

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS, AUGUST 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Little Falls was held on August 8, 2023 at the town hall commencing at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor Dan Casler  
Councilman Anthony Viscomi  
Councilman Kevin Sullivan  
Councilman Mitch Soules

Absent: Councilman Kirk Schwasnick

Others Present: Town Clerk, Sandra Regan; Highway Superintendent, Codes Enforcer, Phil Green.

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

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

RESOLUTION #59

Minute Approval

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

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Viscomi, Sullivan, Soules

Noes-0

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

-Supervisor Monthly Report:

Supervisor Casler reported:

-That the Dog Law and the Herkimer County Humane Society Contract will be tabled until Attorney Macri is present.

-That he is still waiting for Little Falls Solar Decommissioning Agreement.

-That he's submitted this month's Supervisor's monthly financial report for the board's review.

-That \$61,500 of CHIPS money will be coming in September and another \$20,000 in December.

-That the auction bids received were as follows: \$36,100 for the pickup truck, \$4,000 for the plow \$4,000, and \$10,600 for the Mack truck and he recommends accepting the bids.

Discussion was held on this with the board accepting the bids.

-That he hasn't heard anything from the Union on the highway employee's contract; that negotiations are pending. That he did put it out there that due to the increase in insurance costs, the highway employees cost will be increased from 7.5% to 10%.

-That the audit report for 2022 was filed with the state and needs board approval.

Discussion was held on this with the board deciding to table approval until they receive a response from the state. The board was given copies to review.

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RESOLUTION #60

Supervisor Monthly Financial Report Approval

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

Ayes-Supervisor Casler; Councilmen Viscomi, Sullivan

Noes-Councilman Soules

RESOLVED that Supervisor's Monthly Profit and Loss Financial Report, as submitted, hereby be approved and placed on file.

-Councilman Soules stated he voted no on the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report because it's incomplete.

-Assessor Report: None

-Attorney Report: None

-Town Justice Report:

Supervisor Casler reported that the justice deposit for June was received.

-Planning Board Report:

Clerk Regan reported that the Planning Board had met with officials from ARC regarding their plan to construct an event center on the upper end of their golf course on Eatonville Road, that they were supposed to have sent her a narrative as to what they plan on doing; however, she didn't receive anything to present to the board. Clerk Regan stated that due to another donation, they now have the money to proceed and gave a brief explanation of their intentions stating that it's a three-phase plan, the site plan setup, the actual building of the center, and the future possibility of having a hotel or luxury cabins. Clerk Regan stated that the planning board questioned whether or not they would be paying taxes and was told that they hadn't addressed this issue yet and that the planning board had concerns about traffic safety, especially on State Route 5.

Clerk Regan stated that the planning board would like to know if the town board wants them to go through town approved engineers. Discussion was held on this with the town board stating that they would like ARC to attend the next town board meeting to present their intentions. Clerk Regan stated that she would inform Planning Board Member Cobb to ask ARC to attend the next town board meeting. Supervisor Casler stated that he'd like to have an engineer representing the town and Attorney Macri should be involved with this.

Town Clerk Report:

Clerk Regan reported that there's an issue on O'Hara Road regarding loose goats being in the road and going on people's property causing damage and that the neighbors want to know if anything can be done about this. Codes Enforcer Green stated that there's nothing he can do, that the neighbors need to call the State Troopers.

Health Officer Report: None

Dog Control Officer Report: None

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-Highway Superintendent Report: Nothing

-Codes Enforcer Report:

Codes Enforcer Green reported that building permits and CO's are being issued, some inspections are being done, and the Daniel's case is postponed until October.

RESOLUTION #61

Approval to Accept the Bids Received Through Auction International For The Sale of the Town's 2020 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck and Plow and 1978 Mack 4x4 Plow Truck

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

Supervisor Casler	Aye
Councilman Viscomi	Aye
Councilman Sullivan	Aye
Councilman Soules	Aye

RESOLVED that, as recommended by Highway Superintendant Cotton, the town board hereby approves the sale of the Town's 2020 Ford F-250 pickup truck for \$36,100 pickup truck, the plow for \$4,000 and the 1978 Mack 4x4 plow truck for \$10,600 through Auctions International, as bid.

-Discussion was held on purchasing a new plow for the new pickup truck from Charles Stahl Sales and Service per the received written quote for \$7,137.80 and whether or not this needed to be done through bids. After discussion, the board decided to table the purchase and directed Superintendent Cotton to obtain two more written quotes.

-Meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m. to audit the bills.

-Meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION #62

Payment of General Bills

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

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

RESOLVED that the General Bills #91-105 in the amount of \$5,986.92 hereby be paid.

RESOLUTION #63

Payment of Highway Bills

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

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

RESOLVED that the Highway Bills #96-110, in the amount of \$44,519.49 hereby be paid.

-The next regular meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

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-Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.-Councilmen Sullivan, Soules

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Regan, Town Clerk