

## **Unadilla Town Board Meeting**

Date: July 11, 2023

6:30 PM Audit of Bills

7:00 PM Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Call to Order**

Supervisor George DeNys called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

George DeNys, Supervisor  
Terry Yoder, Town Clerk  
Rodney Renwick, Superintendent  
Ronald Reed, Councilman  
Donald Cole, Councilman  
Jessica Grow, Councilwoman  
Allen Anderson, Councilman  
Beth Westfall, Attorney  
Tim Bowker, Observer  
Kirk McLaughlin, Observer

### **June 12th Minutes**

Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to accept the June 12th meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **Audit of Bills**

General Fund	\$ 9,961.51
Gen B	\$ 170.00
Highway Outside Village	\$ 50,383.98
Highway Town wide	\$ 5,253.94
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 55.20
Riverside Lighting	\$ 117.32
Rockdale Lighting	\$ 21.14
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 148.08

### **Audit of the Bills**

Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to accept and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor George DeNys and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Highway**

Three culverts were replaced on Merriman Hill Road. Shim paving has been completed and the crew is now working on shoulder and ditching work. They also repaired a portion of the Town Hall parking lot.

Under shared services, they have been helping out The Town of Sidney where they got to use the new loader that has been delivered.

### **Finance**

No questions regarding the financial report for June.

### **Building**

Don did his monthly inspection of the fire extinguishers.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Monthly Reports**

Town Clerk's monthly report was submitted with a check totaling \$1,037.92

Supervisor's monthly report was submitted.

Dog Control Officer's monthly report was submitted.

Assessor's Report was submitted.

The Assessor's report stated that she would be changing her day to work from Tuesday to Friday afternoons.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Old Business**

### **OPEN Bids for FUEL**

Boulder Oil of Unadilla and Mirabito Fuel Group of Sidney submitted Fuel Bids for the 2023/2024 Season as follows:

Boulder	Mirabito	Mirabito	Mirabito
Propane	Propane	ULSD	Kerosene
\$1.559	\$1.92	\$3.2247	\$3.7247

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to award the Propane bid to Boulder Oil at \$1.559 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Reed and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to award the bid for ULSD and Kerosene at \$3.2247 and \$3.7247 per gallon to Mirabito Fuel Group. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **New Business**

#### **Appoint Karen Liddle as Temporary Justice**

Per the 6<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Court System, Karen Liddle was assigned to the Town of Unadilla to fill in our vacancy for a Town Justice.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to appoint Justice Karen Liddle to fill our vacancy until December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

#### **Parking Lot Quote**

An estimate was provided by Dr. Sealgood to re-seal the parking lot in the amount of \$3,200. As there was not a second estimate obtained, the Town Clerk will request at least one more quote.

Supervisor George DeNys made a motion to accept Dr. Sealgood's quote for \$3,200.00 contingent on at least an attempt to acquire another estimate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

#### **Justice Position's**

Supervisor George DeNys brought up the discussion on whether the Town would like to stay with two Justice positions, or have only one in the future.

After much discussion on the subject, the board decided to try just one going forward.

#### **Schedule Public Hearing to go to One Justice**

Supervisor George DeNys made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law # 3 to reduce the Justice Position from two to one. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow with 4 Ayes, 1 Abstained, 0 Noes.

#### **Opting Out for Real Property Tax Law Section 487**

The Board discussed the New York State Legislation that exempts the value of a solar panel system from local property taxes. The Board may choose to opt out by passing a local law that could make the added value of the solar panel system fully taxable.

Supervisor George DeNys made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #4 to opt out tax law #487. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **Correspondence**

**Otsego County – Equalization Rates for 2023**

**NYMIR-MBD Switches**

**Rogers Hollow Cemetery Association – Thank you for your donation**

**DOT – Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program**

**Privilege of the Floor**

Tim Bowker of Chesapeake Bay ask if his road was still considered a private road or if it was a town road since it has been plowed throughout the winter. Superintendent of highways, Rodney Renwick explained that DOT had previously removed it from our maps but has since put a portion of Chesapeake Drive back on. Henceforth, his portion of the road will be maintained going forward.

Rodney said that the County will be holding a hazardous waste day at the Unadilla Town Highway Garage on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

With no further discussion, Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L Yoder, Town Clerk

Time of Adjournment: 6:59 PM