

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Paul Irwin, Councilman Keith Lilley, Councilman Teresa Winchester and Councilman John Hill. Highway Superintendent David Haynes present.

Visitors present: Barbara Lilley, County Representative James Powers and James Polhemus.

Public Comment: There will be a Planning Board vacancy 2025 for a seven- year term. Notice for vacancy needs to be posted in the post office, put on the web-site and advertised in the Oneonta Daily Star. The Board heard a complaint regarding snowplow damage done to private property. County Budget was approved with a 5% increase our County Representative voted against it.

Minutes: Keith Lilley made the motion to dispense with the reading of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, John Hill seconded the motion, Teresa Winchester abstained absent last meeting, Paul Irwin yes, and Keith Lilley yes motion carried. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve the November 13, 2024 Minutes as presented Bruce Giuda seconded the motion, Teresa Winchester abstained absent last meeting, Paul Irwin yes, John Hill yes motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Town Justice yes, Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent's Report yes Town Vehicles cannot be used for Towing, Supervisor's report yes.

Committee Reports: Policy covered in Old Business, Audit/Law Audits will start in January beginning with Justice, Highway & Machinery, Buildings& Grounds, Park.

Ethics Committee Report: THE ENTIRE HIGHWAY CREW HAS REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE OR COMPLY WITH THE ETHICS POLICY. They refused to do so based on the advice of the Teamsters Union representative's instructions.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept reports as presented, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept Marlene Brooks resignation as Development Administrator with regret, Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. Annual Policy Reviews will be addressed next meeting.

2. Highway Working Agreement for 2025 will be addressed next meeting.

3. Teresa Winchester made the motion to authorize Bruce Giuda to approve the Susquehanna SPCA Contract and pay the \$2500. 00 fee John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

New Business: 1. Paul Irwin made the motion to approve the Shared Services Highway Agreement upon Attorney approval, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion, Keith Lilley no, John Hill yes. Bruce Giuda yes motion carried. Copy of agreement in reports.

2. John Hill made the motion to approve the Depot Engineering Contract Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Copy of contract in reports.

3. Paul Irwin made the motion to approve Financial Reports for October 2024 Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Fund Transfers: Keith Lilley made the motion to transfer \$4,000.00 from DB5112.4 to DB5110.1 (personal services) Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Teresa Winchester made the motion to transfer \$248,510.00 from A201 (General Savings) to A205 (Building Reserve) and to transfer \$83,100.00 from (DA201 Savings) to A205 (Building Reserve) John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Paul Irwin made the motion to transfer \$20,500.00 from DB5110.4 to DB5110.2 (machinery purchase) Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

5. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve payments of Vouchers 24354 – 24379 for \$337,358.84 Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

6. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve Fees and Regulations for Copes Corners Park / 2025 Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Copy of Fees and Regulations in reports.

Board Discussion: Fund raisers in the park was discussed, further thought is needed before a decision can be made.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards