

March 11, 2025

The March 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 town received the JCAP grant for the new bathroom. The funding for the project in the amount of \$24,800.00 should arrive on April 1, 2025. He also reported that the building code issue court date is April 1, 2025.
- Matt VanHeusen moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Matt VanHeusen moved to accept the bank reconciliation, second by Dave Wood. Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- Jerry Prince moved to pay the bills, second by Dave Wood. Motion carried 5 -0.

### **Book Keeper's Report:**

- The contractor, subcontractors for the bathroom project will need to register with the Department of Labor.
- The Supervisor's records of 2024 were audited. Dave Wood moved to accept the audit, second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- The generator is not up and running for the payment check is being held until it is operational.
- The annual report has been submitted to the New York State. Susan Duell moved to accept it, second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Reviewed the monthly financial report.
- There were seven ambulance recoveries.
- All taxes have been received from the county.
- Susan Duell moved to accept the Bookkeepers Report. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

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

- Matt VanHeusen moved to authorize Hunter Grace access to IGSEVD system to sign. Second by Dave Wood. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- The county re-bid for salt. There were no takers. The town is under contract for salt and the county is out of salt.
- The 284 agreement with highway superintendents. Susan Duell moved to authorize Hunter Grace to sign to allow funds for the highway. Second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- The advocacy meeting in Albany went well. There will be more funding for the CHIPS program
- There are several requirements for the BridgeNY project. Dave Wood moved to authorize the clerk to post a legal notice in the Post Standard. Second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**Town Clerk Report** - Gail Burpee reported on the following:

- Handicapped tags are in and going quickly.
- The quiz that was taken and passed to issue licenses. Waiting to hear what the next hoops are to jump through.
- Madison County Cooperative Extension wants to come to the June meeting for a presentation on what they can provide.

**Old Business:**

- No dog report.
- No Codes report
- Supervisor Walrod spoke with Chuck Ladd and suggested sending a certified letter to the owners of the former Georgetown Inn. There is no penalty in local law if the code isn't followed. Matt VanHeusen reviewed state fines to be used. He suggested an amendment to the local law by adopting the state version of 2021.

Dave Wood moved to authorize the Supervisor to schedule a public hearing to adopt the state version and to do a public notice. Second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**New Business:**

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

- From the county – there is concern over federal funding with the new federal administration such as Medicaid, medicare, etc. With New York being a blue state, there is a \$3.7 billion deficit.
- The state budget has doubled in the past six years.
- The governor's budget proposal includes solar, wind electric push. Sixty million dollars is allotted for electrification.
- Town clean up date is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- DeRuyter EMS went into service on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This is a paid service.
- Discussion on Niles Cemetery. The family of Sam Campbell wants permission to bury Sam in the cemetery on May 17, 2025. Those were his final wishes. Consensus to allow the burial.
- He received a call from Martha Goodrich. The Amish sawmill on Erieville Road is up and running.
- Discussion on Hometown Hero banners. There are three so far.
- He received a letter from the Town of Fenner thanking the highway crew for their help clearing snow on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a request from a town resident for the minutes to be put on the website. This will be done after the minutes are approved the following month.
- Jerry Prince moved to authorize Supervisor Walrod to sign the ambulance renewal. Second by Dave Wood. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Dave Wood moved to authorize Supervisor Walrod to sign the agreement to use the Town Hall as a polling site. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Jerry Prince moved to authorize the Clerk to post a public notice for a public hearing for Spectrum Northeast LLC at 6:15 PM on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

**Adjournment**

Dave Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Burpee  
Town Clerk