

April 8, 2025

The April Meeting of the Town Board of Georgetown was held in the Town Hall at 6:20 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

Prior to the monthly meeting, a public hearing was held in regards to the Spectrum Franchise Agreement. Meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM on a motion of Susan Duell and seconded by Dave Wood. Motion carried, 5 – 0. The franchise was discussed. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:25 PM on a motion of Dave Wood and seconded by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Supervisor Walrod called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORTS

- David Canfield reported that the JCAP funds are coming in for the new bathroom. Two bids are needed to move forward. Judge Canfield contacted three contractors. Doug Hillman is not interested and Red Rhoades is not licensed. Mr. Canfield recommends contacting Russ Smith. Jerry Prince moved to accept the quote from Russ Smith, second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried. Mr. Smith requires a deposit of \$12,000 on the first day is on site.
- Judge Canfield also reported that the court is moving forward with some high-profile cases.
- Dave Wood moved to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting. Second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Susan Duell moved to accept the bank reconciliation, second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- Susan Duell moved to pay the bills, second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried 5 -0.

Book Keeper's Report – Tom Chartrand reported on the following:

- Fuel Bid has been received. Dave Wood moved to authorize the Clerk to sign the fuel bid from DCMO BOCES, second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 5 – 0.
- NYCLASS receipts and disbursements reviewed.
- Banner month for ambulance collection of 14 payments of over \$9,000.
- Dave Wood moved to accept the Bookkeepers Report. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- Motion by Matt VanHeusen to transfer funds from employee hospital and medical insurance benefits to worker compensation fund. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

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

- They are behind in servicing the equipment due to other projects.
- The crew likes the new sweeper.
- The crew has cut down trees on Wilcox Road for the culvert project.
- One pipe will be replaced on Jones Road.
- He has ordered 150% of amount of salt as last year which is 700 tons.

- Discussed having an Amazon Business Prime Account through New York Association of Towns. Motion by Susan Duell to authorize Hunter to set up an Amazon Business Prime account. Second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.
- The Bridge NY bids came in lower than expected.

Town Clerk Report - Gail Burpee reported on the following:

- Two hunting and fishing licenses have been issued.
- The Firewall has been upgraded.

Old Business:

- Matt VanHeusen reported that the court date for the Georgetown Inn property has been moved to April 29, 2025.
- The following properties have been inspected some new houses, a sawmill, two temporary certificate of occupancy buildings and the Todd Straight house permit.
- Supervisor Walrod reported that the codes paperwork is not appropriately completed.

Motion by Susan Duell to enter executive session for the purpose of legal counsel at 6:58 PM. Second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Mr. Christopher Militello was asked to join the Board.

Motion by Susan Duell to resume open session at 8:10 PM. Second by Matt VanHeusen. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

New Business:

- A new Board of Assessment Review person is needed. Motion by Dave Wood to appoint Kathleen Walrod to the Board of Assessment Review for the town. Second by Susan Duell. Motion carried, 4 - 0 - 1 (Supervisor Walrod abstain.)

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

- Federal funding could affect the DEC project.
- April 23rd there will be a program on renewable energy for Sullivan and Eaton.
- Discussion on helping Hillside Cemetery with trimming. Hunter approved doing this with the crew.
- Discussion on the town and county roads lane mile cost. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- Dave Wood reported on behalf of the Fire Commissioners that there is a program at Stockbridge Valley on retention and recruitment of emergency personnel.
- The next meeting, there will be a presentation by the Madison County Real Property personnel on senior citizens and fireman tax exemptions.
- Susan Duell gave an update on the Hometown Hero banners

Adjournment

Susan Duell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, second by Jerry Prince. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Burpee
Town Clerk