

Regular Town Board Meeting
November 16, 2023

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Deputy Supervisor, Don Huff Councilmember; Councilmember, Nate Guzzardi; Councilmember, Jeff Coniglio

Also Present: Veronica Devries, Attorney; Kitt Cerone, Transfer Station Manager and Chelsey Woodworth, Town Clerk

Others Present: Community Members – Irene Bodnaruk, Johnna and Kirk Schrier, Chris Christophel, Steven Zoller, Pete DiSalvo, Chad Woodworth

At 6:30pm Supervisor DiSalvo opened the Town Board meeting at the Mount Morris Town Hall, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY. Supervisor DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Chris Christophel asked about the progress with the zoning update. Supervisor DiSalvo said that they are investigating it. Ms. Christophel voiced her concern with how the process moved forward with the committee being shut out of the process. She said she feels that it needs to be done again and done right.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the attorneys are looking into the matter and the town should know more about it when the investigation is done.

Councilmember Coniglio said that they voted to not move forward so he didn't think any changes needed to be made at all.

Councilmember Guzzardi said they decided at the last meeting that all that it is voided. They aren't moving forward with the proposed changes from Thoma.

Irene Bodnaruk, a past member of the comprehensive committee said that the comprehensive plan wasn't approved by the committee, and they made changes that no one agreed to. She wants to know if its legal. She feels that there are many things that were discussed that weren't added to it and changes added that the committee was against or never discussed.

Attorney Devries said that they are starting to investigate the process and speak to Thoma. As of right now she doesn't have any answers but can assure them it's being investigated.

Karl Schrier said that he has an arrangement with the solar company. They are bringing rocks to his property. He asked if he could donate the rocks to the town and work with Superintendent Cipriano to keep the ravines from washing out the roads.

Attorney Devries doesn't think the donation would be an issue and said she would check into it.

Travis Fitzsimmons asked if the town had established a law for growing cannabis. He said he spoke to Code Enforcement Officer Grasby and he recommended that he come to a board meeting to speak to the board in regards to what he would like to do.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that Mount Morris didn't move forward with any laws regulating it, but they didn't deny allowing it either.

Mr. Fitzsimmons said he is looking into starting a micro-business which gives the owner the ability to grow it, process it, and distribute it. The idea is to grow it and eventually evolve the business into also having a retail shop. This would be a high class business and it would be no different than a microbrewery but for marijuana not beer.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the town doesn't have a law in place regulating this.

Councilmember Coniglio said that he thinks there is a no-fault position. The Town can take that and would not have to do anything.

Supervisor DiSalvo said they will look into the code.

Mr. Fitzsimmons said that the window is very small, and he we need to move forward quickly with getting the permits.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month’s meeting on October 19, 2023. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 19, 2023.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 14, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 14, 2023.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor DiSalvo brought an updated price sheet for the Transfer Station to the board. He advised that he and Transfer Station Manager Kitt Ceronie had a meeting to discuss the changes and they agreed that changing the price per ticket for bulk items would be most beneficial. He asked the board if they had any suggestions.

Deputy Supervisor Huff said that he thought the area where it mentioned a discounted rate without freon should be removed.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to accept the new pricing sheet with the removal of the freon discount.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Steven Zoller asked if the Transfer Station is losing money or breaking even. Supervisor DiSalvo said it breaks even. Its not meant to make money but more to provide a service to the taxpayers as well as help keep garbage from being dumped in the town.

ZBA LETTER OF INTEREST

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the board received a letter of interest from Amy Ceronie for the open board position for the Joint Town and Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff, to appoint Amy Ceronie to the Joint Town and Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff , seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the Supervisors Report for the month of October.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

AMBULANCE REPORT

Supervisor DiSalvo said that the Ambulance received a total of 114 calls in October. 104 were statused and 10 were un-statused. 36 of the 114 were BLS.

Deputy Supervisor Huff said that he wanted to let the people know that the fly car, trailer and ATV was purchased by the solar company so that the ambulance could have the proper equipment if they needed to respond to an emergency on the solar farms.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Huff said that the Highway Crew recently paved the upper part of Hoagland Rd.

Councilmember Coniglio asked if they had any updates on the truck the town is purchasing. Deputy Supervisor Huff said no they hadn't heard anything.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the Clerks Report for the month of October.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

VOUCHERS/ AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Abstract 11, Year 2023 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Vouchers 303-324 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$48,283.28.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 50-51 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$144.82.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve Vouchers 117-125 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$16,862.94.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve Voucher 27 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$2,435.63.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Voucher 32 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$44.99

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)

No 0
Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Voucher 17 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$2058.00.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
No 0
Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 25-26 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$5,006.13.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
No 0
Motion Carried

Total Abstract 11 \$74,835.79

A motion was made by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
No 0
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk/Tax Collector