

Town of Mount Morris  
Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2021

Present: Supervisor Charles DiPasquale, Deputy Supervisor/Councilmember David DiSalvo,  
Councilmembers Don Huff, Nate Guzzardi, and Chelsey Woodworth

Also present: Code Officer Shawn Grasby, Accountant Terri McKerrow, resident Bill Benson, and  
Town Clerk Christie Murphy with Attorney Serena Compitello attending via Zoom.

At 6:30 p.m. Supervisor DiPasquale opened the Town Board meeting at 103 Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY.  
Councilmember David DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed minutes of three meetings. A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on December 30, 2020 as presented.

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting on January 5, 2021 as presented.

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 21, 2021 as presented.

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

Accountant Terri McKerrow provided the Board with two Supervisor's Report, a final December report and a January report. A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve the Supervisor's Final Report for December 2020. January 2021 as presented.

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

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

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

The Board had no questions for accountant McKerrow, and they thanked her for all of her hard work this past year.

Councilmember DiSalvo reported that the ambulance service had 104 calls in January; the volume of calls is returning to normal. The Town needs to have a contract with the Fire District regarding the hydrants. The contract will cover who will take responsibility for maintenance and replacement of hydrants. The Fire District will pay the Town a set rate per hydrant; \$25 was suggested. Attorney Compitello will research this matter and prepare a draft contract.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee held their public hearing on the newly proposed Plan. The next step is to have County Planning review the proposed plan. A motion by Supervisor DiPasquale, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to ADOPT the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris is proposing the approval and adoption of a Comprehensive Plan document that will guide future decision-making in the Town, while encouraging sustainable development and an awareness of valuable environmental assets.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris shall be designated lead agency unless an involved agency objects within 30 days of the transmission of the Full Environmental Assessment Form part 1 (FEAF);

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris has made a preliminary determination that the above action is a Type I Action under the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation derived pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris has completed Part 1 of the FEAF, including a list of all involved agencies that the Town could identify;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris or its agent will transmit the FEAF part 1 to all involved agencies and notify each that a lead agency must be agreed upon within 30 days of the date the FEAF and notice was transmitted;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris must distribute the FEAF part 1 and a copy of the proposed Plan to Livingston County Planning for General Municipal Law review;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris, as lead agency, must determine the significance of the action within 20 days of its establishment as lead agency, or within 20 days of its receipt of all information it may reasonably need to make the determination of significance;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris has determined that scoping is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Morris will prepare, file, and publish its determination of significance as may be required pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation derived pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Mount Morris shall be lead agency for the Comprehensive Plan SEQR Review unless objection is received;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board Authorizes the Supervisor to sign the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Environmental Assessment Form and a copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan shall be distributed to all involved agencies for coordinated review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby refers the proposed Comprehensive Plan to Livingston County Planning for General Municipal Law review.

Vote:	DiPasquale	Aye
	DiSalvo	Aye
	Huff	Aye
	Guzzardi	Aye
	Woodworth	Aye

Councilmember DiSalvo reported that the Planning Board met on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Jim Patrick was re-elected as Chairman. They decided to meet only when there are applications on the agenda due to the COVID pandemic. Until the Comprehensive Plan is complete, there won't be any discussions regarding "planning" for the future of the community. The Town Board discussed the fact that the Planning Board is still lacking an alternate member. They'd like to appoint Irene Bodnaruk, but Clerk Murphy reminded them that it's the Village's turn to appoint a member, since the Town appointed Nicole Davis. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Village suggesting the appointment of Irene.

Supervisor DiPasquale asked resident Bill Benson if he wanted to address the Board. He asked how the zoning updates are coming along. He was told that the County Planning Board will be reviewing the proposed Comprehensive Plan at their March meeting. The Board will review their comments and perhaps make adjustments based on their input. When completed, the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the Comp Plan. Once that is adopted, then the Board can start making any appropriate zoning or land use changes with local laws which will also require public hearings.

Mr. Benson asked about the status of the greenhouse project that was proposed for across the road from him. He was informed that the project has been cancelled. The landowner and the developer could not agree on a price for the land. Then the project was going to be relocated to Erie Street, but the neighborhood did not support the proposal, so it's no longer happening.

Councilmember Guzzardi had nothing to report.

Councilmember Woodworth asked Attorney Compitello if they had any information yet on the status of the cemetery's perpetual fund. The attorneys will need a letter of authorization to access the information on the fund, then they can research the history of the fund.

Councilmember DiSalvo is working on updates to the Town's fee schedule. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Morris Ridge will begin construction in the Autumn of 2021. Their second large solar project, Morris Sole, is under some new mandates by New York State. They will be required to provide \$500 per MegaWatt to utility customers in the municipality in which the structure is built, which means \$50,000 to rate payers in Mount Morris.

Councilmember Huff asked about publishing the photo of the transformer that's been installed. Code Officer Grasby replied that Kevin Campbell isn't interested in having that published; some may take a negative view of this equipment.

Councilmember Woodworth suggested that we give EDF Renewables some positive publicity by letting the community know all the contributions they have made such as helping with the remodeling of the VFW. They also helped to fund Christmas in Mount Morris. They paid for all the trees in the memorial Christmas tree display. They were also instrumental in getting our charging stations installed. Councilmember DiSalvo mentioned the possibility of having solar lit crosswalks. It was suggested that we ask Jerry Rolison to do a Positively Mount Morris page about all of this in the Mount Morris Shopper.

Code Officer Grasby informed the Board that a woman from Buffalo wrote a letter praising Mount Morris and our ecofriendly efforts. She sent it to the Association of Towns who will be publishing it in their magazine Towns & Topics.

Councilmember Woodworth stated that Geneseo had two busloads of people come in and do repairs in their cemetery. She suggested that we look into the possibility of having this type of help with our cemetery.

Supervisor DiPasquale asked about the status of signage for Tuscarora Park. Councilmembers Guzzardi, DiSalvo, and Woodworth will work on this. There was some discussion regarding the Information Pavilion being built by the county at Al Lorenz Park in Mt. Morris.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's monthly report. A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the Clerk's January report as presented.

Vote:	Aye	5	No	0	Motion passed
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Abstract 2 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve Vouchers 0025- 0050 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$253,588.25; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote	Aye	5	No	0	Motion passed.
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A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 0004- 0005 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$62.38; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth to approve Vouchers 0015– 0027 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$45,876.04; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff to approve Voucher 0002 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$2,893.72; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 0004- 006 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$1,582.49; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve Vouchers 0004 – 0006 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$2,995.43; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve Vouchers 0003 – 0004 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$6,483.00; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

Total Abstract 2    \$313,481.31

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

Vote            Aye    5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine T. Murphy,  
Town Clerk/Collector