

MARCH 12TH 2020 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Lorraine Town Board opened their monthly meeting at 6:48 pm at the Municipal Building.

Present were: Town Supervisor Sandra Clark, Councilman David Johnson, Councilperson Karen Peebles, Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sarah Edington.

Citizens present were: Karleigh Stuckey, John Howland, and Marty Tokos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Sandra Clark.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present.

John Howland- Zone enforcer discussed one permit. Moore road property has yet to see change. In April he will be visiting the property.

Marty Tokos discussed the Development Law/ Solar and Wind. This law currently does not allow large scale use in either the rural, or Hamlet zones. Marty suggested to the board a revision on the Development Law to include rural districts.

Karleigh Stuckey from Tug Hill provided the Tug Hill Report to the Board.

- In-Person Local Government Conference Cancelled; On-line Webinars under Development.

- State and local officials met in the town of Manheim, Herkimer County on March 13 to announce the latest awards from NYSER-DA's Large-Scale Renewable program.

- The River Area Council of Governments will hold an economic summit on April 23, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the new Zero Dock Street Restaurant located on Dock Street in Carthage, NY. The event is tailored to local government officials, businesses, and organizations within the region, but is open to anyone interested. For a look at the agenda go to <https://www.racog.org/river-area-visioning-economic-summit/>.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- Historical Association of South Jeff-Newsletter

- SNIRT Agreement 2020 to open County Route 93 **RESOLUTION #9 WAS MADE BY** Supervisor Sandra Clark and Seconded by Councilman David Johnson. All present were in favor.

- Johnson Newspaper-Affidavit Rate Adjustment, up to \$20.00 per Affidavit.
- US Post Office – Requirement for all mail to have PO Box by, 04/01/2020.
- Notice of Tentative Special Franchise Full Value-Utilities.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was present and discussed one permit, the Moore road property.

HEALTH OFFICER: The Town Clerk reported no new updates.

ASSESSOR: No Updates

PLANNING BOARD: Marty Tokos provided his report on actions of the Planning Board. The Local Government Conference was canceled due to COVID-19. Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday May 6th, 2020.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Joe Wasilewski is still looking for people to join the zoning board.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery-No New Updates
- Communities-No New Updates.
- Special Projects-[SANDY]
- Grants-Karen spoke to Taylor about a water and sewer grant. Joe Wasilewski brought up the need for a salt shed.
- Buildings-Councilman Johnson would like to get a new exit sign for the building. Councilman David Johnson will have a sample of flooring at the April meeting to discuss new flooring.

Driveway- Mr. Kolb surveyor will be approximately \$700-\$800 for the survey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Town Clerk Monthly Report for February was presented to the Board for their review. **MOTION #21 OF 2020** was made by Councilperson Karen Peebles and seconded by Supervisor Sandra Clark and third by Councilman David Johnson to accept the report. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town Clerk monthly report for February and a revision to January report were presented to the Board for their review. **MOTION #22 OF 2020** was made by Councilperson Karen Peebles and seconded by Councilman David Johnson and third by Supervisor Sandra Clark to accept the reports. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Pickup Truck has sent letter of intent to purchase the pickup **RESOLUTION 12#** was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark, seconded by Councilman David Johnson and third but Councilperson Karen Peebles. All present were in favor.
2. The Annual Government Conference has been canceled.
3. Sexual Harassment Training is set for April.
4. Graves- Can do a lien against property for clean up. Would have to consult an attorney for specifics.
5. Court Consolidation- **RESOLUTION #10 2020** was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark, and seconded by Councilman David Johnson, third by Councilperson Karen Peebles, All present were in favor.
6. Development Law Amendment/Solar Energy Systems
7. Modification for Term of Office For Highway Superintendent & Supervisor **RESOLUTION #11 2020** was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark, seconded by Councilman David Johnson and third by Councilperson Karen Peebles. All present were in favor.
8. Teamsters- Report for pay-roll deduction readdress at time of contract/ need renegotiation.
9. Door sign- no firearms will meet with inkwell. Also look at signs for offices closed.
10. NYS retirement for 2021 was paid out of last year's unexpected balance by the former supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty cash: Replenishment paid during pills
2. Hwy Supt.: New grader will be here soon, old one was sold.

Joe attended the advocacy day meeting. Diligently filling pot holes on town, and county roads.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway: \$ 373,398.58

General: \$ 431960.67

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #23 OF 2020 was made by Supervisor Sandra Clark and seconded by Councilperson Karen Peebles to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sarah Edington

Town Clerk/Tax Collector