

December 8th, 2022 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Lorraine Town Board opened with a Public Hearing to discuss the proposal of public water at 6:00p.m.

Citizens present were: Roberta Simpson, Michelle Richter, Lee & Sue Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz, Taylor Jennings, Andrea Ross (Barton & Loguidice).

The Lorraine Town Board opened the monthly meeting at 6:57p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Present were: Town Supervisor Sandra Clark, Councilman David Johnson, Councilperson Karen Peebles, Councilman Gordon Hutton, Councilperson Rachel Pitkin, Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski and Town Clerk Sarah Edington.

Citizens present were: John Howland, Angie Kimball and, Mr. & Mrs. Liggitt

AUDIT/AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS: MOTION #109 OF 2022 was made by Councilperson Rachel Pitkin and seconded by Councilperson Karen Peebles to authorize the bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt presented to the Town Board wanting the Supervisor of the Assessor Jim Rounds email, but The Town Board would need to discuss with the Town Attorney. Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt further their grievance to the Town Board about their property tax assessment. The property was originally assessed as a manufactured home but was changed. Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt explain it was a pole barn. Enforcement Officer John Howland offered some information on the situation, any land use permits granted after 1984 would need to also apply for building permits as well, and land use permits were not issued for that property. Mr. Liggitt discussed the Town changing the wording on Building permit law. The Town Board was presented with pictures of the home and changes made. Supervisor Sandra Clark tried to explain that they had already missed grievance day and would have to contest it in 2023 that the Town Board had no jurisdiction. Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt say that it was sent to their son being in a trust. Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt told the Town Board that Assessor Jim Rounds has yet to respond to their emails. Supervisor Sandra Clark expressed she would discuss the documents provided to the Towns Attorney.

Angie Kimball from the Tug Hill Commission- Presented the Town Board with the Tug Hill report, and the Tug Hill Commission were looking for a new planner.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Brought one new building permit and, update to the 2022 building permits as well as updates on a property clean up.

HEALTH OFFICER: No new updates.

ASSESSOR: No new updates.

B.A.R: No new updates.

PLANNING BOARD: Update has been sent in.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No new updates.

CEMETERY- No new updates.

UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 10th 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed
MOTION #110 2022 was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark and was seconded by Councilman Gordon Hutton to accept the minutes. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT: The Town Board reviewed the Town Clerk's monthly report. **MOTION #111 OF 2022** was made by Councilperson Karen Peebles and was seconded by Councilman Gordon Hutton to accept the monthly report. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Geurtsen-
2. The Fire department contract finalize
3. Conclusions on Teamsters Audit
4. Justice Grant- Final paperwork was sent Tuesday; a breakdown will need to be done with Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski and Supervisor Sandra Clark.
5. Supervisor Sandra Clark will get new totes for files while new flooring gets installed.
6. Tug Hill Commission official map has been done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Geurtsen has left Conboy and things seem better with responses.
2. Budget adjustments need to be made. Supervisor Sandra Clark and Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski will work on it.
3. End of the month meeting set for December 29th at 6:00p.m.
4. Sexual Harassment the Town of Lorraine Planning Board has a few people who need to attend. Angie suggested an online course.
5. Councilman David Johnson is waiting on the third quote on the flooring and new door. The boiler acted up again. The Town Board agreed to get a second opinion on converting to propane from fuel oil.

Highway Superintendent: Road salt has increased to \$18,000 for 200 tons of salt. Gradall is using up oil but not losing compressions. The 2014 truck that went to Syracuse is back, but the radiator is not working. Next year a possible reprofile of Waterville Road to widen 2 feet. The highway crew has been brush cutting marsh roads while the weather lasts.

Supervisor, Sandra Clark was greeted by the highway crew wanting to thank The Town Board

Executive Session- Pending Litigation

MOTION #112 of 2022 was presented by Councilperson Rachel Pitkin, and seconded by Councilperson Karen Peebles to go out of regular meeting at 8:10p.m. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

MOTION #113 of 2022 was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark, and seconded by Councilman Gordon Hutton to go into executive session. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

MOTION #114 of 2022 was made by Councilperson Karen Peebles, and seconded by Supervisor Sandra Clark to exit the executive session at 8:20p.m. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

MOTION #115 of 2022 was made by Councilperson Rachel Pitkin and seconded by Councilman Gordon Hutton to go back into regular meeting. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Councilman David Johnson reminds the Town Board Mrs. Johnson would be ending her employment with the Town and suggests his daughter Makenzie Harmych for the cleaning position. **MOTION #116 of 2022** was made by Councilperson Rachel Pitkin and seconded by Councilman David Johnson. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski discussed to Councilman David Johnson he would like to see the overhead doors get replaced. Councilperson Karen Peebles would like new quotes for the doors. Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski also suggested a few other repairs to the building, also suggested budgeting a new door each year.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

General: \$427,795.34

Highway: \$318,248.67

Trust & Agency: \$1,685.33

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION #117 of 2022 8:33 p.m. was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark and seconded by Councilperson Rachel Pitkin. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Sarah Edington