

Town of Butternuts
Public Hearing on Site Plan Law Changes

September 13, 2023

The public hearing was called to order at 6:45 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 John Hill, Councilman Paul Irwin, and Councilman Teresa Winchester.

Visitor present Barbara Lilley.

There was no public comment.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards

Town of Butternuts

Regular Meeting

September 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Barbara Lilley, David Haynes and County Representative Jerry Madsen.

Privilege of the Floor: Barbara Lilley requested that the Town of Butternuts designate September 17, 2023 through September 23, 2023 as Constitution week. Keith Lilley made the motion that September 17, 2023 through September 23, 2023 be recognized as Constitution Week, Bruce Giuda seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Jerry Madsen spoke stating that Otsego County is conducting a survey of the residents, asking what the overall direction of the County should be. Survey can be found on the County Website.

Minutes: Keith Lilley made the motion to dispense with reading of the August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes with correction Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Town Justice requested Town Board approve a Grant request for an updated security system. Bruce Giuda made the motion that authorizes the Butternuts Town Court to apply for a JCAP GRANT IN THE 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$30,000, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent no, Supervisor's Report yes.

Committee Reports: Policy Teresa Winchester stated Ethics Policy needs to be reviewed based on Law. Paul Irwin completed Audit. Highway and Machinery no, Buildings and Grounds no, Park yes, Comprehensive Plan, John Hill stated that a public hearing is planned for middle of October. Bruce Giuda made the Motion to approve all Reports, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. FEMA Projects Deadlines October 1, 2023 for three projects.

2. Annual Policy Reviews, Social Media and Internet Policy Bruce Giuda made the motion approve the Social Media and Internet Policy, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Identification on New Trucks still not done.

4. Opt Out Local Law, further discussion is needed.

New Business: 1. Amend Site Plan Law /Applications, Keith Lilley Made the motion to amend the Site Plan Law, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree motion carried. Keith Lilley made the motion to enact Local Law #1 of 2023, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

2. Rates for Copes Corners Park / 2024, Keith Lilley made the motion to accept Rates for Copes Corners Park, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Financial Reports – August 2023, Paul Irwin made the motion to accept August 2023 Financial Reports, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Approve Payments of Vouchers 23280 -23305 for \$91,913.95. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve Vouchers 23280 – 23 for \$91,913.95, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

5. Tentative Budget for 2024, Keith Lilley made the motion to approve Tentative Budget for 2024 and to move from Tentative to Preliminary Budget 2024, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Board Discussion: A question was raised as to whether sheriff or constable should be budgeted for 2024. The Freeman's Journal reporter wanted to know important issues for the Town. Important issues included; roads, renewable energy, labor issues (lack of help).

Bruce Giuda made the motion to move to executive session at 9:07 PM for contract negotiations.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to come out of executive session at 10:00 PM, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01PM, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards