

MAY 11, 2017 OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Present were: Councilman David Johnson, Town Supervisor Vince Moore, Councilperson Virginia Clemens and Highway Superintendent Carl Dealing. Absent were: Councilman Joe Hodges, Councilman Lester Hobbs and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Milne.

Citizens present were: John Howland, Marty Tokos, Timothy Adair, Julie & Ricky Pierce, and Kay Chapman from Tug Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Moore.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present. Timothy Adair, French Settlement Rd., stated that he was concerned about the property just south of his and how the tenants had created a landfill. He was worried about health issues and how it may affect his drinking water.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- Development Authority of the North Country sent a letter advising of a Community Improvement Demolition Incentive Program to address abandoned/aging properties.
- Association of Towns sent information on the Countywide Shared Services Plan.
- NYMIR sent the 2017 Annual Meeting notice for the NY Municipal Ins. Reciprocal.
- Federal Communications Commission sent updated online information.
- Ft. Drum Regional Liaison Organization sent their April 2017 Newsletter.
- USDA Summer Food Service Program sent an informational email.
- Historical Assoc. of South Jefferson sent their May-June 2017 Newsletter.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was present and discussed open cases. He updated Mr. Adair on his concerns. He will review the situation at the end of the month.

HEALTH OFFICER: Mr. Boxberger reviewed the property in the hamlet that recently had a fire. He spoke to the Fire Chief and felt there was nothing further to be done at this time from a health perspective but recommended an outreach to Jefferson County Building Codes.

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

ZONING BOARD: No new updates. The ZBA is still seeking a new member.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery – Supervisor Moore advised mowing has started and there has been some interest from volunteers in assisting with fixing headstones.
- Communities – no new updates.

- Special Projects - Councilperson Clemens stated that she has had no new feedback concerning the Capital Plan or Risk Management Plan.
- Grants – Councilman Hodges sent an update to the Supervisor. He is waiting to hear back from Tug Hill regarding some potential opportunities. Regarding the Paving Grant, Supervisor Moore reported there are no new updates.
- Buildings – Councilman Johnson advised no new updates.

TUG HILL REPORT:

Kay Chapman went through her report which covered minimum maintenance road issue paper; consolidated funding workshop; CTHC spring meeting & dinner; wind power workshop held 4/24/17; NYS Assoc. of Towns shared service seminar ; two upcoming highway workshops; and watershed conference 6/14/17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April 13th Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #42 of 2017** was made by Councilperson Virginia Clemens to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Moore attended a training session on wind towers and found out what towns should have in their development law. The Town Attorney is reviewing the amended Development Law in regards to tall structures. A special meeting will be held June 1st to discuss SEQR & attorney comments.
2. Councilperson Clemens and Supervisor Moore will meet with the Town of Rodman and their two representatives on May 20th to interview candidates for the Assessor position for both towns. Once appointed, this will be a seven year term.
3. Spring Clean-up day will be held June 3rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Supervisor Moore will send out flyers.
4. There will be a special meeting on June 1st @ 7:00 pm to formalize the Updated Capital Plan and Risk Management Plan.
5. Water update – there will be an informational meeting with the public on May 25 @ 7 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty Cash: no need to replenish.
2. Highway Superintendent: The 2002 tandem axle truck was posted on the public auction site. Culverts were discussed. The 2016 International truck is back from Stadium. The trade-in plan for the 2014 Ford F250 was discussed.
3. The Town is still looking for a Tug Hill Representative. At the Spring Meeting/Dinner Supervisor Moore gave Angela Kimball, Tug Hill Circuit Rider, permission to place the Town’s Special Area Map on the TH link.
4. **RESOLUTION #9 OF 2017 – SUPPORT OF MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD LEGISLATION** Whereas, it is estimated that upgrading all of the State’s 90,000 miles of county and town roads to meet the American Association of State Highway and

Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum standards would cost well over ten billion dollars; and whereas, the New York State tax cap is designed to limit locally financed expenditures on roads and public improvements and there is only about \$85 million annually available to all municipalities for all purposes in the New York State Transportation Improvement Fund; and whereas, New York State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act of 2010 is furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept, particularly by maintaining and using existing infrastructure in a stakeholder-driven, bottoms up process that preserves, protects and enhances water, air, agricultural land, forests, recreation, open spaces, and scenic areas; and whereas, the New York State Open Space Plan goals and principles are supported by the minimum maintenance road concept by providing a conservation tool for communities to combat sprawl, protect recreational access and open space, and conserve habitat for sustainable ecosystems and traditional rural pastimes of hunting and fishing; and whereas, green infrastructure practices are furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept by preserving undisturbed areas, preserving buffers, reducing clearing and grading, encouraging development in less sensitive areas, and helping to maintain open space; and whereas, there are many rural and remote areas of the state which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance; and whereas, Local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities; be it therefore resolved, that the Town of Lorraine supports the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads as provided for in bills SO2537/A00418. **MOTION #43 of 2017** was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #9 and seconded by Councilman Johnson. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

5. Supervisor Moore will send the above to Tug Hill, so they can forward it on to representatives in Albany.
6. The Town Justice has requested a Local Law be enacted restricting the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons on Town property. Supervisor Moore provided a draft law. The Board discussed and recommended against adopting a new local law. Supervisor Moore will discuss with Judge Sheldon the possibility of posting an appropriate sign outside the building.
7. Supervisor Moore advised the Board on the NYS County-Wide Shared Service Program.
8. The Jefferson County Supervisor Assoc. met with Jefferson County Executive Administration regarding the Dog Control Program. Due to towns opting out of the program, the longevity is still in question.
9. Councilperson Clemens asked the Highway Superintendent whether there were any safety updates. The Board discussed. Superintendent Dealing stated that all highway employees would be attending OSHA training on May 2^{4th} (Mine Safety).

The Financial statements for April were provided and reviewed by the Board.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway: \$618,703

General: \$280,512

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #5 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 1848-1849, 1853, 1855-1870, 1895, 1901 with a total of \$6,187.02

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #5 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 1871-1892, 1895-1900 with a total of: \$15,110.97.

The Board approved payment of Street Lighting Abstract #5 of 2017 comprised of voucher 1854 with a total of: \$193.54

Office of State Comptroller bill (which was not on the abstract) in the amount of \$182.50 was approved for payment.

MOTION #44 OF 2017 was made by Councilperson Clemens and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept and pay the bills. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION #45 of 2017 was made by Councilperson Clemens and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KAY CHAPMAN