

Town of Butternuts

Regular Meeting

June 14, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Town Supervisor Bruce Giuda. The pledge was said by all.

Minutes by Town Clerk Lucy Richards.

Board Members present: Supervisor Bruce Giuda, Councilman Keith Lilley, Councilman Paul Irwin, Councilman Teresa Winchester and Councilman John Hill.

Visitors present: Jeff Rosenberg, County Representative Jerry Madsen and Barbara Lilley.

Privilege of the Floor: Jerry Madsen spoke about obtaining a permit from the Army Corp. of Engineers. Jerry Madsen stated that the County does not have an animal control unit. Jerry Madsen stated that Chips Money has to be a ten-year project.

Keith Lilley made the motion to dispense with reading of the May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Paul Irwin seconded the motion, John Hill abstained (absent 05-10-23 meeting), Keith Lilley, Bruce Giuda, Paul Irwin, and Teresa Winchester agreed motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Town Justice yes (May 10, 2023 and June 8, 2023), Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent, Supervisor's Report yes.

Committee Reports: Policy (discussed in Old Business), Audit yes, Highway & Machinery, Buildings & Grounds yes, Park yes, Comprehensive Plan moving along, history on a time line, plan not as lengthy as the last.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve Reports, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree, motion carried.

Old Business: 1. Excess property for Auction, nothing sold. Bruce Giuda made the motion to put Truck 284 back in service, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree motion carried.

2. Dry Brook project by Highway Garage (FEMA) Jerry Madsen agreed to do the work needed to finish the project.

3. Annual Policy Reviews the discussion mainly centered on proper wording, work will continue at next meeting.

4. Identification on New Trucks, decals will be purchased and applied.

New Business: 1. Fuel Bids, Town will work with County.

2. Salt Bids, salt needs to be purchased before price goes up in the Fall.

New Business cont.: 3. Extended Warranty for New Volvo, savings for the Town.

4. Financial Reports-May, Paul Irwin made the motion to accept May 2023 Financial Reports, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree motion carried.

5. Change of Use Notification / Site Plan for Old Bathroom at Park, John Hill made the motion to submit a site plan to the Planning Board to change Old Bathroom Site to a cabin site, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree motion carried.

6. Voter Identification Resolution, more research needs to be done.

7. Opt Out Law, Attorney will assist Town.

8. Budget Transfer, Bruce Giuda made the motion to transfer \$8500.00 from DA 5130.91 to DA 5130.2 , John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

9. Part Time Highway Position, Bruce Giuda made the motion to create a Highway Equipment Operator Grade 7 position, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

10. Planning Board Fees, John Hill made the motion raise Site Plan Administrative fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00, Subdivision Administrative Fee from \$10.00 to \$40.00 and additional fee from \$10.00 per lot created to \$20.00. New fees will become effective September 1, 2023. Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

11. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve payment of Vouchers 23179 – 23220 for \$294,707.44, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Board Discussion: Highway Equipment and Strategies for 2024, still looking to hire Heavy Motor Equipment Operator, and proposing to improve road conditions.

Fuel Sharing with Gilbertsville Fire Department, Supervisor will develop a municipal working agreement with Gilbertsville Fire Department, which will be subject to Attorney and Board approval.

Town Constable, it was agreed that a Town Constable would improve quality of life.

Privilege of the Floor: Barbara Lilley stated that the Handicap sign and Handicap access lines need to be repainted.

Adjournment: Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards

