

TOWN OF FLOYD BOARD MEETING

Minutes – August 6, 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 and Robert Evans, Town Clerk Tracy Sexton, Highway Superintendent Jerome E. Alexander Jr., Water Superintendent Michelle Kotary, Town Attorney Kathryn Festine, Zoning and Building Codes Officer Kenneth Pfendler.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. asked for a moment of Silence in Observance of the Recent Passing of Former Town Employee Chet Lewis who passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Chet was a very dedicated employee of the Water Department and was a member on numerous committees at the town and always had a smile on his face. Supervisor Streiff asked everyone to keep Chet's family, including his wife, Deputy Town Clerk Arlene Lewis, in their prayers during this difficult time.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the July 2, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Approval of Warrants:

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to pay the General Warrants from Claim #24A314 to Claim #24A360, totaling \$13,932.91 seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to pay the Refuse & Garbage Warrants from Claim #24SR084 to Claim #24SR097 totaling \$41,432.67 seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Warrants from Claim #24SW115 to Claim #24SW132, totaling \$15,675.93 seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Area E Warrants from Claim #24SWE002 to Claim #24SWE003, totaling \$11,825.00 seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to pay the Highway Warrants from Claim #24DA0174 to Claim #24DA201, totaling \$265,983.67, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Trust and Agency from Claim #24TA082A to Claim #24TA097A, totaling \$3,266.23, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Oneida County Legislator Steve DiMaggio gave a brief report.

NOCOG Municipal Representative Joe Rowlands briefly discussed announcements and upcoming meetings.

Zoning, Building and Fire Codes Enforcement Officer Kenneth Pfendler gave a Zoning, Building and Fire Code Report of activities. See attached report.

Water Superintendent Michelle Kotary discussed that she is still trying to get the new water meter system up and running. She has two options- the first one would be to use the readings and bill citizens based on readings. The other option is to do another estimate and then adjust each account, which will take more time.

ZBA Chairman Tim Bejian was absent but submitted a report. See attached report.

Town Historian Sally Tagliere was absent but submitted a report.

Highway and Sanitation Supervisor Jerome Alexander Jr. discussed that the highway department is working on Hughes Rd and is close to completing the project. The county and other neighboring towns, including Westmoreland, came and helped clean up debris throughout the town after the damage from the storm. Supervisor Streiff thanked Jerry, the Highway Department, and the Fire Department for all their hard work during this time.

Comments from the Public

A resident brought up a concern about a new pond that was built near his property and the risks of it causing damage in the future. He is also concerned about his well drying up due to over usage from the owner of the pond for his greenhouse.

A representative from a credit card company that was referred by Adirondack Bank discussed that he met with Supervisor Streiff regarding accepting credit card payments from town residents for their water bills and other payments. Supervisor Streiff said the town will investigate it and maybe set up a committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

Water Department Billing Issue:

The Water Department has had to delay the water bills from the past month due to issues with getting the new system up and running. Water Superintendent Michelle Kotary was given two options. The first one would be to use the readings and bill citizens based on readings. The other option is to do another estimate and then adjust each account, which will take more time.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to get the bills out based on the readings of the new meters and follow up with adjustments between now and October, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Seniors Trip:

“Floyd Up and Lively Senior Citizens” are asking the town to cover the cost of their upcoming day trip to Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua N.Y. on August 22, 2024. Cost is \$75.00 per person with approximately 8 to 10 people going.

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to sponsor the “Floyd Up and Lively Senior Citizens” upcoming trip, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Open Sealed Bids:

At 7:30 PM, Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. announced that the Town Board would now be opening the sealed bids for Abrasive Sand for winter road maintenance. Town Clerk Tracy Sexton read the Legal Notice for the sealed bids. Town Clerk Tracy Sexton received one bid today from Poland Sand & Gravel for the Abrasive Sand from 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Road. The price is \$7.70. per Cubic Yard if loaded by Poland Sand & Gravel LLC, or \$6.90 per Cubic Yard If loaded by Town of Floyd. At 7:45 PM Supervisor Streiff closed the sealed bids for the Abrasive Sand for winter road maintenance.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to award the Abrasive Sand Bid for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Winter Road Maintenance. The award was to Poland Sand & Gravel, LLC for sand to be drawn from the Koenig Road Pit at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent Jerome E. Alexander Jr. The amount is \$7.70 per Cubic Yard if loaded by Poland Sand & Gravel, LLC or \$6.90 per Cubic Yard if loaded by the Town of Floyd according to the Bid Specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger and carried.

