

APRIL 11, 2019 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Lorraine Town Board opened their monthly meeting at 6:56 pm at the Municipal Building.

Present were: Town Supervisor Vince Moore, Councilman David Johnson, Councilman Gordon Hutton, Councilman Lester Hobbs, Highway Superintendent Joe Wasilewski and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Milne. Absent: Councilman Joe Hodges.

Citizens present were: Matt Johnson from Tug Hill, Laura Macklen, Town of Worth Clerk, Linda Sicley, Town of Worth Councilperson, Sandra Clark, Marty Tokos, Judge Eric Sheldon and John Howland. Luann Parrish arrived at approximately 7:25 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Moore.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present.

Mr. Tokos wanted to express his concern with possible encroachment onto the Mooney Gulf Rural Cemetery.

Matt Johnson is present to answer any questions regarding the possible court consolidation.

Kay Chapman from Tug Hill provided the Tug Hill Report to the Board and advised the Board that she will be retiring from her position. New York State's burn ban runs through May 14th. The NYS DEC held a public meeting on today's date about the Salmon River Fishery at the Pulaski High School Auditorium. Jefferson Co. Planning Dept and the THC are holding a workshop entitled "The Process of Site Plan and Subdivision Review" on April 22nd at JCC. The Spring meeting for the CTHC has been scheduled for Thursday April 25th at the Steak and Brew Restaurant. There was a record crowd of 715 attendees for the Local Government Conference this year.

Luann Parrish would like to know the Town Board's position on wind/solar power. She expressed her opposition to both types of projects.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- Town of Worth sent their proposed Wind Energy Facilities Law and public hearing notice.
- The Town received an appeal notification related to a FOIL request.
- The County Administrator sent Resolution No. 51 "Opposing the Proposed and Amended 2020 Executive State Budget Impacting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties".
- AOT sent a pamphlet outlining 2019 Legislative Goals and a membership certificate.
- Charter Communications sent information on upcoming changes.
- NYS DEC sent a postcard regarding the Annual ReLeaf Conference July 18-20.
- Advocate Drum sent a postcard about the FDRLO Board and membership Meeting on April 4th.
- Upstate University Hospital sent information on their Mobile Mammography Van Program.
- NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting & the Environment sent a notice of availability of additional application state intervenor funds and schedule for submitting funding requests.
- DHPS sent workshop information.

- Bank of Greene County sent information regarding their services.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was present and discussed open cases. There are four unresolved cases that will be going to Supreme Court. Mr. Howland advised the Board of the procedure. He and Councilman Johnson will communicate with the attorney.

HEALTH OFFICER: The Town Clerk reported no new updates.

ASSESSOR: No new updates.

PLANNING BOARD: Marty Tokos provided his report on actions of the Planning Board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No new updates.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery-Mowing was discussed. Mr. Wasilewski advised he may have an individual for the position. Supervisor Moore advised he is looking into some fencing options for the Rural Cemetery. He will be keep the Board posted.
- Communities-Councilman Hobbs advised there is some interest in the ball field for a youth league. Cleanup and repairs will begin as weather permits.
- Special Projects-No new updates.
- Grants-No new updates.
- Buildings-Councilman Johnson will be calling for gutter quotes. There is a leak in the Highway Barn which he will address/call for repair.

APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town Clerk Monthly Report for March was presented to the Board for their review. **MOTION #36 OF 2019** was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to accept the report. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 14th Town Board minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #37 OF 2019** was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Hutton to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Solar Law. The Planning Board is working on a draft.
2. Capital Asset "K" Fund. The Town Board is in agreement with proceeding with the comptroller's recommendation in setting up this fund which will identify all capital assets and track depreciation. Supervisor Moore will provide the Board with further details.
3. Justice Court Consolidation. A joint resolution will be prepared for next month's meeting. The procedure was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty cash: Replenishing is needed for postage and copies obtained through Staples.

2. Hwy Supt.: Mr. Wasilewski provided his report to the Board.
 - Mr. Wasilewski provided estimates to the Board for Brown Rd. There was a discussion regarding the work and expense involved.
 - Mr. Wasilewski updated the Board on the new truck. It was built in Feb but is currently in Texas.
 - The new radios are in but Mr. Wasilewski still has not received an invoice.
 - Mr. Wasilewski updated the Board on various equipment issues/repairs. There was a discussion regarding getting approval for repairs over \$2000 and possibly updating the purchasing policy.
 - The cost of outfitting the new truck to spray liquids was discussed.
 - There was a discussion regarding the loss of State funding through EWR in 2019 and PVNY in 2020.
 - Work to be done and/or in progress was discussed.
3. SNIRT Run is scheduled for April 20th. Mr. Wasilewski made the recommendation that if there are any issues law enforcement will need to be called.
4. NYMIR-Old Fire Hall. Supervisor Moore is checking into coverage to reduce the premium. He will keep the Board updated.
5. Financial statements for March 2019 were provided and reviewed. Councilman Hobbs inquired why the fuel is included in the parts/rental account. Supervisor Moore advised the parts/rental account has subaccounts which detail items such as fuel.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway:	\$882,078
General:	\$373,985

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #4 of 2019 comprised of vouchers 3030-3031, 3057-3071, 3074 with a total of: \$76,544.52.

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #4 of 2019 comprised of vouchers 3035-3056 with a total of: \$19,140.30.

The Board approved payment of Street Lighting Abstract #4 of 2019 comprised of voucher 3034 with a total of: \$206.79.

MOTION #38 OF 2019 was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept and pay the bills as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #39 OF 2019 was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melinda Milne
Town Clerk/Tax Collector