

TOWN OF FLOYD BOARD MEETING

Minutes – April 2, 2024

At 7:00 PM Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. called the meeting to order, stated that all Town Board Meetings are Voice Recorded and led the pledge of allegiance.

Town Officials present: Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilmen Alston J. Huey Jr., Fred Mazza, Daniel Schwertfeger, Robert Evans, Town Clerk Tracy Sexton, Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander, Town Attorney Kathryn Festine, Zoning and Building Codes Officer Kenneth Pfendler, ZBA Chairman Tim Begian, Assessor Pat Roser and ZBA Member Don Kinsey. Oneida County Legislator Steve DiMaggio and NOCOG Representative John Holt were present as well.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Approval of Warrants:

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the General Warrants from Claim #24A116 to Claim #24A167, totaling \$56,979.19 seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to pay the Refuse & Garbage Warrants from Claim #24SR035 to Claim #24SR049 totaling \$16,087.91 seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Warrants from Claim #24SW050 to Claim #24SW069, totaling \$142,902.64 seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to pay the Highway Warrants from Claim #24DA072 to Claim #24DA096, totaling \$18,640.15, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to pay the Trust and Agency from Claim #24TA033 to Claim #24TA048, totaling \$2,923.33, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Oneida County Legislators Steve Dimaggio gave a brief report. He also discussed the upcoming solar eclipse.

NOCOG Municipal Representative John Holt briefly discussed announcements. See attached announcements.

Zoning, Building and Fire Codes Enforcement Officer Kenneth Pfendler gave a Zoning, Building and Fire Code Report of activities. See attached report. He discussed that he would like to look into creating more zoning and code enforcement laws.

Water Superintendant Michelle Kotary was absent. Supervisor Streiff reported that the water meter project is winding down and that the new computer system is in for the meters.

ZBA Chairman Tim Begian said there is nothing to bring forward this month.

Town Assessor Pat Roser gave a report on the 2024 Tentative Roll for the town.

ACTION ITEMS:

Budget Amendments:

General Fund:

- (a) Decrease Contingency A1990.4 by \$576.00
- (b) Increase Unallocated Insurance by \$576.00

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the above General Fund Budget amendment, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Job Title Change:

Last month the town appointed Joseph Kelsey to the Sanitation Department as an MEO. Since then, Civil Service has informed the town that he is qualified as a Heavy Equipment Operator Title. Therefore, Supervisor Streiff recommends the board change Joe Kelsey's Job Title to HEO and all other conditions of his employment remain as appointed on 3/05/2024.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to approve the change of Joseph Kelsey's title to Heavy Equipment Officer, as stated above seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Registration Re-Imbursement:

Brian Sturtevant is asking for the usage of the Littleleague, and the 2 Tee Ball fields (the one in back of the little League Field and the field next to the firehouse), and is once again inquiring as to weather we want to continue the \$25.00 registration reimbursement for Floyd residents enrolling in Northern Community Little League for 2024.

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to reimburse the Northern Community Little League \$25.00 towards the Registration for each player from the Town of Floyd as verified by our Town Clerk from the list of names submitted, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

DEC Violation:

Per correspondence as seen in the Town Board Packet, the town is being cited for lack of documentation for the Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks adjacent to the Highway Garage, along with concerns about the integrity of the secondary containment system.

As for the inspection documentation, the town has come up with an inspection report and will be sending it to the DEC for their approval and will be maintaining a monthly inspection report on file.

As for the Containment Tank issue, Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr. has reached out to Tom Yocum of Yocum's Tank Service to obtain his recommendation as to possible solutions.

Speed Limit:

Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr. has informed Supervisor Streiff he has received a request from a Ritchie Road resident, again asking for a speed reduction to 45 MPH or less on Ritchie Road from the Intersection of RTE 365 to the Marcy Town Line.

Jerome informs Supervisor Streiff he feels a significant number of vehicles on this road are exceeding the present 55MPH limit, and it's not only unsafe for residents on the road but also for his workers whenever they are trying to perform maintenance on the road.

Town Attorney Kathryn Festine advised the town board on how to request this speed limit change from the county.

The town can file a TE9 form asking for a speed reduction survey on Ritchie Road. There was no motion made at this time and the town board will revisit this next month.

Temporary Summer Laborer:

Again, this year the town is in need of a Temporary Summer Laborer to assist with taking care of the Town Park and Town Facilities.

Last year, Nathan Craver took on this responsibility and Supervisor Streiff adds he did very well.

Therefore, Supervisor Streiff recommend the town rehire Nathan Craver as a Temporary Part-Time Summer Laborer at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week and to start as soon as conditions warrant and to continue through approximately 9/30/2024.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to approve the hire of Nathan Craver at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week and to start as soon as conditions warrant and to continue through approximately 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Capital Reserve Resolution:

Discussion:

There was a discussion with the board members and lawyer regarding the following. Resolution.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. asked for a Resolution to be approved establishing Capital Reserve Snow Plow Reserve Fund for maximum acquisition cost for \$360,000.00.

At this time Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. asked Town Clerk Tracy Sexton to take a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Councilman Robert Evans, Councilman Fred Mazza, Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger.

Nays: None

The above Resolution was approved.

At 8:40 PM Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to enter an executive session to potential litigation, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

At 9:07 PM Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to reconvene to the regular town board meeting, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to discuss a possible code litigation for a property occupied by Helmer on Soule Road, seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

The Town Board discussed this issues and whether or not they should take this issue to the Supreme Court. The resident has received multiple code enforcement violations and is not attempting to fix these issues.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff made a motion to authorize the town attorney to pursue Code litigation in the supreme court related to the property occupied by Helmer on Soule Road, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Informational Records:

Today the water department received the Water Bill from the city of Rome for the 1st Qtr. Of 2024 for \$89,676.65. For the record the town paid \$90,520 in 23, and \$78,878 in 2022.

The latest check for sales tax came in at \$273,420.00, last year for same quarter came in at \$240,405.00.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS:

Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander, Jr. reported that the highway department is back to normal shifts.

Sanitation Supervisor Jerome Alexander Jr. reported that the new hire, Joe, is working very well.

ADJOURN:

At 9:20 PM Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey, carried.

Town Clerk