

OCTOBER 12, 2017 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, Councilperson Virginia Clemens, Councilman Lester Hobbs, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Milne. Absent was: Highway Superintendent Carl Dealing.

Citizens present were: Joe Wasilewski, Kay Chapman from Hill, Marty Tokos and Judge Eric Sheldon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Moore.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION:

The Town Board acknowledged the citizens present.

Judge Sheldon came to discuss a shared service issue he is having with the Town of Worth as it relates to the Tentative 2018 Budget.

Marty Tokos advised he is very happy with the mowing that was done on Co. Rte. 91.

Kay Chapman from Tug Hill provided the October 2017 Tug Hill Report. The next THC board meeting will be 10/16 at the Town of Floyd Municipal Bldg. On Sept. 28th the CTHC held their annual fall meeting at the Tug Hill Hideaway in West Leyden. 12 of the 18 towns were present. The budget was discussed and approved. National Cyber Security Awareness month is an effort between government & industry to ensure all digital citizens have safer more secure protection of their personal information online. For more information: <https://its.ny.gov/NCSAM17>. Tug Hill's Annual meeting and dinner is Nov. 2 @ Boonville VFW. RSVP by 10/20. Ice Jam Education & Training workshop is being held in Watertown Oct. 18th. The 2018 Tug Hill Calendars are available at: <http://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/>.

Joe Wasilewski advised the Board of an issue on Co. Rte 91. The school bus is sliding on the loose stone.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- DASNY advised the Town's reimbursement for the SAM Grant will be mailed Oct.16th.
- South Jeff Rescue Squad sent an invitation to the Twenty-fourth Annual Award Recognition Banquet on Nov. 4. In addition, they sent a copy of their 2018 proposed budget.
- Office of the State Comptroller sent an email advising review of the Town's 2016 Annual Financial report.
- NYS Dept. of Financial Services sent information on new legislation to confront vacant and abandoned properties.
- Rural Futures sent their Fall/2017 Newsletter.
- Charter Communications sent a memo regarding upcoming changes affecting subscribers.
- Historical Assoc. of South Jeff sent a thank you for the Town's donation and their Sept-Oct Newsletter.
- NYS DEC sent information on their 2017 ReLeaf Workshop on Oct. 24th.
- NYMIR sent their 2016 Annual Report.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was not present but he provided an update via email to Supervisor Moore which will be forwarded to the Board.

HEALTH OFFICER: The Town Clerk reported no new updates.

ASSESSOR: Office hours for Mr. Rounds are held on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Municipal Bldg. Mr. Rounds will not be available from Oct. 27-Nov.4th.

PLANNING BOARD: Marty Tokos provided his report on actions of the Planning Board. In addition, Mr. Tokos advised the next Land Use Training @ JCC is Monday Oct. 30th at 6:30 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Joe Wasilewski advised no new updates. There continues to be an open position for the ZBA.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery-Supervisor Moore advised no new updates.
- Communities-Councilman Hobbs advised weed killing will be done around the playground area. He will coordinate with Councilman Johnson for the purchase of supplies.
- Special Projects-Councilperson Clemens advised no news from the County to date on the vacant properties.
- Grants-Councilman Hodges advised we should have an answer by Mid December on the pending grant application. Supervisor Moore advised he will forward information on the Six Town Comm. Fund Grant to Councilman Hodges.
- Buildings-Councilman Johnson advised the controls have been switched over for the boiler. There is an issue with the injection pump. Councilman Johnson will reach out to Siemens regarding this. He is awaiting the results of the safety inspection report. In addition, he would like to investigate a fire alarm system update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 14, 2017 Town Board Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #77 OF 2017** was made by Councilperson Clemens and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

The September 27, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #78 OF 2017** was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept the minutes as submitted. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NYS County-Wide Shared Service Mandate. Supervisor Moore outlined the final document sent to the State. He will forward the report to the Board.

2. **RESOLUTION #16 OF 2017 LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2017 NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DEFECTS, PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE**

Whereas the Town of Lorraine Highway Department is expected to remain continually vigilant and makes repairs of local road hazards as they are observed and, Whereas when advised of a hazard on the Town or County roads, the Highway Department takes steps to rectify or provide appropriate hazard warnings, and Whereas, acts of nature and unforeseen events do occur on the public roads which can create a liable situation to the Town of Lorraine now, therefore, be it Resolved, Local Law #2 of 2017, Prior Written Notice of Highway Defects, is hereby adopted and

be it further Resolved, the Lorraine Town Clerk shall prepare and file the amended law with the Secretary of State.

MOTION #79 OF 2017 was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #16 and seconded by Councilman Johnson. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

3. RESOLUTION #17 OF 2017 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c

Whereas, real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Lorraine pursuant to General Municipal Law section 3-c for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 are expected to exceed the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law section 3-c. Whereas, pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax limit by adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board and Whereas a Public Hearing on the proposed law was conducted on September 27, 2017 and Whereas the increase appropriations for employee benefits, a reduction in projected sales tax revenues, and other costs associated with the course of business and Whereas the Town Board will continue to make all reasonable efforts to put forth a prudent and responsible budget for fiscal year 2018, Be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Lorraine makes the following determinations:

1. That the local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c is a type two action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (20) and (27);
2. The local law is routine and continuing of agency management;
3. Local Law #3 of 2017 is adopted as written.

MOTION #80 OF 2017 was made by Supervisor Moore to introduce Resolution #17 and seconded by Councilman Hodges. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

4. Highway pickup truck. The Board discussed the new pickup truck. Delivery date is expected in late Nov/Dec.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty cash: Replenishing is needed for postage expenses.
2. Hwy Supt.: Carl Dealing was not present. No new updates.
3. Public Hearing for Local Law #4. The tentative date will be Nov. 9th @ 6:30 pm.
4. Budget workshops are being held Oct. 11 and Oct 25th at 7:00 pm.
5. The financial statements for September 2017 were provided and reviewed.
6. The Board had inquiries about three separate highway vouchers. These questions will be tabled until a later date.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway:	\$565,533
General:	\$240,293

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #10 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 2077, 2080-2092, 2102, 2105, 2113-2116, 2123 with a total of: \$17,128.80.

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #10 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 2080, 2093-2101, 2105, 2107-2112, 2117-2122 with a total of: \$15,812.75.

The Board approved payment of Street Lighting Abstract #10 of 2017 comprised of voucher 2106 with a total of: \$187.66.

MOTION #81 OF 2017 was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Hodges to accept and pay the bills. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #82 OF 2017 was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.