Rental Extension:

Progress on the Hughes Road, FEMA funded rehabilitate work project has been set back by approximately 2 weeks due our Highway Department having to stop work on this to deal with clean-up from the July 16, 2024, tornado that struck Rome and continued on into portions of Floyd.

As a result, the town needs to extend the authorization for Rent of the Excavator from Tracey Road Equipment and the Bulldozer from Brey Excavating for another 2 weeks until August 16, 2024.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to authorize Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr. to extend the rental of the Excavator from Tracey Road Equipment and the Bulldozer from Brey Excavating for another 2 weeks until August 16, 2024, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Street Flags:

The recent storm that impacted Floyd ended up destroying many of the Utility Pole mounted US Flags that we display during the summer. Therefore, instead of purchasing an additional Holiday Display this year instead we would spend approximately \$1,500 to replace the flags destroyed.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of flags to replace the ones that have been damaged, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Bulldozer Purchase:

Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr. states that we can purchase the used John Deere Dozer that we are presently renting for work on the Hughes Road FEMA Project. Jerry states that our presently owned Komatsu Dozer needs a complete drive train replacement and that it would be best to just purchase the Dozer we are renting.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to advertise for Bids to purchase a used Model John Deere Bulldozer, for purchase by the Town of Floyd, with a Bid Opening of September 2, 2024, and to authorize our Town Clerk to advertise for such as a Legal Ad in the Rome Sentinel, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Ritchie Road Speed Reduction:

The Town Board discussed whether they should go ahead and request a traffic study to reduce the speed limit to 45 MPH on the Floyd Portion of Ritchie and Rostiser Road. Supervisor Streiff reached out to the Sheriff's department and the County also did a survey on the road. The County recommended lowering the recommended speed around the curves. Supervisor Streiff and the Town Attorney would have to submit a TE9 form to the county to approve the speed limit change.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. offered a Resolution authorizing Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. and the Town Attorney to prepare a TE9 to be sent to the County, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza. At this time the Town Supervisor Streiff asked Town Clerk for a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None

The above Resolution was adopted.

Park Tennis Court Rehab:

The estimated cost to pave over the existing tennis court will be about \$75,000.00 plus another \$60,000 for painting and striping. The estimated cost to cover up our existing Courts with Mateflex flooring would be about \$100,000. There are many options on what can be done with the court, however Supervisor Streiff mentioned he would recommend one tennis court, one combination tennis and pickle ball court, and a basketball court.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to proceed forward with the tennis court rehab, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Park Concert Refreshments:

Request approval to spend approximately \$100 on refreshments to be sold at the upcoming Concert in the Park.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the purchase of approximately \$100 on refreshments to be sold at the upcoming Concert in the Park, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Building Usage:

Mr. James Nuessle is requesting the use of the Camroden Church (Floyd Historical Society Building), by the Holland Patent Central School Class of 1964 for a brief Church Service on 9/15/2024 at 10:15 AM. Jim will make sure the building is clean before and after the service.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to allow James Nuessle the use of the Camroden Church for a brief church service on September 15, 2024 at 10:15 AM, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Playground Material:

After a lengthy search the town has finally located a vendor who can provide us with wood chips for our playground.

The Vendor is Northern Nursery out of Syracuse and they will arrange for delivery of a Tractor Trailer Load for \$3,500.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of woodchips from Northern Nursery for \$3,500 seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Colonial Life Deductions:

Supervisor Streiff is asking for authorization for Payroll deductions for certain employees desiring to sign up for this insurance.

Supervisor William H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to authorize payroll deductions for certain employees signing up for Colonial Life Insurance, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Budget Amendment:

1) General Account:

a) Decrease Contingency by \$5,000

b) Increase Buildings P.S. A1620.1 by \$5,000

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to accept the above General Account budget amendments seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

Informational Items:

Supervisor Streiff reminded the board that Thursday, August 8, 2024 that the Floyd Community Band will be performing in the Town Park from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

ADJOURN:

At 9:30 PM Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Town Clerk

