

Town of Butternuts

August 9, 2023

Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 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: Victor Magazian, Cheryl Magazian, Francis Tamaro, Jody Zakrevsky (Otsego Now), and County Representative Jerry Madsen.

Privilege of the Floor: The poor condition of Butternut Road was discussed.

Jerry Madsen spoke concerning EMS service in the Towns that he serves: Butternuts, Morris and Pittsfield.

Jody Zakrevsky spoke concerning the Opt out option, that concerns wind and solar projects, that the Town will need to address.

Minutes: Bruce Giuda made the motion to dispense with the reading of the July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. John Hill made the motion to accept July 12, 2023 minutes as presented. Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Town Justice yes, Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent no report, Supervisor's Report yes.

Committee Reports: Policy: Teresa Winchester submitted a thumb drive with all completed Policies included as well as a hard copy. Policies yet to be completed: Code of Ethics, Copes Corners Park and Social Media. Audit / Law expenses report worked out, Noise Law on the books but vague. Highway and Machinery no report, Buildings and Grounds no report, Parks yes, Comprehensive Plan no report and Ethics no report. Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept all Reports, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. Dry Brook project by Highway Garage (FEMA) needs to be completed.

2. Annual Policy Reviews see committee reports Policy.

3. Identification on New Trucks, Identification has not been completed as was stated by Highway Superintendent at July 12, 2023 meeting.

4. Opt Out Local Law further research needs to be done, find out what has been done in the past.

New Business: 1. Update Subdivision and Site Plan Applications: Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept Form 2023D Subdivision Application and the paper that gives the Town authority to make fee

adjustments, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried. The Site Plan Law does not give the Town latitude to make fee adjustments, a public hearing and a revision of the Old Site Plan Law is needed, Bruce Giuda will work on the Law.

2. Financial Reports – July 2023, Paul Irwin made the motion to accept Financial Reports as submitted, Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all agree motion carried.

3. Budget Transfer – Bruce Giuda made the motion to transfer \$900.00 from A1110.45 to A1110.4 for Justice expenses, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Approve Payments of Vouchers 23255 – 23279 for \$32,648.43. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the payment of Vouchers 23255 – 23279 for \$32,648.43, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Board Discussion: Highway conditions need to be addressed.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to move to executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:20 PM, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to move out of executive session at 9:14 PM, Teresea Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards