

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS, MAY 12, 2015

A regular meeting of the Little Falls Town Board was held on May 12, 2015 at the town hall, commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor Brian Marhaver
Councilman Allan Beadle
Councilman Kirk Schwasnick
Councilman William Klock
Councilman Eric Gehring

Others Present: Sandra Regan; Town Clerk; Donald Cotton, Highway Superintendent; Attorney Nicholas Macri, Town Attorney; Charles Oldick, Town Justice; Phil Green, Codes Enforcer; Town residents, Tom Sherman and Peter Campione.

-Supervisor Marhaver called the meeting to order directing the Clerk to call the roll.

RESOLUTION #35

Minute Approval

On motion of Councilman Gehring, seconded by Councilman Beadle, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock, Gehring

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous month's meetings, as submitted by the clerk, hereby be approved.

-Privilege of the floor was granted to those present. There were no comments.

-Supervisor Marhaver reported:

-That the sales tax from the county is about \$3,000.00 Less than last year due to the decrease in gas prices.

-That he has submitted his monthly report for the board's review.

RESOLUTION #36

Supervisor Monthly Report

On motion of Councilman Klock, seconded by Councilman Beadle, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's monthly report as submitted, hereby be approved.

-Supervisor Marhaver reported that he had contacted some leasing companies regarding leasing a new truck and a mower and that an example of such is attached to his monthly report package for the board's review.

Supervisor Marhaver stated that it is something to think about when deciding to purchase equipment.

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-Assessor Report:

Supervisor Marhaver reported that he had received the tentative tax roll which is in his office and that grievance day will be held at the end of the month.

-Codes Enforcer Report:

Codes Enforcer Green reported that he has a couple of court cases coming up next week and that a building permit has been issued to Chris' Collection for his expansion project.

The board questioned Codes Enforcer Green as to what was going on with the neighbor's property that Mr. Cancelino addressed the board about last month.

Codes Enforcer Green stated that this is one of the cases that will be addressed in court next week.

-Justice Report:

Justice Oldick reported that due to the increased volume of traffic and criminal cases, it has become necessary for the court to request additional staffing.

Justice Oldick stated that he has submitted a letter requesting that the board approve the appointment of an individual to assist, as needed, in the preparation of the monthly court calendar and to insure a smooth and orderly appearance process.

Justice Oldick stated that the compensation for this person be set at \$100.00 a month.

The board questioned who this person is, how he came up with the \$100.00 figure, and what that figure is based on.

Justice Oldick stated that the assistant is his daughter, Jennifer DeCarlis, that she will be working on court nights and will work at home on the computer.

Councilman Beadle asked if Ms. DeCarlis was a town resident and if the position was advertised in the paper. Justice Oldick that she is not, and no, it was not advertised in the paper.

Councilman Beadle stated he thinks the position should be advertised in the paper.

Supervisor Marhaver stated he doesn't think it's necessary to advertise this.

The board explained that there has been previous discussions on hiring and appointing people and that the board believes that town residents should be given the opportunity for a position over others and positions should be advertised to make the availability of a position known.

Supervisor Marhaver asked if there is a policy for this. The board stated that there isn't a formal policy, but rather an understanding on this.

Supervisor Marhaver stated that we are not talking a lot of money here, that Jennifer has already been assisting the Judge, that the Justice has money in his budget for this, and that he believes in this case, that this position doesn't need to be advertised.

Discussion was held on the pay and what Jennifer would be doing. Justice Oldick stated that the assistant would be present on Monday court nights, would work on the computer at home, and would do a lot of the leg work involved in cases.

