

JUNE 13, 2019 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Lorraine Town Board opened their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

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

Citizens present were: Kay Chapman from Tug Hill, Marty Tokos, Sandy Clark and Bill Stowell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Moore.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present.

Bill Stowell provided the board with a page from his driveway deed, which is shared by the Town. Supervisor Moore stated that the topic would be discussed under new business.

Kay Chapman from Tug Hill provided the Tug Hill report to the Board. Kay reminded the board of her upcoming retirement and asked if they knew of anyone interested in taking her position as circuit rider. Phil Street conducted a training session in April on the topic of "The Process of Site Plan and Subdivision Review" which was recorded for anyone that was unable to attend and can be viewed on the Commission's website. A webinar on designing solar land use laws that protect productive farmland will be held June 17th from noon to 1 pm. To register, visit <http://smartgrowth.org/organizer/american-farmland-trust/>. Regarding consolidation of the court between Lorraine & Worth – just waiting to hear back from the state.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- Charter Communications sent an update of upcoming changes.
- US Census sent information on the 2020 New Construction Program.
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation sent information regarding a potential land purchase.
- NYS Retirement sent their Spring 2019 Newsletter.
- South Jeff Central School sent their 2019-2020 Budget Newsletter.
- Historical Association sent their May-June 2019 Newsletter.
- NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance sent the certificate of final equalization rate for 2019.
- National Grid sent information on their 10,000 Trees....and Growing Program.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was not present. He provided a list of violation notices issued, properties which are being contacted by the new attorney, and properties which he continues to work with related to Junkyard enforcement.

ASSESSOR: No new updates.

HEALTH OFFICER: The Town Clerk reported no new updates.

PLANNING BOARD: Marty Tokos provided his report on actions of the Planning Board. He provided the town board with a draft solar energy systems law for review. He outlined the conflicting language in the

draft law and the Town's Comprehensive Plan as it relates to solar energy systems. He further discussed the effort by the Planning Board as they considered/drafted the proposed law. The Town Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Tokos and the Planning Board for their effort. The document will be reviewed and considered by the Town Board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No new updates.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery – There are still no bids submitted for the 2019 mowing contract. The Board expressed a desire for Supervisor Moore to solicit potential contractors and advise the Board. The Board was in agreement about not selling lot number 54 due to the unclear historic records.
- Communities – Mr. Hobbs has purchased flowers, clamps for the basketball hoop and weed control.
- Special Projects – No new updates.
- Grants – No new updates.
- Buildings – Mr. Johnson received a quote for installation of gutters for the entire town building but it was very expensive. He will ask for a couple of more bids to be discussed at next month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The May 9th Town Board minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #47 OF 2019** was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town Clerk Monthly Report for May was presented to the Board for their review. **MOTION #48 OF 2019** was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to accept the report. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Solar Law – tabled for the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty Cash: Replenishment not necessary.
2. Highway Supt: Mr. Wasilewski provided his report to the Board.
 - There was a discussion of the shared driveway and its maintenance, which is jointly owned by the Town and Mr. Stowell. Paving estimation will be received and discussed at the July meeting.
 - The new town vehicle was wrecked while being towed. The replacement is expected by August.
 - Dust control billing, T/O Adams, T/O Rodman and Jeff. Co.
 - Product bought 13,420 gal. Sold 6500 gal. to T/O Adams, Rodman & Jeff. Co.
 - Outfitting new truck 1219 and 1216 to spray snow & ice control this winter.
 - Revenue budget
 - Expectations of town for road repairs after Co. Forestry has a timber sale.
 - Equipment issues/updates.
 - Ditching & grade work being done on Overton Rd. for double surface treatment in July (CHIPS)
 - Grading town roads; culverts and ditching on CR 90, 92, 91

3. **RESOLUTION #14 of 2019**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDARD WORK DAY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MOTION #49 OF 2019 was made by Councilman Hutton and seconded by Councilman Johnson to set the standard work day at 8 hours and record of activities result at 22.70 for a current term 1/1/18 – 12/31/19 for Joseph Wasilewski. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

4. Driveway Sealing – still good in some places and it would cost approximately \$5,000 to seal and was not budgeted.
5. Draft Driveway Law-The Board discussed.
6. Draft Seasonal Use Road Classification-The Board discussed.

MOTION #50 OF 2019 was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Hodges to authorize Supervisor Moore to prepare the driveway law and seasonal use road classification for a public hearing to be held in conjunction with the Solar Energy Systems Law. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

7. **MOTION #51 OF 2019** was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Johnson to go into Executive Session at 9:05 pm to discuss pending litigation – Public Officers Law, Section 105. All present were in favor. Motion carried

MOTION #52 OF 2019 was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Hutton to come out of Executive Session at 9:21 pm. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Financial Statements for May 2019 were provided and reviewed.
9. Bill Stowell stated that the Lorraine Sportsman’s Club was going to apply for a grant through the North Country Community Foundation for building repairs and asked if the Town would consider assisting with the financial transactions because they are not a 501C or were not tax exempt. The board agreed and Supervisor Moore will investigate the methodology for the Town to act as the fiscal agent for the Sportsman’s Club. The grant will not be awarded until next spring.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway: \$846,449
General: \$300,805

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #6 of 2019 comprised of vouchers 3123-3125, 3131-3147, 3160 with a total of: \$6,603.66.

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #6 of 2019 comprised of vouchers 3128, 3148-3159, 3161-3175 with a total of: \$32,455.67.

MOTION #53 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 #54 of 2019 was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay Chapman
Tug Hill Council Circuit Rider