

TOWN OF BUTERNUTS REGULAR MEETING- January 05, 2021- 7:11 P.M.

Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance noted prior in Re-Organizational meeting

Acceptance of Reports: Town Clerk- \$240.00- December 2020- Read by Bruce Giuda

Assessor- December 2020- Read by Bruce Giuda

Town Justice/Dog Control/Highway Superintendent- No Reports

Supervisor- Bruce Giuda reports- The current Tax collection software being used is cost free from Otsego County. This program will likely not be available starting 2022. Will need to find another means to collect Town Taxes by next year. Town buildings will be on a rotating schedule to keep updated financially and for maintenance measures. **Motion**

to accept report of Town Supervisor

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Paul Irwin

SECONDED BY: Scot Lueck

YES- Bruce Giuda

YES- Keith Lilley

YES- Scot Leuck

YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Committee Reports: Parks- Scot Lueck reports- There will likely not be any Spring events planned for Copes Corners Park (Parks is the only report for this month)

Old Business: Bruce Giuda reports the old highway garage has still not been moved out of. The certificate of Compliance for the new highway garage was issued on February 22, 2020 by Otsego County Code Enforcement, at which time moving should have begun. This has been an agenda item almost every month, since June 2020, the Board has repeatedly offered assistance to the highway superintendent to get the move done. His failure to move the crew and equipment until November has cost taxpayers over \$1,500.00 in heating fuel and several hundred dollars to repair frozen plumbing. There will be more expenses to heat the old highway until ownership is transferred to the purchaser. These costs should have been avoided by moving into the new highway garage throughout the summer months, as the Board repeatedly asked the highway superintendent to do.

An Archaeological proposal study for Copes Corners Mining permit submitted a quote for \$1,920.00. **Motion to have Birchwood Services complete such a study for \$1,920.00**

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Scot Lueck

YES- Bruce Giuda

YES- Keith Lilley

YES- Scot Lueck

YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

At 7:20 P.M., Motion To Enter Into Executive Session to discuss real estate sale of old highway garage and contract negotiations for highway employees

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Keith Lilley

YES- Bruce Giuda

YES- Keith Lilley

YES- Scot Lueck

YES- Paul Irwin

Moton Passed- 4-0

At 7:43 P.M., Motion to come out of Executive session, reenter into regular session

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Keith Lilley

SECONDED BY: Scot Lueck

YES- Bruce Giuda

YES- Keith Lilley

YES- Scot Leuck

YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 21, 2020

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Scot Lueck

SECONDED BY: Bruce Giuda

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Scot Lueck would like the wording under 12-21.2020 Minute Committee Reports, Motion to donate the stone "from" Copes Corner Park, changed to, Motion to donate the stone "to" Copes Corner Park.

Motion to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2020, with correction

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Scot Lueck

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Old Business: (Back to, due to discussion being part of Executive Session)

Motion to give Alan Mein the right of way, after the Town attorney has reviewed / based on the sale of the property

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Keith Lilley

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

New Business:

Motion to adopt Teamsters Contract for the highway employees- 01/01/2021-12/31/2023

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Scot Lueck

SECONDED BY: Paul Irwin

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

**Motion to approve 2021 wage rates for full time highway employees. \$21.31=Regular time
\$31.97=Overtime**

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Keith Lilley

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Motion to authorize buildings and grounds expenditures, with out Board approval up to \$500.00. To include, repairs, parts and or labor to maintain and repair Town property

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Paul Irwin

YES- Bruce Giuda YES- Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

Motion Passed- 4-0

Motion To Approve Vouchers #20485-20491 in the amount of \$87,521.55 (2020 year end)

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda

SECONDED BY: Paul Irwin

YES- Bruce Giuda YES-Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES-Paul Irwin
Motion PaSSED-4-0

Motion to Approve Vouchers # 21001-21018 in the amount of \$13,633.54

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Giuda SECONDED BY: Keith Lilley
YES-Bruce Giuda YES-Keith Lilley YES- Scot Lueck YES- Paul Irwin

New Business: (Con't)

Bruce Giuda reports he is checking into a municipal purchase order system to gain control of highway department spending. The entire budget line for machinery repair and maintenance was spent in 2020. The Board had to transfer money into that budget line in December because the highway superintendent spent more than the budgeted allotment. The average expenditures for the prior 5 years was between \$35, 000 and \$40,000 for the year. Expenditures for 2020 were in excess of \$76, 000. Expenditures for parts, supplies and services rendered need to be analyzed with some oversight to get the best value for town taxpayers.

After review of a letter submitted by the Planning Board regarding the new Site Plan Review Law and it's content.

Motion to allow the Planning Board to spend up to \$1,200.00 to send a Town wide mailer via USPS

MOTION INTRODUCED BY: Keith Lilley SECONDED BY: Scot Lueck
YES-Bruce Giuda YES-Keith Lilley YES-Scot Lueck YES-Paul Irwin
Moton Passed- 4-0

Board Discussion: Keith Lilley reports if the old Highway garage is not moved out of by this weekend, two high school age students will be hired to do so. A dumpster will be made accessible for this process. Copes Corner Park needs the Southside electric fixed as well as the water and electric on tent row.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brown
Town Clerk

