

February 11, 2025

The February Meeting of the Town Board of Georgetown was held in the Town Hall at 6:30 pm.

The following Board Members were present:

Town Supervisor- Pete Walrod

Councilman – Jerry Prince

Councilman- David Wood

Councilman- Matthew VanHeusen

Councilman- Susan Duell

Others present:

Bookkeeper- Thomas Chartrand

Highway Superintendent- Hunter Grace

Town Justice - David Canfield

Supervisor Walrod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORTS

- David Canfield reported that the he should hear in March about the grant for the new bathroom. There are not may court cases being heard.
- Chuck Ladd sent in a report that there is a stop work order on the Georgetown Inn and there needs to be an accusatory order. Supervisor Walrod read the report and that the Georgetown Inn owners took down the stop work order.
- Matt VanHeusen moved to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2024 meeting. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Dave Wood moved to accept the bank reconciliation, second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- Dave Wood moved to pay the bills, second by Susan Duell. Motion carried 5 -0.

Book Keeper's Report:

- Susan Duell moved to accept the court records audit found to be in compliance. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- Transfer sheet preapproved at the December meeting was reviewed.
- Reviewed different funds and they ended the year strong. Dave Wood moved to accept the December year end report, second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Reviewed transfer sheets of different funds as of February 11, 2025. Motion by Dave Wood to transfer funds, second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Reviewed January report. Motion by Matt VanHeusen to accept the January 25, 2025 report, second by Dave Wood. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Highway Superintendents' Report- Hunter Grace reported on the following:

- The crew has been busy with plowing.
- The pressure washer was ruined with the cold snap and the furnace quit.
- The salt shed update was given.
- The salt shortage was reviewed. Salt can be obtained outside of New York state.
- Insurance renewal was reviewed.

Town Clerk Report - Gail Burpee reported on the following:

- One step closer to being able to issue hunting and fishing licenses.

- Still waiting for handicapped parking tags. Yearly reports were not submitted since 2014. Albany asked to try to come up with a report for 2020 to 2023, which was submitted.

Old Business:

- No dog report.
- Matt VanHeusen reported on codes. He talked to Chuck Ladd and he wants a job description, which he has now. He will submit a report every month. A first draft on the county description with amendments was reviewed.
- Radon codes implemented in new homes reviewed from the county. This needs to be a local law.

New Business:

- Hometown Hero banner changes were reviewed. The price has gone up. They may be \$220 for under 10 banners and \$210 for more than 10 banners.
- Information on a link to the minutes furnished by the county.
- Susan Duell reported that Alicia Martin talked to Travis Marshall in DeRuyter regarding a town recreation fee on the town tax bill. There is already \$2000 in the town budget.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Walrod reported on the following:

- There was a presentation on the proposed park plan. The students did a final presentation with drawings on the wall highlighting the salt shed, highway garage, and the park.
- The reorganizational meeting needs to add an engagement letter from Costello, Cooney, Fearon to the minutes.
- Dave Wood moved to authorize Supervisor Walrod to sign contracts. Second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Motion by Dave Wood, second by Jerry Prince to approve the reorganizational meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- The EMS update in DeRuyter was discussed. The Family Dollar will not be used to house an ambulance. Madison County will have an ambulance in the fire house. There has been discussion of TLC from Cortland purchasing Smith Ambulance.
- Discussion on the supply charge from NYSEG. There is a petition going around with the raising of prices of the kwatt's.
- The snowmobiles using the sidewalk in front of the school. That is not the trail. It was suggested putting cones next year prohibiting snowmobiles from going down the sidewalk and to allow folk to walk downtown on it.
- Hunter Grace asked about material for the ball field for the ball diamond.
- Hunter Grace discussed shared services agreement above the county contract. It was suggested that Supervisor not sign it up to \$25,000 for bids.
- Hunter Grace reported that there have several complaints that Maxon Road is a sheet of ice. There is no clear road policy.

Dave Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM, second by Matt VanHeusen.
Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Burpee
Town Clerk