

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL OCTOBER MEETING

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 Joe Hodges, Councilperson Virginia Clemens, Councilman Lester Hobbs, Highway Superintendent Carl Dealing and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Milne.

Citizens present were: Lorraine Fire Chief Mark Shelmidine, Jerry Tackley from the Rohde Center, Lee Berry, Joe Wasilewski, Kay Chapman and Angie Kimball from Tug Hill, Marty Tokos, Ashley Burdick, John Howland and Harold Downey.

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 September 2017 Tug Hill Report. Mad River Wind Project open houses are scheduled for Sept. 20th at Lorraine Fire Hall and Sept. 21st at the Redfield Fire Hall from 2-4 and 6-8 pm both days. Fall Training for Planning Officials is scheduled Sept. 18th from 6:30-8:30 pm at JCC. Solar Energy Regulation & Mock Hearing for Special Use Permits is scheduled Sept. 19th from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Lowville Academy & Central School. The NOCCOG Dinner is Sept. 28th at the Delta Lake Inn. The CTHC Annual Dinner is Sept. 28th at the Tug Hill Hideaway. In addition, Ms. Chapman supplied a flyer outlining the "Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days". For more information call 315-661-3234 or visit www.NorthCountryRecycles.org.

Ashley Burdick came to introduce herself. She is running for Town Justice.

Mr. Tackley from the Rohde Center came to thank the Board for their continued support and supplied an informational pamphlet. The Rohde Center Food Pantry has been providing emergency food to residents of southern Jefferson County since 1977. They are 100% reliant on donations and grants. Mr. Tackley provided details on their Fresh Foods Program and the Food \$ens\$e food co-op. Their website is www.rohdecenter.org.

Fire Chief Mark Shelmidine provided an informational presentation to the Board with a review of 2016 activities completed by the Lorraine Vol. Fire Dept. This included activities, man hours, training and incidents involving the 31 active members. The department averages 137 calls per year. Mr. Shelmidine outlined the sources of funding for the department, equipment purchased last year, the cost of equipment per firefighter and other major expenses. He advised of 2017 grants that have been awarded and how those funds are being utilized. Mr. Shelmidine wanted to thank the Town for their support.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

- Avangrid Renewables provided information on upcoming Public Open Houses Sept. 20th at Lorraine Fire Hall and Sept. 21st at Redfield Fire Hall from 2-4pm and 6-8pm.
- Six Town Community Fund sent an invitation to a celebration on Sept. 7th.
- Eastern Shore Associates sent information on NYS Paid Family Leave.
- THC sent information on their Fall Meeting and Dinner on Sept. 28th.
- Fort Drum Regional Liaison sent their August 2017 Newsletter

- Jeff. Co. Planning Board sent an invitation to a Planning Board Overview on Sept. 18th at JCC.
- Volunteer Transportation Center sent information on their services.
- Laberge Group sent an informational memo.
- Charter Communications sent a memo regarding upcoming changes affecting subscribers.
- NYMIR sent a pamphlet outlining Public Works Fall/Winter Seminars.
- Young/Sommer LLC sent a Notice of Intention to Commence Stipulations Discussions in Case No 16-F-0267.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: John Howland was present and discussed open cases.

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: Joe Wasilewski was present and advised no new updates.

COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery-Supervisor Moore advised of continued work being done on headstone repair.
- Communities-Councilman Hobbs advised the port-a-potty needs to be picked up. In addition, the tennis court has been sealed. There was a discussion about having striping/painting done on the court.
- Special Projects-Councilperson Clemens advises we are waiting for the County's input on the vacant properties.
- Grants-Councilman Hodges advises no new updates.
- Buildings-Councilman Johnson advises he would like to have the boiler controls updated prior to heating season. He has obtained two quotes which he provided for the Board to review. **MOTION #65 OF 2017** was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Hodges to accept the Siemens quote. All present were in favor. Motion was carried. In addition, the CO detectors have been purchased and will be installed pending inspection results. Per Carl Dealing the boiler inspection has been scheduled in October. There was a discussion about a leak in the rafters of the Highway Dept. Councilman Johnson will investigate. There was a discussion about having the repairs done in-house.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The August 10, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #66 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.

The August 10, 2017 Town Board Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION #67 OF 2017** was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilperson Clemens 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 last meeting regarding the issue. There is one more meeting planned before the end of the month. Supervisor Moore will keep the Board updated.

2. Promoting New Hire Damian Smith from MEO-4 to MEO-3. The Highway Superintendent advised of the positive job performance that Mr. Smith is doing. The Board discussed. **MOTION #68 OF 2017** was made by Councilperson Clemens and seconded by Councilman Johnson to advance Mr. Smith to an MEO-3. A quorum approved. Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petty cash: Replenishing is needed for the purchase of office supplies and postage expenses.
2. Hwy Supt.: Mr. Dealing provided the Board with an update of work being done. He is hoping to have Miller Rd completed. He advised the Board of a complaint regarding striping not done on Co. Rte. 189. This is a County project but Mr. Dealing believes the striping is scheduled for next week. There was a discussion if the County plans to add shoulders. Mr. Dealing will check into this. The 2007 Truck is in for repairs due to a broken front spring. No new updates on the pickup truck. Councilman Hodges inquired about getting the highway employees equipment such as rubber boots and waders.
3. Lorraine Fire Dept. The Board reviewed an application for membership from Mr. Anthony Draper. **MOTION #69 OF 2017** was made by Councilman Hobbs and seconded by Councilperson Clemens to accept Mr. Draper's application. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.
4. Draft Local Law #2 Notice of Highway Defect, Prior Written Notice. Supervisor Moore provided an outline and the Board discussed.
5. Draft Local Law #3 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy. Supervisor Moore provided an outline and the Board discussed. There will be a Public Hearing on Sept. 27th at 7:00 pm for both Local Law#2 and Local Law #3.
6. Budget Workshops. The budget workshops will be Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th at 7:00 pm. There was a discussion regarding pending budget issues.
7. Financial Statements for August 2017 were provided and reviewed.

BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS:

Highway:	\$542,993
General:	\$245,704

AUDIT & AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS:

The Board approved payment of General Abstract #9 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 2034-2037, 2040-2042, 2044-2051, 2053-2054, 2067-2068, 2017 with a total of: \$19,543.19.

The Board approved payment of Highway Abstract #9 of 2017 comprised of vouchers 2034, 2037, 2040, 2055-2066, 2071-2076 with a total of: \$41,063.83.

The Board approved payment of Street Lighting Abstract #9 of 2017 comprised of voucher 2043 with a total of: \$176.54

The Board approved payment of voucher 2052 from the T&A Fund with a total of: \$116.93.

MOTION #70 OF 2017 was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilman Johnson to accept and pay the bills. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #71 OF 2017 was made by Councilman Hodges and seconded by Councilman Hobbs to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. All present were in favor. Motion was carried.