After discussion, the board agreed to appoint Ms. DeCarlis at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for a maximum of 10 hours a month, with said pay and hours to be approved by the Justice and submitted monthly to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION #37

Justice Assistant Appointment

On motion of Supervisor Marhaver, seconded by Councilman Klock, the following resolution was ADOPTED by roll call vote:

Supervisor Marhaver	Aye
Councilman Beadle	Aye
Councilman Schwasnick	Aye
Councilman Klock	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye

RESOLVED that the Town Board, of the Town of Little Falls, as requested by Town Justice Oldick, hereby appoints Jennifer DeCarlis, as part-time court assistant, at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for a maximum of 10 hours a month, with the appointed term to be at the board's pleasure, with said pay and hours to be approved by the Justice and submitted monthly to the Supervisor.

-Planning Board Report:

Clerk Regan reported that no meeting was held this month.

-Supervisor Marhaver stated that the town is still looking for a health officer if anyone is interested.

Clerk Regan stated that a town physician had asked what's involved in the job and that she isn't sure what the exact duties are. Clerk Regan questioned what the legal process was in having a physician from the town versus an outside physician, what kind of physician was allowed for the position, and if it the board could act as a board of health rather than having a health officer.

The board directed Attorney Macri to look into and report back to the board.

-Dog Control Officer Report: None

-Highway Superintendent Report:

Highway Superintendent Cotton reported:

-That another inspection had been done by NYMIR.

-That the Town's Spring Cleanup went well, noting that the town may have to look at whether or not electronics should be allowed for next year.

-Discussion was held on the purchase of a new tractor and mower. Councilman Gehring reported that he had located a used tractor and mower on Craig's list for \$52,000 and thinks the town should consider looking into this.

Councilman Beadle we, (himself and Councilman Gehring) sat down and looked over the quotes and information for a new truck as well as a mower and that they feel it is it worth looking into rather into buying a used tractor and mower than spending \$107,000.00 or so on a new one.

Superintendent Cotton agreed to go and look at the tractor and will report back to the board. This matter was tabled.

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-Discussion was held on purchasing a new plow truck. Councilmen Beadle and Gehring stated that they reviewed the specifications and quotes from Mack-\$109,400, Tracy Western Star-\$102,014, Tracey Freightliner-\$98,222, and Stadium International-\$99,987 and if choosing by price, they would have to recommend the Freightliner being that it is the lowest price. Superintendent Cotton was asked what his thoughts were on this.

Superintendent Cotton stated that if based on price, he would choose the International, stating that they have had good luck with this brand.

Discussion was held on the reliability and specifications of the brands, the service from the vendors, and whether to lease or purchase.

After discussion, based on the above factors, the board, as recommended by Highway Superintendent Cotton, decided that for the minimal price difference between the Freightliner and International, they will purchase the International, and as recommended by Supervisor Marhaver, they will lease rather than purchase the equipment.

RESOLUTION # 38

Approval to Lease-Purchase New 2015 International

On motion of Councilman Gehring, seconded by Councilman Beadle, the following resolution was ADOPTED by roll call vote:

Supervisor Marhaver	Aye
Councilman Beadle	Aye
Councilman Schwasnick	Aye
Councilman Klock	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye

RESOLVED that the Town Board, of the Town of Little Falls hereby approves the purchase of a new 2015 International 7600 SFA 4x2 truck, for \$99,987.00 from Stadium International Trucks, through Onondaga County Contract #7823, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to lease said purchase for a five-year period.

-Town Clerk Report: Nothing at this time.

-Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. to audit the bills.

-Meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION #39

Payment of General Bills

On motion of Councilman Beadle, seconded by Councilman Gehring, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes- Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen, Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock
Noes-0

RESOLVED that the General Bills #52-58 in the amount of \$20,602.40 hereby be paid.

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RESOLUTION #40

Payment of Highway Bills

On motion of Councilman Klock, seconded by Councilman Beadle, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Marhaver; Councilmen Beadle, Schwasnick, Klock

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Highway Bills, #75-89, in the amount of \$3,462.27, hereby be paid.

-The next regular meeting will be held on June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.- Supervisor Marhaver, Councilman Klock

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Regan, Town Clerk