

## **Unadilla Town Board Meeting**

Date: November 14, 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  
Gary Schultes, Borden Hose FD  
Darlene Wong, Borden Hose FD  
Ed Frazier, County Rep

### **October 10th Minutes**

Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to accept the October 10th meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **Audit of Bills**

General Fund A	\$ 8,409.88
General Fund B	\$ 250.00
Highway (DB) Outside Village	\$ 13,349.12
Highway (DA) Town wide	\$ 23,184.74
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 69.45
Riverside Lighting	\$ 151.03
Rockdale Lighting	\$ 26.49
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 197.97

### **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**

Tree and brush cutting is ongoing. The culvert inspections are completed, crew is ready for snow and ice. The 1995 Trailer has been repaired and repainted. Rodney said that it should last another 15 years.

The new pick-up could be here by Thanksgiving.

The truck and equipment inventory listing has been submitted to NYSDEC.

### **New Broom for Tractor**

Rodney submitted a quote for a broom for the new tractor from SEI for \$23,983.00. To purchase, it will be 12-14 weeks out so he encourages the Board to approve the quote so that he can have it by springtime. The new broom will be purchased using Highway Fund Balance.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to purchase the front mount broom out of the highway fund balance for \$23,983.00 from SEI, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **Rodney has requested that the Board approve the following transfers of money:**

<b>DA2665 Sale of Equipment</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>DA230 Equipment Reserve</b>
<b>DA2665 Sale of Scrap</b>	<b>\$4,803.38</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>DA230 Equipment Reserve</b>
<b>DA9950 Interfund Transfer</b>	<b>\$81,500.00</b>		<b>Budget Line Transfer</b>

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to approve the above transfers of monies as identified in highway report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor George DeNys and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

### **Finance**

No questions regarding the financial report for October.

### **Building**

Councilman Don Cole reported that election day went well and that Turner Electric rescheduled repair of generator until the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

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 \$558.46

Supervisor's monthly report was submitted.

Dog Control Officer's monthly report was submitted.

Assessor's Report was submitted.

Councilman Ronald Reed 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**

### **Approval of 2024 Preliminary Budget**

With no new changes made by the Board, they agreed to proceed with the Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **New Business**

### **Approval of 2024 Final Budget**

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve the 2024 Final Budget as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Remaining ARPA Funds**

**ARPA Committee made suggestions for the remaining ARPA Funds to be used as followed.**

To the Wells Bridge Fire Department for turnout gear in the amount of \$13,302.90.  
To Safe Life Defense for a bullet proof vest for the Bailiff in the amount of \$722.70.  
To Purchase a metal carport to house the Town Car in the amount up to \$2,500.00  
To the Unadilla Food Pantry, the Town will give the remaining funds. (Approximately \$8700.)

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve the purchase or donations of the above-mentioned items from ARPA funds. The motion was seconded by Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Increase in Wages for Highway Crew**

Highway Superintendent, Rodney Renwick requested that the Board sign a memorandum of agreement to increase the highway crew's wages to meet with the County Highway's wages.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to increase the wages by .40 cents for the highway department for calendar year 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

## **Correspondence**

### **Dept of Planning & Solid Waste - Otsego Co. Shared Services meeting**

The County will now go to one Shared Service agreement that will be widespread throughout the county instead of having to do agreements with each individual town.

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Gary Shultes and Darlene Wong** of the Mt Upton/Borden Hose Fire Department submitted their annual report and roster to the Town. They are pleased due to new enrollment for EMS volunteers and that they were able to maintain EMS services for now instead of disbanding that portion of their department.

**County Rep, Ed Frazier** wanted the Town to be aware of the rabid cat situation in Cherry Valley and to remind people to report any suspicious behavior in animals in our Town.

Ed also stated that though the County was able to keep the tax cap under the 2% this year, he feels that they will not be able to do so next year.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L Yoder, Town Clerk

Time of Adjournment: 8:12 PM