

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Lorraine Town Board opened their monthly meeting at 7:02 pm at the Municipal Building.

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

Citizens present were: Kay Chapman from Tug Hill, Marty Tokos and Jim Rounds.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Moore.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present.

Kay Chapman from Tug Hill provided the Tug Hill Report to the Board. There will be an information session and public hearing regarding the Number Three Wind Project in Harrisburg and Lowville on Nov. 14th at the Lowville Town Hall. Avangrid Renewables will be having an open house on the Deer River Wind Project on Nov. 14th at the Pinckney Town Hall. NYS DEC and New York ReLeaf are hosting a workshop on the Emerald Ash Borer Nov. 14th at the Adams Municipal Bldg. from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The AOT Annual Meeting and Training School will be Feb. 17-20th at the New York Marriott Marquis. For more information: www.nytowns.org. New York State's sexual harassment laws were updated and now require all employers in NYS to adopt a policy and undergo training.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- * Charter Communications provided information on upcoming changes for customers.
- * NYS Dept of Labor sent a request of employment and wage information.
- * NYMIR sent their October 2018 Newsletter and Webinar information.
- * Tug Hill Commission sent a Complete Streets survey and information packet.
- * Avangrid sent information on the Deer River Wind Farm.
- * AOT sent information on their 2019 Annual Meeting & Training School.
- * Dept. of Public Service sent information on consumer education materials available.
- * South Jeff Historical Association sent their Nov-Dec Newsletter.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was not present. Councilman Johnson advised he has received no recommendations for a new attorney from Mr. Howland but will contact him regarding this.

ASSESSOR: Jim Rounds was present and updated the Board regarding paperwork required for the Enhanced STAR Program. He will be meeting with homeowners the last Tuesday of the month to assist with this.

HEALTH OFFICER: The Town Clerk reported 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-Supervisor Moore advised a sign has blow down. This will be repaired in the spring. Markers were placed last month.
- Communities-Councilman Hobbs advised no new updates. He will postpone the bench project until the spring.
- Special Projects-Councilman Hutton advised no new updates.
- Grants-Councilman Hodges advised he will be finalizing and submitting the paperwork for the Six Town Community Fund Grant.
- Buildings-Councilman Johnson advised the odor is back in the Fire Chief’s office. Mr. Wasilewski advised he will investigate. Siemens serviced both boilers.

APPROVAL OF TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT:

The Town Clerk Monthly Report for October was presented to the Board for their review. **MOTION #117 OF 2018** 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 October 10th Public Hearing Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #118 OF 2018** was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

The October 10th Budget Workshop Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #119 OF 2018** was made by Councilman Hutton and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

The October 11th Town Board Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #120 OF 2018** was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Hutton to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

The October 17th Budget Workshop Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #121 OF 2018** 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. Jeff. Co Dog Control. Supervisor Moore updated the Board. He anticipates negotiations to continue for the next six months.
2. Leaf/Berry petition. Supervisor Moore will finalize the response as agreed upon by the Board.
3. Hwy truck purchase. Supervisor Moore advised the Bond Agreement has been completed and funds are available when needed. Mr. Wasilewski advised the truck will not be available until March.
4. Councilman Johnson inquired about the radios. This will be tabled until the December meeting to determine available funds in the 2018 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty cash: Town Clerk advised replenishing is needed for the purchase of postage stamps.
2. Hwy Supt.: Mr. Wasilewski provided his report to the Board.

- The blocks have been set at the store.
- Mr. Wasilewski advised of his recommendation for the Payloader.
- The CHIPS paperwork has been submitted.
- Mr. Wasilewski updated the Board on completed work, work to be done and work in progress.
- There was a discussion regarding purchasing a tool box and flammable storage cabinet.

