

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS
Regular Meeting – May 11, 2020
Town Hall
1234 State Highway 51
Gilbertsville, NY 13776

DATE: May 11, 2020-6:58 PM

Present were: Bruce Giuda, Paul Irwin, Keith Lilley, Scot Lueck, Linda Gover, Highway Superintendent B Jay Stebbins

Pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Meeting was recorded by Town Clerk (audio).

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 16, 2020

Motion made by Scot Lueck

Seconded by Paul Irwin

Bruce Giuda-Yes

Keith Lilley-Yes

Paul Irwin-Yes

Scot Lueck – Yes

Linda Gover - Yes

Motion passed

Motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020 as presented

Motion made by Keith Lilley

Seconded by Scot Lueck

Bruce Giuda-Yes

Keith Lilley-Yes

Paul Irwin-Yes

Scot Lueck – Yes

Linda Gover - Yes

Motion passed

Motion to approve vouchers 20128 to 20157 in the amount of \$34,658.69 (Abstract No.4)

Motion made by Bruce Giuda

Seconded by Keith Lilley

Bruce Giuda-Yes

Keith Lilley-Yes

Paul Irwin-Yes

Scot Lueck – Yes

Linda Gover - No

Motion passed

Motion to approve vouchers 20158 to 20190 in the amount of \$48,596.62 (Abstract No.4)

Motion made by Bruce Giuda
Seconded by Keith Lilley
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

**Motion to approve March financial reports with corrections as outlined
Adjusting entry for eighty cent (.80) discrepancy between Fire Department and Lighting District
Late Fees for doc licenses should be in unclassified revenue**

Motion made by Linda Gover
Seconded by Keith Lilley
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

REPORTS: Town Clerk – March - \$294 – April – \$300.75

Town Justice – Town Justice and Court clerk can now work in their office

Dog Control – No report

Assessor – No report due to closing of town hall for Coronavirus pandemic

Highway superintendent presented report to the board.

Hwy Superintendent discussed repairs needed to Flat Iron Bridge

Motion to hire Town and County Bridge to repair Flat Iron Bridge for \$15,640

Motion made by Keith Lilley
Seconded by Bruce Giuda
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

Motion to approve highway superintendent's report as presented

Motion made by Bruce Giuda
Seconded by Scot Lueck
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

Supervisor's Report:

Sales tax numbers are not good due to closing of tourism businesses (Coronavirus pandemic)
Completing new highway garage building project-phone and internet need to be installed.
Stairs need to be redone. After this is completed, entire building will be re-inspected.
Fuel depot – need to get a filter and filter housing. Pump and alarm are installed.
Need to get a mailbox and one more camera on the fuel depot.
Salt shed project – inspections by engineers have been scheduled at every step. The town will be responsible for concrete testing.
Park is open. Bookkeeping has been set up.
Looking at setting up a comprehensive plan for park improvements (additional sites and bathroom renovations).

Motion to accept report of town supervisor

Motion made by Scot Lueck
Seconded by Keith Lilley
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

Committee Reports:

Finance/Laws/Audit – Audit for February and March is complete
Bldg and Grounds -Installed slop sink at the park. Trimmed tree limbs at park.
Looking at possibility of installing washer and dryer at park.
Flagpole at town hall needs repairs.
Personnel – nothing -have not heard from union concerning negotiations
Budget - nothing
Hwy and Machinery – nothing
Ethics – Nothing-meeting canceled
Parks – Spring Fest was canceled but might do something in the Fall
Looking at options for improving WI-FI at the park.
Fire rings have been delivered.
Looking at possible park improvement projects: Fix up horse shoe pits. Coat of preservative on foot bridge. Build shelving in the cabin for storage.
Build a fire wood rack.

Motion to accept \$150 bid from Albert Pope to purchase surplus wood from clearing at new highway garage site with provision that no cutting or splitting is done on site

Motion made by Keith Lilley
Seconded by Scot Lueck
Bruce Giuda-Yes
Keith Lilley-Yes
Paul Irwin-Yes
Scot Lueck – Yes
Linda Gover - Yes
Motion passed

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

Whereas, Public Health Law Section 3008(7) permits a town to establish and operate an ambulance service; and

Whereas, the Town of Butternuts has determined that is in in the best interest of the town to establish and operate an ambulance service or contract for the operation of the ambulance service pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 122-b; and

Whereas, the Town Board has determined that all property, property owners and interested persons within the town will be benefited by the establishment and operation of an ambulance service:

It is hereby resolved that:

The Town of Butternuts, finding need for ambulance service in the Town of Butternuts, declare that the town establish and operate an ambulance service, for operation within the town’s boundaries; and it is further resolved, that

The boundaries shall be the entire town;

Such ambulance service shall be a basic and advanced life support service; and

The Supervisor of the Town of Butternuts shall be empowered to take all steps necessary to obtain ambulance operating authority, including forwarding this resolution to the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

This service shall take effect immediately upon approval by the SEMSCO or state.

This resolution has received the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the Board of the Town of Butternuts, as signed below and such resolution is hereby approved.

Motion made by Keith Lilley

Seconded by Paul Irwin

Bruce Giuda-Yes

Keith Lilley-Yes

Paul Irwin-Yes

Scot Lueck-Abstain

Linda Gover - Yes

Motion passed

Bids for Cemetery mowing for 2020 were opened and read as follows:

	Coye Brook Cemetery	Halbert Hill Cemetery	St. Route 51 Cemetery
Andrew Hunt	\$200	\$50	\$150
Dieter Tafel	\$900	\$450	\$1500
Jeff VanDyke	\$700	\$300	\$1200

Motion to accept the bid of Andrew Hunt for cemetery mowing for the 2020 mowing season

Motion made by Keith Lilley

Seconded by Scot Lueck

Bruce Giuda-Yes

Keith Lilley-Yes

Paul Irwin-Yes

Scot Lueck-Yes

Linda Gover - Yes

Motion passed

Bids for screening sand and crushing gravel were opened and read as follows:

	Screening of Sand	Crushing of Gravel
Seward Sand and Gravel, Inc.	\$4.00 per yard (must be accepted together)	\$4.00 per yard
Burton F. Clark, Inc.	\$4.10 per yard	\$5.73 per yard
RMS Gravel, Inc.	No bid	\$4.00 per yard
Villager Construction, Inc.	\$7.75 per yard	\$11.65 per yard

Motion to accept the bid of Seward Sand and Gravel, Inc. for 3,000 yards of sand and 10,000 yards of gravel

Motion made by Keith Lilley
 Seconded by Bruce Giuda
 Bruce Giuda-Yes
 Keith Lilley-Yes
 Paul Irwin-Yes
 Scot Lueck-Yes
 Linda Gover - Yes
 Motion passed

Motion to suspend summer recreation program with regrets (due to Coronavirus pandemic)

Motion made by Keith Lilley
 Seconded by Scot Lueck
 Bruce Giuda-Yes
 Keith Lilley-Yes
 Paul Irwin-Yes
 Scot Lueck-Yes
 Linda Gover - Yes
 Motion passed

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Larry Gover

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM

Motion made by Bruce Giuda
 Seconded by Keith Lilley
 Bruce Giuda-Yes
 Keith Lilley-Yes
 Paul Irwin-Yes
 Scot Lueck-Yes
 Motion passed

Submitted by,

Jacqueline Foster
 Town Clerk