

TOWN OF FLOYD BOARD MEETING

Minutes – July 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 E. Alexander Jr., Town Attorney Kathryn Festine, Water Superintendent Michelle Kotary and Zoning and Building Codes Officer Kenneth Pfendler.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024 Special 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 #24A270 to Claim #24A313, totaling \$13,859.91 seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to pay the Refuse & Garbage Warrants from Claim #24SR073 to Claim #24SR083 totaling \$13,486.59 seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Warrants from Claim #24SW099 to Claim #24SW114, totaling \$12,755.75 seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to pay the Highway Warrants from Claim #24DA150 to Claim #24DA173, totaling \$50,165.50, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion to pay the Trust and Agency from Claim #24TA082 to Claim #24TA097, totaling \$3,197.03, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

NOCOG Municipal Representative Joe Rowlands 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.

Water Superintendent Michelle Kotary reported she is having trouble getting the new billing system set up. There are two options: the first one is to do another estimate billing or delay billing by 30 days.

ACTION ITEMS:

FEMA Appeal:

The town recently received notice that our application for funding to repair stream bed erosion and culvert replacement on the Soule and Streiff Road Culvert has been denied and if we plan to appeal we must do so by July 17th. On Thursday June 27th Supervisor Streiff participated in a conference call with Fred Schmidt, NYSDHSES and Jack Dodson to discuss this. They feel the reason this was denied was because the stream erosion was included, and that the area involved was not on the Town right-of-way. Fred feels we should appeal for the Culvert portion of the project. He states if we decide to do this that he will write up the appeal at no cost to the Town except for the engineer's review if needed.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to go ahead with the FEMA appeal seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Appointment:

Temporary Sanitation Worker Joseph Kelsey is nearing completion of his 90-day probationary period effective July 12, 2024 and has received a recommendation to regular full-time status from Sanitation Supervisor Jerome Alexander Jr. Supervisor Streiff said he is a hard worker and shows up to work every day.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to appoint Joseph Kelsey to full-time Heavy Equipment Operator effective July 13, 2024, with his rate of pay to be increased to \$24.33 per hour effective July 22, 2024 and he be authorized participation under the Town's Hospitalization, dental and eyeglass programs effective July 13, 2024 and his Seniority being dated back to his first day of hire on March 19, 2024 seconded by Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Snowplow Change Order:

Present EPA regulations are resulting in the following changes to the 2025 Snowplow truck the town ordered last year.

Changes are as follows as stated in the revised Sales Order dated 6/24/24 and outlined in the updated Quote Clarification attached.

These changes result in the Price going from \$323,523.39 to \$318,333.00

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion authorizing Supervisor to sign a revised purchase order for \$318,333.00, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Computer Replacements:

The town office still has several computers that are outdated and need to be replaced. At this time Supervisor Streiff recommends the town replace the computers used by our Deputy Town Clerk and the one used by the ZBA. He would estimate the cost to be under \$800.00 each based on prices paid earlier this year.

Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr. made a motion authorizing this purchase through Total Solutions, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Sand Bid:

At this time the board needs to take action to authorize our Highway Superintendent Jerome E. Alexander Jr., Town Attorney Katherine Festine and Town Clerk Tracy Sexton, to prepare a legal Notice for the Advertisement of bids for Abrasive Sand (as specified by the Highway Superintendent), to be used to control snow and ice on pavements of Town and County roads within the Town of Floyd. Bid Opening will take place during the Town Board meeting on August 6, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids for sand for the Highway Department with a bid opening to take place during the town board meeting on August 6, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Equipment Rental:

Work on the Hughes Road FEMA project is progressing quite well, but in order to complete the project Jerry will need to extend the rental on the excavator for up to a month longer. Also, due to issues with the Town's bulldozer we have had to rent a dozer from Bray Excavating for 2 weeks and Jerry tells me we will need to rent that for a couple more weeks also.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to allow Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander Jr. to continue renting an excavator and a bulldozer as stated above, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Water Billing System Changeover:

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to delay water billing 30 days if needed, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Accounting Assistance:

Supervisor Streiff is requesting permission to hire Sharon Hansen part time approximately 3 to 4 hours per week, at \$25.00 per hour for the time being to help with payrolls etc.

Councilman Fred Mazza made a motion to hire Sharon Hansen part-time approximately 3 to 4 hours per week at \$25.00 as stated above, seconded by Councilman Alston J. Huey Jr., carried.

Informational Items

a) Oneida County 911 center has reached out to us about the correct spelling of Rickmyer Road. It seems there are several different spellings for the Road Name and thus far we haven't been able to find any record of when and how the road was officially named.

b) Supervisor Streiff gave an update on Kriswood Drive. The Town Engineer, Highway Superintendent, and Supervisor Streiff went and walked around the area. The town engineer reported that the town does not have an obligation to fix the system and the residents might need to start a petition and pay for a sewage system.

c) Supervisor Streiff gave an update on Kotary Road and said that the town attorney and him will have to look into the issue.

d) Supervisor Streiff gave a update on Thomas Circle regarding the containment basin that belongs to the town. This is part of the drainage for the project. The culvert is eroding away on the opposite side of the basin. Supervisor Streiff is going to have Cornell Cooperative Extension come look at it.

e) On tonight's General Warrant there is a charge for Card Services for \$47.34 for Supervisor Expense. Supervisor Streiff inadvertently used the wrong card for a dinner expense therefore he is reimbursing the town for this expense.

f) Supervisor Streiff just found out we have a major water leak on the main bypass between Rabbit and Old Floyd Rd.

ADJOURN: At 9:21 PM Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fred Mazza, carried.

_____, Town Clerk