

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS, AUGUST 10, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Little Falls was held on August 10, 2021 at the town hall commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Others Present: Town Clerk, Sandra Regan; Highway Superintendent, Donald Cotton; Town Attorney, Nick Macri; Phil Green, Codes Enforcer; Planning Board Chairwoman, Elaine Cobb; Planning Board Vice Chairman, Ken Schlag; Town residents Luke and Tracy Petkovsek.

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

RESOLUTION #55

Minute Approval

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

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Soules, Schwasnick, 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.

-Codes Enforcer Report:

Codes Enforcer Green reported that not much is going on except for building permits.

Discussion was held having lawns mowed and levying taxes if the bill is not paid by the property owner. Attorney Macri stated that he will draw up a property maintenance law specific to levying tax bills for the board's consideration at next month's meeting.

-Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Casler reported:

-That his financial report for the month has been submitted for review.

-That there will be an informational ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) meeting next Thursday to discuss how the money received from that Plan can be spent.

RESOLUTION #56

Supervisor Financial Report

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

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

Noes-0

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

-Assessor Report: None

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-Town Attorney Report:

Attorney Macri stated that he didn't have anything other than, as requested by Supervisor Casler, he reviewed the letter received from Campanelli & Assc., and it is a letter offering their service to review the town's zoning ordinances. Attorney Macri stated that they are offering what he is does and what the town can already do under the home rule; that they are basically selling a service that you don't need. There was no more discussion on this matter.

Supervisor Casler asked Attorney Macri if he had reviewed Nexamp's decommissioning agreement and if he could legally open up a checking account for the decommissioning funds rather than having them in a CD as it is now.

Attorney Macri stated that he doesn't think they should be put in a checking account but rather kept in secured dedicated fund, that a checking account sort of suggests that you're going to use the money, you have to put it away in escrow. After discussion, it was decided that Supervisor Casler would contact the bank regarding what CDs are available.

-Planning Board Report:

Chairwoman Cobb thanked the board for passing the law on engineering services, stating that this will be of assistance to the planning board. Attorney Macri stated that going forward any projects should be immediately put on notice of the law, that he should write a letter advising them of such. Chairwoman Cobb stated that the Country Club is planning an event center so a letter should be sent to them. Attorney Macri advised Chairwoman Cobb to contact him regarding a letter.

Chairwoman Cobb reported that the planning board has a pending auto repair & sales business project on State Rte 168 that they are working on, that a formal resignation was received from member Scott Todd, and that Luke Petkovsek has accepted the request to become a planning board member.

RESOLUTION #57

Resignation Acceptance-Scott Todd, Planning Board Member

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

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

RESOLVED that the resignation of Scott Todd from the Planning Board hereby be accepted effective immediately.

-Clerk Regan was directed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Todd.

RESOLUTION #58

Appointment-Luke Petkovsek, Planning Board Member

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

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

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(Resolution #58-cont.)

RESOLVED that Luke Petkovsek hereby be appointed to the planning board, to fill the unexpired term of Scott Todd, effective 8/10/2021-6/30/2025.

-Clerk Regan stated Jesse Bucenec needs to be reappointed to the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION #59

Re-Appointment-Jesse Bucenec, Planning Board & Board of Appeals Member

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

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

RESOLVED that Jesse Bucenec hereby be re-appointed to the planning board for a 7-year term, retroactive from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2028, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jesse Bucenec hereby be re-appointed to the Board of Appeals for a 5-year term, retroactive from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2026.

-Health Officer Report: None

-Dog Control Officer Report:

Supervisor Casler reported that the Humane Society passed their state inspection.

-Highway Superintendent Report:

Highway Superintendent Cotton reported that they are working on roads and that they had to make new hitches for the trucks.

-Town Justice Report: None

-Town Clerk Report:

Clerk Regan reported that Local Law #1-2021 has been filed with the state.

-Supervisor Casler stated that Court Clerk, Kathleen Brown will be leaving the position because she is expecting a baby and that Therese Soules has offered to take the position. Supervisor Casler stated that Mrs. Soules has been here a couple of days for training and asked if she should be compensated for her training. There were no comments on this.

Discussion was held on appointing Mrs. Soules as court clerk with the board agreeing to the appointment.

RESOLUTION #60

Appointment-Therese Soules, Court Clerk

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

Supervisor Casler	Aye
Councilman Soules	Abstain
Councilman Schwasnick	Aye
Councilman Sullivan	Aye
Councilman Gehring	Aye

RESOLVED that Therese Soules hereby be appointed as Court Clerk, to replace Court Clerk Kathleen Brown, effective 9/1/2021 through 12/31/2021.

-Councilman Soules stated that he abstained from voting on the appointment due to his relationship to Mrs. Soules.

-Clerk Regan asked if Court Clerk Brown would be submitting a resignation. Attorney Macri recommended that Supervisor Casler ask Mrs. Brown for such with an effective date of September 1, 2021.

-Supervisor Casler reported that due to service issues, he has changed the town's bottled water supplier from Crystal Rock to Hummels.

-Supervisor Casler reported that he met with Comp Alliance and that their price for a 3-year insurance policy is \$18,341.00 per year which doesn't include the NYS assessment which is approximately \$750.00.

After discussion, the board approved of having a 3-year contract.

RESOLUTION #61

Supervisor Authorization to Execute a 3-Year Insurance Contract with Comp Alliance

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

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

RESOLVED that Supervisor Casler hereby be authorized to execute a 3-year insurance policy with Comp Alliance at a rate of \$18,341.00 per year.

-Meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. to audit the bills.

-Meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #62

Payment of General Bills

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

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

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the General Bills #88-100, in the amount of \$1,539.96 hereby be paid.

RESOLUTION #63

Payment of Highway Bills

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

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

Noes-0

RESOLVED that the Highway Bills #128-141, in the amount of \$15,174.70 hereby be paid.

-The next regular meeting will be held on September 14, 2021 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Regan, Town Clerk