn, Town Clerk