3. **RESOLUTION #25 OF 2018 RESCINDING APPOINTMENT OF THE ZBA**

Whereas Local Law #1 of 2014, Lorraine Development Law, was adopted by the Lorraine Town Board and duly filed with the Secretary of State and Whereas the Lorraine Development Law creates a three person Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with a staggered term of three years and Whereas Resolution #16 of 2018 appointed Mr. Matthew J. Waite to fill a position on the ZBA and Whereas Mr. Waite has not made contact with the Lorraine Town Clerk to accept his oath of office and is believed to have moved out of the Town, be it hereby Resolved the appointment of Mr. Waite to the Lorraine ZBA is hereby rescinded.

MOTION #122 OF 2018 was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #25 and seconded by Councilman Hobbs. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

4. **RESOLUTION #26 OF 2018 LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2018/DOG CONTROL LAW OF THE TOWN OF LORRAINE**

Whereas the Town of Lorraine through the Jefferson County Supervisors Association, has negotiated with Jefferson County regarding the enforcement of dog control within Jefferson County and Whereas an inter-municipal agreement between the Town of Lorraine and Jefferson County outlines the structure of the relationship regarding dog control and dog enforcement as it relates to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law section 10 and 20 and Whereas the Town of Lorraine does not employ a Dog Control Officer and Whereas a public hearing on the proposed law was held on November 8th 2018 and Whereas this local law shall be adopted pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, which grants to local governments the authority to enact laws which are not inconsistent with general state statutes, now therefore be it Resolved Local Law #1 of 2018 Dog Control Law of the Town of Lorraine is hereby adopted and be it further Resolved Local Law #1 of 2016, A Local Law Regarding Dog Control Law of the Town of Lorraine is hereby rescinded and be it further Resolved the Town Clerk shall file the local law with the Secretary of State.

MOTION #123 OF 2018 was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #26 and seconded by Councilman Hodges. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

5. 2019 Town Budget. **MOTION #124 OF 2018** was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to adopt the 2019 Budget. Supervisor Moore advised a certified copy will be provided to the County and copies forwarded to the Board.

6. Union Contract. The final draft was provided and reviewed by the Board.

RESOLUTION #27 OF 2018 TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION

Whereas the Town of Lorraine was advised in November 2017 a majority of Town Highway Employees had selected the Teamsters Local Union No. 687 to represent them in collective bargaining negotiations and Whereas the Town Board, through an appointed negotiations committee, has in good faith negotiated with union representatives and the Shop Steward through calendar year 2018 and Whereas the negotiation committee provided the Town Board

with the final agreed draft of a contract for calendar year 2019 and 2020 and Whereas the Teamsters representative has provided written communication indicating the Town employees are in agreement with the "final draft", be it hereby Resolved the Articles of Agreement by and between the Teamsters Local Union No. 687 at 14 Elm St. Potsdam, NY 13676 and the Town of Lorraine is accepted and recognized and be it further resolved the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Lorraine.

MOTION #125 OF 2018 was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #27 and seconded by Councilman Hobbs. Voting Aye: Johnson, Hutton, Moore. Voting Nay: Hodges. Motion was carried.

7. Solar Farm & current zoning law were discussed. The Board will investigate and discuss further next month.
8. Councilman Hobbs inquired about the terms of elected officials. He would like to see the Hwy Superintendent and Supervisor positions be changed from two year terms to four year terms. Supervisor Moore will outline the process for next month's meeting to be discussed further.
9. Financial Statements for October 2018 were provided and reviewed.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway:	\$710,405
General:	\$297,980

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #11 of 2018 comprised of vouchers 2765-2767, 2778-2785, 2789, 2797-2801 with a total of: \$7037.11.

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #11 of 2018 comprised of vouchers 2765, 2768-2777, 2789-2796 with a total of: \$20,814.80.

The Board approved payment of Street Lighting Abstract #11 of 2018 comprised of voucher 2786 with a total of: \$206.77.

MOTION #126 OF 2018 was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept and pay the bills after a correction is made to the amount of the Unifirst bill. All present were in favor. Motion was carried. There was a discussion regarding a Frontier bill from last winter. This will not be paid at this time. Supervisor Moore will call to investigate further.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #127 OF 2018 was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melinda Milne
Town Clerk/Tax Collector