

Town of Mount Morris
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2021

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Sam Cipriano, Carl Swanson, Village Trustee Jeff Coniglio, Bill Benson,
Irene Bodnaruk, Code Officer Shawn Grasby, Attorney Ed Russell, and Town Clerk Christie
Murphy

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

Carl Swanson addressed the Board regarding paper recycling. The farmer will no longer be taking the paper to shred for bedding. He researched a few options and the best seemed to be to add them to the comingled recycling dumpster which may require more frequent hauling adding to expenses. The only other vendor that replied to his query was J.C. Fibers that would provide a 40-yard dumpster and charge \$500 each time it's emptied.

Mr. Swanson also informed the Board that they currently have 250-300 tires to get rid of. He provided tire disposal quotes from Git-R-Done and WNY Tire. A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the rental of a 30-yard dumpster from Git-R-Done for the collection of tires.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

Colleen Nelson of Thoma Development led the Town Board through the long form SEQR sections 2 & 3 for the new Comprehensive Plan. She stated that since this is a document, all the answers will be "no". A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Supervisor DiPasquale, to make a negative declaration on the environmental impact.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

The County Planning department reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and made one suggested modification which was to not allow any industrial development along Route 408 East. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Supervisor DiPasquale, to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Abstain 1 (Guzzardi) Motion passed

Resident Bill Benson asked if the new Comprehensive Plan will allow for mixed use on Route 408 East. Colleen Nelson replied that the zoning will determine this, and that discussion will start now that the Plan is completed. The first draft will most likely not be ready until July. Public workshops will be held prior to any zoning changes being made.

Code Officer Grasby stated that part 3 of the SEQR needs to be filed with the Department of Environmental Conservation in order to make the revised Comprehensive Plan a legal document.

Colleen reminded everyone in attendance, that suggestions in the Comprehensive Plan do NOT have to be acted upon. It's a "living document" and the Town Board can add things to it at any time. The Board thanked Colleen for all of her help with this process and for her assistance tonight.

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

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

The Board reviewed minutes of last month's meeting. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

Councilmember DiSalvo reported that the ambulance service had 85 calls in March; 33 were Advanced Life Support, and 15 were Basic Life Support. The ambulance service hired more medics. They've also added a storage area to their building. Representatives from EDFR met with the fire and ambulance crews to establish access roads and an agreed upon emergency plan for their facility. Councilmember DiSalvo also informed the Board that at last night's Planning Board meeting a subdivision for 15 East State Street was approved. This address is the former Save-A-Lot plaza and the parcel being subdivided is .6 acres right next to McDonalds along Route 408.

The Environmental Protection Agency wrote up the Town for unacceptable water quality. Highway Superintendent Cipriano stated that this is due to by-products from treatment of the water to make it potable. The appropriate steps were taken to rectify the situation. John Paul Schepp of MRB is taking care of the required paperwork in response to this notification. Today's tests of the Town's water supply were acceptable.

Highway Superintendent Cipriano reported that the highway department has been busy helping the Town of Leicester with county road work. They've also been busy putting in crossover pipes. They will be paving Swanson Road in July.

Superintendent Cipriano also informed the Board that two guys from the seasonal crew have been quarantined due to COVID. The Kubota is down due to emissions problem; it's being repaired under warranty. The International is also experiencing emissions problems. New York State has increased our CHIPS funding by 20%. A crossover pipe needs to be replaced on Ridge and Dutch Street Roads. He also reported that Greg O'Connell's backhoe caught on fire and damaged Scipio Road. Also, a Town Highway employee was the victim of identity theft when someone used his name and social security to apply for unemployment with an address in Brooklyn.

Councilmember Woodworth stated that she obtained quotes for shredded rubber for underneath playground equipment at Tusky Park. She still needs to obtain a quote for the edging to contain the material and keep it out of the grass. She reminded the Board that the Memorial Day parade is Monday May 31 at 10:30. Participants should meet at Trumbull Street to lineup at 10:00. The Good Ole Boys car club will provide rides to anyone unable to walk the route.

Chuck DiPasquale read a letter from Jack Mongillo declaring his resignation from the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Joint Fire District. Clerk Murphy was instructed to send Mr. Mongillo a letter thanking him for his service.

Councilmember Guzzardi asked Code Officer Grasby to update the Board on activity. Code Officer Grasby informed the Board that EDF Renewables has agreed to buy the Mount Morris Ambulance Service a First Responder All Terrain Vehicle for accessing off-road incidents. They will also provide the trailer and a Tahoe vehicle to haul the ATV. These vehicles will be titled to the Town and stored in the garage on Mill Street. He also reported that New York State held their Public Hearing on the Morris Ridge project on Tuesday; it resulted in 100 comments. The state permit should be issued by August. Due to viewshed concerns, EDF Renewables is setting up a fund for historical improvements within the Town. The Town has applied for improvements in the cemetery. Councilmember Guzzardi stated that there are 172 stones that have been identified for repair. The current application is for the repair of 20 stones and the removal or trimming of 9 trees. There will be annual funds available for historical improvements, and a committee will be formed to make decisions on applications for these funds.

Councilmember Huff had nothing to report.

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

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

The Clerk informed the Board that New York State has provided her with a new records Retention & Disposition Schedule for records management. Until now she was using a municipal schedule MU-1. The state has now combined the municipal and school records management schedules and issued a new one entitled LGS-1. The Town Board needs to adopt the new schedule in order for the Clerk to implement it. A motion by Supervisor DiPasquale, seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo, to adopt the LGS-1 as the Town's Retention & Disposition Schedule.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

The Clerk also stated that June Webster of the county health department called today and asked if the Town is willing to host a COVID vaccination clinic in the Town Hall. They believe that it's difficult for some residents to get to the clinics on Murray Hill. The Board is supportive of hosting a clinic. The Clerk will contact the health department to arrange it.

Abstract 5 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Huff, to approve Vouchers 0104 – 0131 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$73,179.61; seconded by Councilmember Woodworth .

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo to approve Vouchers 0017 - 0024 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$9,659.50; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth to approve Vouchers 0050 – 0062 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$14,453.72; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff to approve Vouchers 0006 – 0007 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$15,782.67; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth to approve Vouchers 0011 - 0014 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$721.25; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, to approve Vouchers 0009 - 0010 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$1,967.28; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff, to approve Vouchers 0011 – 0014 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$6,215.22; seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

Total Abstract 5 \$150,545.41

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

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine T. Murphy,
Town Clerk/Collector