

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2024

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 Teresa Winchester, and Councilman Paul Irwin. Councilmen absent John Hill and Keith Lilley. Highway Superintendent David Haynes was present.

Visitor present: James Polhemus.

Privilege of the floor: James Polhemus voiced concerns about the need for a Constable.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to dispense with the reading of the May 8, 2024 two Public Hearing Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes. Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Town Justice yes, Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent stated the highway crew have been cleaning ditches and mowing brush. A decision as to what to do with the Freightliner will be made next month. Highway Superintendent will be getting quotes (three written for each category) for: tires for the Mack and John Deere, screening of gravel and purchase of crushed stone. Intern from Cornell Roads Program will be creating a five-year pavement maintenance management system for the Town. The Intern will be working with the highway department for eight weeks. Highway Superintendent attended Training June 03-05, 2024 on budgeting and paving principals. Flat Iron Bridge was inspected. Working Agreement will be completed by July. Supervisor's Report yes,

Committee Reports: Policy reviewed under Old Business, Audit/Law Paul Irwin will conduct Audits in the Fall, Highway and Machinery yes, Buildings and Grounds, Park yes, Comprehensive Plan, Ethics Board.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept all Reports, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: (1) Annual Policy Reviews: Copes Corners Park Policy will be developed the Town Supervisor for Board review. Supervisor Giuda will work on draft Spoils and Scrap Material Policy reviewed at the May meeting. Highway Superintendent will acquaint the highway crew with the Ethics Policy and have them sign a compliance form, Supervisor Bruce Giuda will acquaint Town Municipal employees with policy and have them sign a letter of compliance. Teresa Winchester made the motion to accept Investment Policy, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(2) Stipend for Dog Control Officer, \$300.00 annually was approved at the January 10, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting.

New Business: (1) Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve a Resolution for Banking Development District, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(2) Teresa Winchester made the motion to accept the Fuel Purchase Agreement with Eagle Fire Engine and Hose Co. (can be seen in reports) Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(3) Teresa Winchester made the motion to Approve Budget Transfers (can be found in Reports) Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(4) Paul Irwin made the motion to approve Financial Reports for May 2024 Bruce Giuda seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(5) Bruce made the motion to approve Payments of Vouchers 24153-24195 for \$170,287.25 Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(6) Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the purchase of Tractor and Boom Mower using DB Funds at online auction, not to accede \$35,000.00. Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

(7) Supervisor will develop a Cooperative Agreement with Byler Construction pertaining to the GMU construction project.

Board Discussion: Constituents in the Town of Butternuts are concerned about the rising NYSE&G rates. They requested that a letter from the Town be sent to The New York State Public Service Commission voicing these concerns. Bruce Giuda agreed to send the letter.

Supervisor Bruce Giuda recommended that the Town hires an accounting firm to review the Town books. Supervisor will bring some proposals from accounting firms to the next meeting.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards