

Unadilla Town Board Meeting

Date: December 12, 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
Elaine Reed, Observer
Alethia Stanton, Observer
Claudia Jenkins, Observer
Josie Meeker, Observer
Debbie Oliverio, Observer
Kirk McLaughlin, Observer
Paula Friedman, Observer

November 14th Minutes

Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to accept the November 14th 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 A	\$ 7,392.40
Highway (DB) Outside Village	\$ 55,407.28
Highway (DA) Town wide	\$ 17,596.86
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 92.81
Riverside Lighting	\$ 162.69
Rockdale Lighting	\$ 28.88
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 186.07

Councilwoman Jessica Grow 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

Highway Superintendent reported that the tree and brush cutting is on going along with the boom mowing. The crew has gone out 3 times this season for snow and ice and have been working on small equipment repairs. The new pickup has been delivered, but is out at the upfitters. Rodney said that NYSDEC has accepted the highway inventory list. Rodney would like to have the Board's approval to surplus the 2011 pickup.

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to approve the sale of the 2011 pickup as surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Driveway Application

Rodney submitted a Driveway Permit/Policy that he would like to see implemented as a Town Policy when residents are putting in a new or repairing their driveways. After discussion, Beth would like to review policy and get back with revisions at the next board meeting.

Finance

No questions regarding the financial report for November.

Building

Councilman Don Cole reported that Fyr-Fyter would be doing an annual inspection next Wednesday and Otsego County will do their inspection on January 16th. Turner Electric and Boulder Oil were here to address generator problem. They said it may not be just a simple issue.

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 \$353.29

Supervisor's monthly report was submitted.

Dog Control Officer's monthly report was submitted.

Assessor's Report was submitted.

Councilwoman Jessica Grow and Supervisor George DeNys will be having a meeting with the Dog Control Officer to discuss proper procedures to be taken under certain circumstances.

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

Old Business

ARPA Funds

Carport Funding

At last month's meeting, it was approved to spend up to \$2,500 on a carport for the Town Hall. After more information on the purchase of one that held a better snow load for our area, a new quote was obtained in the amount of \$3,236.00.

The remaining balance of the ARPA funds will be \$995.66 after the carport purchase. Supervisor George DeNys suggested that the remaining funds be given to the Unadilla Food Pantry.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve the carport purchase from \$2,500 up to 3,236.00 and give the remaining funds of \$995.66 to the Unadilla Food Pantry. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Speed Reduction on Highway 3A

Discussing the exact location where signs should be placed, if the Speed Reduction for Martin Brook Road is approved by the County, it was agreed that starting point would be on the corner of County Hwy 3A and Rod & Gun Club Road, and the other at County Hwy 3A and Martinbrook Street intersection.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to approve a resolution for the speed reduction request from the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Reed and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

New Business

Resignation of Councilman Ronald Reed

Councilman Ronald Reed submitted his resignation effective December 12th after the board meeting due to being elected as Unadilla's Town Justice.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept Ronald's resignation as Councilman, but looks forward to him serving as Town Justice. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Resignation of Historian, Sheila Bell

Sheila Bell submitted her resignation as Historian effective December 31, 2023. She was honored to fill the roll.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept Sheila's resignation as Historian. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Resignation of Joseph Schlafer, BOR

Joseph Schlafer submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Review effective immediately.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept Joseph's resignation as a member of the Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Reed and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Delaware Valley Humane Society Contract

The annual contract for Delaware Valley Humane Society was submitted to the Board for review. As the new contract is still the same as last years, Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to enter into a new contract with Delaware Valley Humane Society with an annual fee of \$1,800. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

New Dispensary Application

Brienne Meyer of Ben McCumber Road dropped off a Notification to Municipality form to inform the Town that she has submitted an application for license with the Office of Cannabis Management to start a Cannabis microbusiness.

After review, Attorney Beth Westfall wants a letter requesting a copy of Ms. Meyer's application and a 30-day extension for time to express our opinion.

A letter will be sent to both the Office of Cannabis Management and a copy to Ms. Meyer.

Correspondence

Otsego County Clerk of the Board of Representatives--- Adopted Workers Compensation Budget for 2024

Privilege of the Floor

Members of the Unadilla Food Pantry: Claudia Jenkins, Josie Meeker, Elaine Reed, Debbie Oliverio, and Althea Stanton wanted to thank the Town Board for their much-needed ARPA Funds donation. The group was happy to explain what all this organization does for the community by helping feed over 300 families a month who otherwise may not have enough to eat. They also supply families with dinners for Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. The Town's donation was also able to help buy toys for their Christmas giveaway this year.

Kirk McLaughlin wanted to thank the Board for the ARPA funded donation to purchase an emergency vehicle and some fire gear for the Wells Bridge Fire Department.

Paula Friedman wanted to speak of her concerns of signage on County Roads 3 and 3A. She would like to see better signs on the corners so people are aware of the sharp corners before they come upon them.

Highway Superintendent, Rodney Renwick, will look in to it.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Ronald Reed made the motion to adjourn. 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: 7:21PM

