

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Little Falls was held on February 9, 2021 at the town hall commencing at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor Dan Casler
Councilman Mitchell Soules
Councilman Kevin Sullivan
Councilman Eric Gehring

Absent: Councilman Kirk Schwasnick

Others Present: Town Clerk, Sandra Regan; Highway Superintendent, Donald Cotton; Town Attorney, Nick Macri.

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

RESOLUTION #17

Minute Approval

On motion of Councilman Soules, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Soules, Sullivan, 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 Report:

Supervisor Casler reported:

-That he submitted his monthly financial report for review.

-That he received \$332,574.90 for town/county taxes from Tax Collector Sagatis that he will be putting in the general fund.

-That the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Agency will be sending a template for an emergency disaster plan.

-That he received notice from Bridge NY that there are grants available, that he has spoken with Superintendent Cotton on this, and that work is needed on the bridge on Eatonville Road. Superintendent Cotton stated he'd like to see this done if grants are available.

Superintendent Cotton will work on this.

-That a letter was received from NYS Agriculture and Markets informing the town that Nexamp's solar project on State Route 169 has met the state's requirements, that NYSERDA has completed its filing obligations, and that they will proceed to close its file on this matter.

Clerk Regan reported that an email was received from Seaboard Solar that they had received notification from National Grid that due to saturation of the substation, they are not able to achieve interconnection for the proposed solar farm on Mark Wagner's property located on State Rte 170; therefore, they will not be moving forward with this project.

-That he received a Nexamp Pilot payment of \$660.97.

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RESOLUTION #18

Supervisor Monthly Financial Report

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

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Soules, Sullivan, Gehring
Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's Financial Report hereby be approved and placed on file.

-Assessor Report: None

-Codes Enforcer Report: None

-Town Justice Report:

Supervisor Casler reported that he received the January deposit of \$2,763.00.

-Town Attorney Report: Nothing at this time.

-Planning Board Report: Clerk Regan reported that the planning board didn't meet on the 2nd but are planning on holding a meeting on the 16th to discuss and review the town's solar farm law.

-Dog Control Report: None

-Health Officer Report: None

-Highway Superintendent Report: Nothing at this time.

-Supervisor Casler reported that he received money from the state and county for snow re-imburements a week or two after the last board meeting, and because there was a big state retirement bill and payroll due prior to receiving this money he had transferred funds.

Supervisor Casler stated that he received \$51,000 from the county for the January and December snow re-imburement which puts the town in a little better position even without the tax money, that the tax money, which he will get disbursed into the highway fund, will get the town back to where we need to be, in the \$200,000 plus range for paying bills.

-Supervisor Casler reported that the Board of Elections was notified that there would be an open position for the Town Justice and that he's talked with a couple of people who may be interested in running.

Clerk Regan stated that she had spoken with the board of elections regarding the justice position and that she was informed that for any other office, a person would run for the unexpired term, but for the justice office a person runs for a full four year term and that she has notified the Board of Elections of all offices up for election this year.

-Supervisor Casler reminded everyone that if they are in the retirement system they need to keep a record of their activities for three months.

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-Supervisor Casler stated that there doesn't seem to be much interest in extending the terms of town officials; therefore, this matter is dropped.

-Supervisor Casler stated that in regards to his fund transfers, he transferred \$30,000 from the general fund to the highway; \$20,000 and couple of weeks ago and \$10,000 last week.

Supervisor Casler motioned for approval.

RESOLUTION #19

Fund Transfers Approval

On motion of Supervisor Casler, seconded by Councilman Gehring, the following resolution was ADOPTED by majority vote:

Supervisor Casler	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye
Councilman Soules	No
Councilman Sullivan	Aye

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the Town Supervisor's two fund transfers from General Fund Account A909 to Highway Fund D909 in the amounts of \$20,000 and \$10,000 .

-Councilman Soules stated he voted no because he was opposed to how the resolution was handled.

-Meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. to audit the bills.

-Meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

RESOLUTION #20

Payment of General Bills

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

Ayes- Supervisor Casler; Councilmen, Soules, Sullivan, Gehring

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the General Bills #14-19 in the amount of \$2,322.82 hereby be paid.

RESOLUTION #21

Payment of Highway Bills

On motion of Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Soules, the following resolution was ADOPTED-vote:

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Soules, Sullivan, Gehring

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Highway Bills #23-38 in the amount of \$26,875.18 hereby be paid.

-Supervisor Casler reported that the revised AUD for 2020 has been received and that the state had re-classified some of the expense lines.

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RESOLUTION #22

Acceptance of Revised AUD for 2020

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

Supervisor Casler	Aye
Councilman Soules	Aye
Councilman Sullivan	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye

RESOLVED that the revised AUD for 2020, as received from the state, hereby be accepted and approved.

-Clerk Regan reported that Councilmen Gehring and Sullivan had reviewed her records for 2020.

RESOLUTION #23

Approval & Audit of Town Clerk's End of Year Records

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

Supervisor Casler	Aye
Councilman Soules	Aye
Councilman Sullivan	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye

WHEREAS, Councilmen Gehring and Sullivan has examined the Records of the Town Clerk, and has, to the best of their ability found them to be correct,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby accept as correct the reports and records of the Town Clerk for 2020 as presented.

-Clerk Regan reported that she has received notification from the Board of Elections that the first date to have petitions signed is March 2nd and they can be filed March 22nd through March 25th.

-The next regular meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

-Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.-Councilmen Sullivan, Soules

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Regan, Town Clerk