

Town of Butternuts

Regular Meeting

October 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Supervisor Bruce Giuda.

Minutes by Town Clerk Lucy Richards.

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

Visitors Present: Steven Gayle, Barbara Lilley and County Representative Jerry Madsen.

Privilege of the Floor: Steven Gayle stated that the Gilbertsville Emergency Squad will be purchasing a new ambulance in the Spring. Jerry Madsen stated that the County approved an Opt Out Law for the County. Jerry Madsen also stated that the County is still looking for more completed Community Surveys for the Otsego County Government Strategic Plan. Survey can be found on the County Website.

Minutes: Bruce Giuda made the motion to dispense with the reading of the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve September 13, 2023 minutes with spelling correction, Bruce Giuda seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes and Local Law #001 2023 is in effect, Town Justice yes, Dog Control yes, Assessor yes reports for August 2023, No Highway Superintendent report, No formal Supervisor report, time was spent on the budget.

Committee Reports: Teresa Winchester's review of Ethics policy (See #2) under Old Business, Copes Corners Policy will be reviewed before 2024 Season. Audit/Law Paul Irwin stated he will use the same system next year. Research is still on going on the Noise Ordinance. Highway and Machinery - John Hill stated many roads in disrepair, Lettering on trucks still not done, dispute as to paving done, looking to install cameras for Town Vehicles, see report. Buildings and Grounds - Keith Lilley, new top on file desk and other building maintance see report. Park - Bruce Giuda stated that Park is closed for the year. Wremater was drained. Comprehensive Plan Steve Gayle presented an initial draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan that can be reviewed at the Town Hall a public hearing will be scheduled. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve all Reports, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. FEMA Projects Deadlines have been extended.

2. Annual Policy Reviews/ Ethics Policy Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve 2023 Ethics Policy which will supersede all existing Policies, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Identification on New Trucks still not done.

4. Opt Out Law, Law will be presented for review next meeting.

5. Snow Equipment for New Volvo Truck, Town will request bids be submitted.

New Business: 1. Preliminary Budget Review - Keith Lilley made the motion to move from Preliminary Budget 2024 to Permanent Budget 2024 Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried. A Public Hearing will be held for review of the Budget. The Town of Butternuts regular monthly meeting will be held November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The Public Hearing for the review of the Budget will be held November 9, 2023 prior to the regular meeting at 6:30 PM.

2. Financial Reports – September 2023 Paul Irwin made the motion to approve September 2023 Financial Reports, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Approve payment of Vouchers 23306 – 23327 for \$31,276.07 Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve Vouchers 23306 – 23327 for \$31,276.07 Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Approve Voucher 23328 for \$117,327.37 we are paying this Voucher under the advisement of our Attorney David Merzig. Keth Lilley made the motion to approve a resolution to authorize The Town Attorney David Merzig to look into any deviations from the Highway Working agreement John Hill seconded the motion. Supervisor Bruce Giuda yes, Councilman Keith Lilley yes, Councilman Paul Irwin yes, Councilman John Hill yes and Councilman Teresea Winchester yes. Butternut Road was paved without funding or authorization in Highway Working Agreement.

5. Order New 2024 Dodge 5500 - John Hill Made the motion to accept bid for \$101,214.60 Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

6. Camera System Update/Replace for Town Hall - Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept quote DTIQ3953 from Directive for payment up to \$23,869.00 Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Town Justice has applied for JCAP grant for this project.

Board Discussion: Work Agreement submitted by Highway Superintendent not acceptable.

Village- Mayor Nate Talbot has communicated the possibility of dissolving the Village of Gilbertsville. Town Supervisor and Mayor will work together to evaluate options and develop a plan of action. This would involve input from the Village Board, Town Board and residents of the Village and Town at large.

Privilege of the Floor: Question was asked if New Trucks have been repainted.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to move to executive session at 9:20 PM for contract negotiations. Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Teresa Winchester made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:48 PM, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards