

May 6, 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 and Greg Coram.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the April 1 meeting were read and approved on the motion of Marshall/Fort, all in favor. Financial report was accepted on a motion of Marshall/Meeker. All in favor.

Public communications: Supervisor Stepanski had the recent election changes and how it affects elected officials from the Board of Elections for the Board to review. Stepanski also had a 2024-25 Final Executive Budget Summary for NYS for the Board to review. Stepanski received an email from MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance), Madison County also uses their services, asking if there was any interest from the Town in utilizing their services. Board all in favor for Stepanski to contact MEGA and see what they offer.

Deputy Historian Smith submitted a report. Motion made by Marshall/Fort to accept her report, all in favor. CEO Shaver did not submit a report for April.

Highway Superintendent Kiehn said he anticipated receiving \$194,036.58 from Chips/POP/Pave/Extreme Winter Recovery in 2024. Kiehn said it would be roughly \$7,000 to add on paving the Jones Road section and would be paving May 22/23 and that he had Helmer's take down a tree on Freeman Road in their preparations for paving. Kiehn also mentioned that Tracey Road Equipment has been working on the truck, cost to the Town has been dropped down to \$3,100.

Supervisor Stepanski had spoken to Assessor Pifer about the Firefighter Tax Exemption and there were 9 tax payers eligible for the Exemption in the Town and it was roughly a 10% exemption. Motion was made by Marshall/Shea to adopt the Firefighter Tax Exemption with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Yes; Stepanski: Yes.

Supervisor Stepanski received a letter from the NYSDEC regarding the section of stream bordering Town property asking if the Town would be willing to post signs saying anglers may fish for trout in that area. All in favor. Stepanski also had a price list from the City of Oneida for replacing hydrants. Stepanski would like to replace (3) hydrants this year, and then replace 5 per year starting in 2025. Motion made by Marshall/Shea to replace 3 hydrants this year and 5 per year going forward, all in favor. Councilman Shea mentioned there might be grants available, Stepanski will contact Water Superintendent Chamberlain to inquire. Stepanski also had the Audit report for the Town Supervisor from Deputy Supervisor Shea, everything was found to be satisfactory. Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to accept the Audit report, all in favor.

Public comments: Greg Coram attended to show the Board an aerial photograph he took of the Village of Munnsville and left his contact information if there was interest in purchasing it.

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

Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to enter into executive session at 7:56 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person, all in favor. Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to exit executive session at 8:15 pm, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm on motion of Marshall/Meeker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cami L. Kiehn, Town Clerk