

Town of Butternuts

December 14, 2022

Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Town Supervisor Bruce Giuda.

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. Highway Superintendent Cory Wilber was also present.

Visitors present: Barbara L. Lilley, Jerry Madsen, Marjorie Dorn and Vikla Cates.

Privilege of the Floor: Barbara Lilley voiced displeasure about flowering bush damaged by brush chipper. Jerry Madsen spoke about hazard waste collection November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Minutes of the meetings, November 9, 2022, budget hearing and regular meeting, Teresa Winchester made the motion to approve, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, Keith Lilley and Paul Irwin approve. John Hill abstained as he was absent at the November 9, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports: Town Clerk, Town Justice, Dog Control, Assessor, Highway Superintendent, Supervisor's Report. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the reports, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion. All approve motion passed.

Committee Reports : Policy, Audit/Fema, Highway & Machinery, Buildings & Grounds some safety measures need to be addressed. Parks, Cory will block driveways. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve reports, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Old Business :

1. Comprehensive Plan update, some issues of concern were raised at the November 22<sup>n</sup> meeting.
2. Noise Ordinance Local Law #2 very vague.
3. Tokio Marine Risk Assessment was discussed.
4. Building use policy it is proposed that, No meetings of any kind may be held on the day before, of, or immediately after Election Days, which include, General Elections, Primary Elections, Special Elections, or elections of any kind. The Town Board will review and amend as necessary it's Building Use Policy, adopted May 11, 2023 by March of each year.
5. Highway Working Agreement for 2023, Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the Working Agreement on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022. Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all approve, motion passed.
6. Highway Inventory Cory Wilber, Highway Superintendent, will email inventory on Tuesday.
7. Electronic Service records simple sheet was recommended.
8. Sign of Highway Garage, Keith Lilley will take care of it.
9. Lettering on New Trucks and Equipment it was recommended to use stick on lettering.

10. Completion of Dry Brook Retaining Wall, Cory said he will take care of it.
11. Paint Repair on Volvo Trucks all communication must be in writing.

New Business:

1. REA will supply Wifi to the Copes Corners Park and Highway Garage for \$15,489.00. Board was in agreement to have proposal put on the calendar.
2. Resolution for the Sale of Blue Bldg, proposal needs to go the Daily Star Legal Notices as soon as possible. John Hill made the motion to sell 282.00-1-11.02 to the Otsego County for \$80,000.00. Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- 3 Resolution #14- Salt Use, guard against pollution. Bruce Giuda made the motion to pass Resolution 14, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree motion passed.
4. Susquehanna SPCA Contract / 2023. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve the SPCA Contract for 2023, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree, motion passed.
5. Budget Transfers : Transfer \$400.00 from DB9010.8 to B8020.4, Transfer \$2000.00 from DA5142.1 to DA5140.4, Transfer \$10,000.00 from DB5110.4 to DB5110.1, Transfer \$100.00 from A1990.4 to SI5182.4. Keith Lilley made the motion to transfer funds, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion passed.
6. Payment of Vouchers #22361 – 22399 amount \$343,576.32. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$343,576.32, Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.
7. Planning Board Vacancies, Keith Lilley made the motion to accept Herberto Rodrigues resignation, with regret, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree motion passed. The Planning Board positions will be advertised on the Town website.

Board Discussion:

Purchase Order System a system needs to be devised where vouchers are submitted timely.  
File cabinets for the Historian, fire proof file cabinets are what is needed.  
Options for Screening Sand / Gravel for 2023 look local for sand.  
Shared Code Enforcement Officer was discussed.

Teresa Winchester mentioned a letter of congratulations to GMU for the recent 1<sup>st</sup> place in competition.

Adjournment : Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion, all agree, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards