

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2025

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, Council Member Paul Irwin, Council Member Keith Lilley, Council Member Teresa Winchester and Council Member John Hill. Highway Superintendent David Haynes present.

Visitors Present: Cindy Pafe, Emma Lund, Barbara Lilley, Allen Ruffles (Otsego Co. Treasurer), James Powers (County Representative), James Polhemus, Cameron Lytle.

Privilege of the Floor: Allen Ruffles spoke concerning the County collecting property taxes. James Powers stated he will be running for County Representative on the November Ballot. Bruce Giuda stated that Town Council Members will be addressed as Council Members, a New York State Law, not Councilman.

Minutes: John Hill made the motion to dispense with reading of the March 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Teresa Winchester made the motion to accept the March 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Reports: see reports, also we need to devise some way to replace stolen or damaged road signs.

Committee reports: Policy Teresa Winchester suggested a blanket approval of policies after review. Audit/Law Paul Irwin stated there are two left to do. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve reports, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. Depot Engineering. The Department of Health had some issues at the Copes Corners Park that need to be addressed (please see Supervisor report).

2. Historian will be addressed at the next month meeting.

3. Comprehensive Plan public comment period is until the end of April.

New Business: 1. Paul Irwin made the motion to approve the March 2025 Financial Reports, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

2. Bids for the purchase of sand and gravel and bids for screening sand and crushing gravel were reviewed. Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept Burrell's Excavating, Inc bid for 5000 yards of Screen ½ minus Sand @ \$5.50 per yard, Burrell's Excavating, Inc bid for 3500 yards Crushing 2

inch minus Crusher Run @ \$9.00 per yard and Burrell's Excavating, Inc bid for 3500 yards Crushing 1 inch minus Crusher Run @ \$9.00 per yard. The non-collusion form and the Iranian Divestment form were completed properly. Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Keith Lilley made the motion to allow Supervisor Bruce Giuda to sign the NYSEG Easement for new Utility Poles at the Copes Corners Park, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve Payments of vouchers 25101 – 25141 for \$344,215.62 Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Board Discussion: Jason Fleming from Depot Engineering will work with Bruce Giuda on applying for a Million Dollar NY State Grant for the Copes Corners Park.

The suggestion was made that the culverts (12) used on Taylor Road be charged to Chips.

Teresa Winchester suggested that High School students attending Town Meetings be made aware of the Town Board functions.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve voucher 25142 for \$74.95 Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards