

Town of Mount Morris
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2021

Present: Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember David DiSalvo, Councilmembers Don Huff, and Nate Guzzardi

Excused: Supervisor Charles DiPasquale, and Councilmember Chelsey Woodworth

Also present: Highway Superintendent Sam Cipriano, Code Officer Shawn Grasby, Attorney Ed Russell, Carl Swanson, and Town Clerk Christie Murphy

At 6:30 p.m. Deputy Supervisor DiSalvo opened the Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance held at 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY.

Councilmember DiSalvo stated that Attorney Russell can only stay for an hour, so if anyone has issues for him, please address them now. The Town Clerk stated that she has been trying to create invoices for EDF Renewables for the attorney and engineering expenses for the Morris Ridge Solar project that are not reimbursable via New York State. Per the documentation provided to her, it's unclear about which expenses will be covered by NYS and which need to be billed to EDFR. She has sent numerous emails to Attorney Coniglio and recently she sent one to Attorney VanNest, but all to no avail. She showed Attorney Russell where the confusion lies and asked him to please get some clarification for her. The Town is in need of the funds that are tied up in these expenses and it falls on her to prepare the invoices, but this is impossible until she has clear information regarding which expenses are the responsibility of EDFR

Councilmember Guzzardi brought up the topic of maintenance at the Transfer Station. He wondered if the Town could repave at the facility using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. He also pointed out that the Board needs to consider purchasing a new dumpster or renting one from Waste Management as one of ours is rotting out.

The Board reviewed minutes of last month's meeting. A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

Councilmember DiSalvo reported that the ambulance service had 120 calls in August. Thirty five were Advanced Life Support, 35 were Basic Life Support, 6 were for the prison. The rigs are running great, but they need new tires. They will get all-season tires from Sedam on the New York State bid. They worked fine in the past with no need to change them for winter. The Fire District finished their budget and remained within the state mandated tax cap. They're looking into grants for new equipment and may need to take out a BAN for a truck. Brian Steen is donating his time to work on the 32 Mill Street structure that the fire department rents from the Village.

Superintendent Cipriano stated that he would like to lower the speed limit on River Road to 45 Miles Per Hour from State Route 408 to St. Helena Road. Attorney Russell will draft such a local law. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to hold a public hearing at the October meeting for proposed Local Law #1 of 2021.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

Councilmember Guzzardi informed the Board that he never heard back from the guy he contacted about tree trimming and removal in the cemetery.

Councilmember Huff thanked Superintendent Cipriano for the repairs performed at Tuscarora Park. He also reported that Code Officer Grasby was currently out-of-town for training. The inspector from our insurance company visited the park and had no complaints about the equipment. The only improvement needed is new mulch. Bill Strickland provided a quote for \$5500 which includes \$500 for labor that he will donate back to the Town's park fund. Councilmember Woodworth had suggested to him that we wait until Spring since the current season is drawing to a close, but he wants to proceed now since this is Mr. Strickland's slow season and he'll be busy in the Spring.

Superintendent Cipriano reported that we have a new cemetery crew, Kelvin Nunez and his son, who are doing a great job. These two are doing a better job than our crews of three in the past. They seem interested in returning in the Spring. The Clerk interjected that Terry Soto and his brother stopped by her office and commented that the section of the cemetery where their parents are buried looks better than it ever has.

Councilmember Huff stated that a bench from the park had rotted boards, and the cemetery crew refurbished it on a rainy day, and it looks like new. He showed before and after photos to the Board. Superintendent Cipriano reported that the dump cart in the cemetery shed was overflowing with trash and they cleaned it up and repaired the cart. He would like to give Mr. Nunez a pay increase to \$14.50/hour.

A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to increase the pay rate for Kelvin Nunez to \$14.50/hour effective with the current pay period.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

Councilmember Huff reminded the Board that they need to budget for a new cold storage building since we can no longer store equipment at 32 Mill Street. It will cost approximately \$80,000. Also, the union contract provides employees with a 4.5% wage increase for next year.

Superintendent Cipriano stated that we need to replace the computer for the fuel depot. The Clerk replied that she purchased a computer for the fuel depot last December. Someone should ask the vendor for the fuel depot if the PC that was purchased is adequate for this system.

Councilmember DiSalvo informed the Board that a meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday September 30th with EDF Renewables and the construction company that has been hired to build the Morris Ridge Solar Farm. They have requested that Superintendent Cipriano attend the meeting.

Carl Swanson approached the Board and requested that they set aside \$500/year to replace a dumpster at the Transfer Station in the future. They cost around \$10,000. Also the pavement is breaking up on the east side and in the parking area of the Transfer Station. Councilmember DiSalvo asked Superintendent Cipriano if the highway department could pave the Transfer Station. Mr. Swanson stated that the last time any work was done there, former Superintendent Troglauer just did it with slurry. Superintendent Cipriano will look at it and assess the situation.

The Board reviewed the Clerk’s monthly report. A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to approve the Clerk’s August report as presented.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the Supervisor’s Report for August 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed

Abstract 9 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Huff, to approve Vouchers 0215 – 0240 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$62,833.96; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 0051 - 0056 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$60.84; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff to approve Vouchers 0080 – 0090 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$8,446.99; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 0018 – 0019 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$4,125.71; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff to approve Voucher 0027 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of 1,322.12; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve Voucher 0015 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$28.77; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff, to approve Vouchers 0022 – 0023 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$400.00; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

Total Abstract 9 \$78,018.39

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to adjourn this meeting.

Vote Aye 3 No 0 Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine T. Murphy,
Town Clerk/Collector