

Unadilla Town Board Meeting

Date: September 13, 2022

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, Absent
Ronald Reed, Absent
Donald Cole, Councilman
Jessica Grow, Councilwoman
Allen Anderson, Councilman
Beth Westfall, Attorney
Kirk McLaughlin, BOR
Penny Haddad, Assessor
Steven Higbie, Observer
Jack Cotton, Village Mayor

August 9th Minutes

Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Audit of Bills

General Total	\$ 4,756.59
General Fund B	\$ 105.00
Highway Outside Village	\$ 18,244.51
Highway Town wide	\$ 48,427.78
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 166.60
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 320.18
Joint Recreation	\$ 537.34

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

Committee Reports

Highway

Highway Superintendent's Report

Shoulder machine from Otsego County scheduled this month, has been down for repairs.

Shim paving is being done on various roads.

Lockwood hill culvert project: Guide rail has been installed and will be submitting for final project payment.

Rodney would like to send a Thank you note to Assemblyman Joe Angelino to thank him for his support with the culvert project.

Second round of road side mowing and brush maintenance is completed

New mid-size dump is in service

Starting to haul sand in. Preparing for snow and ice.

Cornell Local Roads Report

Kelsey McCallum, summer intern for the Highway Department did an assessment of the town's roads using the Cornell Local Roads Program. Rodney explained the spreadsheet that came with the report to the board. He is pleased with the numbers and hopes to be able to continue to update it annually.

An Ad will be place in the Daily Star for seasonal roads and winter guidelines.

Finance

No discussion on Financial Report

Building

Councilman Don Cole had Sure Temp come in to service the air conditioners as they were leaking pretty heavily. He inspected the Fire Extinguishers and changed A few lightbulbs in the courtroom that were out.

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

Monthly Reports

Town Clerk's Report was submitted with a check totaling \$638.37

Supervisor's Report was submitted

Assessor's Report was submitted

Dog Control Officer's Report was submitted

Historian's Report was submitted

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

Old Business

ARPA Money

Meetings for the AARPA monies have produced a list of some of the things that the funds could be used for in the Town.

The list includes:

Reimbursement for paid employees during the pandemic

Security in the building

Riverside Sewer upgrades

Benches outside the Town Hall

Sign for Town Hall

Town Car

Constable Training

Wells Bridge Water Association

The Wells Bridge Water Association provided bids for a new well, installation of new electric service and water lines and a new generator.

The Board discussed them applying directly to the County via the Town as Otsego County is allowing Towns within the county to apply for up to \$50,000 of their AARPA Money.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to have no objections to the Wells Bridge Water Association applying to the County for a portion of their AARPA funds to purchase what they need to sustain their system. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

New Business

Budget Workshop

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to hold the Budget Workshop on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Reed and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Assessor, Penny Haddad & BOR, Kirk McLaughlin

Kirk McLaughlin did a presentation on how the assessments are done in the Town of Unadilla and the current problems with this system by using the George Cade System vs the current system. He hopes that the board will set aside funds in the next few years to hopefully be able to fund a re-evaluation of all properties.

Penny Haddad, Town Assessor believes she is on the right track in the way that she assesses the parcels within the Town. She would also like to see a re-valve in the near future to make all residents paying their fair share of taxes. She believes the cost to do a re-evaluation would be around \$150 per parcel with around 2700 parcels in total.

Correspondence

Wells Bridge Fire Depart -- requesting funds to purchase new EMS Response Truck.

A letter was read by Supervisor George DeNys from the Wells Bridge Fire Department requesting funds to assist the purchase of a new EMS Response Truck to replace their 1996 GMC Yukon as there has been a substantial increase in calls in and around the area. The quote that they have received for a new 4 door heavy duty pickup was \$46,995.00.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to add the aide of helping with the purchase of the truck to our list of ways to use the AARPA Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Reed and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

DEC- Permit for Ideuma Rd Bluestone Quarry Complete

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Jack Cotton updated the town on what is happening within the village. The tennis courts are being made into a beach volleyball court and a bocce ball area. They are working on a playground at the newly named Reed Recreation Park by applying for County AARPA money and a donation from Denny Reed. Mayor Cotton expects the cost to be around \$50,000.00. The village will be holding a community picnic on the 24th of September with softball tournaments, cornhole, bounce house and will be selecting a citizen of the year.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L Yoder, Town Clerk
Time of Adjournment: 7:50 PM