

Town of Mount Morris  
Regular Meeting  
June 16, 2022

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Council Member, Nate Guzzardi; Council Member, Jeff Coniglio; Council Member, Don Huff

Excused: Chelsey Woodworth

Also present: Sam Cipriano, Highway Superintendent; Shawn Grasby, Code Enforcement Officer; Trevor Martin, Mount Morris Ambulance; Ericka Elliott, Attorney; Nicole Davis, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kim Ruliffson, Livingston County Department of Health (Be Well); some Town Residents

At 5:00pm 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.

**Be Well Presentation**

Kim Ruliffson from the Livingston County Health Department conducted a presentation on the Be Well in Livingston County initiative. She allowed for questions and comments from all parties. Ms. Ruliffson did indicate that the committee is looking for volunteers to help focus the Be Well initiative in Mount Morris. The Clerk will advertise for this need in the Town's Column in the Mount Morris Shopper for one month. Ms. Ruliffson will forward text to be printed.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's regular meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve a correction pointed out by Council Member Huff from the May 17, 2022 meeting minutes draft concerning a report of an increase in Livingston County property taxes, not Mount Morris property taxes as well as a correction on Voucher # 154 of Abstract 5.

Appropriation Accounts were corrected as such

\$420.00 charged to A1440.45 in place of A1420.45

\$360.00 charged to A1440.46 in place of A1420.46

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

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio, to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Coniglio, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 Special Meeting.

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

**BJ's Wholesale Club Membership**

The Board determined not to renew the BJ's Wholesale Club membership that expired as of May 31, 2022.

**Postage Meter**

Clerk Davis presented information and pricing for a Postage Meter, as requested by Supervisor DiSalvo. A motion was made by Council Member Huff and seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve the purchase and contract for a postage meter through Pitney Bowes.

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

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor DiSalvo reported that the budget is looking good at this time. The accountant is asking the Board to eliminate the Refuse Fund which holds a balance of \$3000 and transfer the total into General Fund A. A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Huff to eliminate the Refuse Fund and transfer the \$3000 balance into General Fund A

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

Supervisor DiSalvo presented Supervisor's report on the Town's finances for the month of May. A motion was made by Council Member Huff and seconded by Council Member Coniglio to accept the report.

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

**Website**

Supervisor DiSalvo informed Board members that Clerk Davis and Deputy Clerk Hill are working on gathering information to update our website and will keep the Board apprised of progress.

**Ambulance Report**

Supervisor DiSalvo reports that the Ambulance took 120 calls this month and serviced 111 of them; 36 were Advanced Life Support, 43 were Basic Life Support, and 4 were for the prison

Supervisor DiSalvo reported that the "Many on the Genny" will take place this weekend and the Ambulance Crew will be at the event.

Supervisor DiSalvo informed the Board that the Ambulance did procure the "side by side" and "trailer" previously approved. An order has been submitted for the SKID unit.

Supervisor DiSalvo reported that Ambulance Captain Trevor Martin as well as Amanda Martin set up a CPR Training site and are now able to train and issue CPR Certifications.

**Tuscarora Park Summer Event**

Council Member Huff suggested that the Town sponsor a concert event this summer to highlight Tuscarora Park and to entertain community members. He was able to get a proposal from musical performers Jim Ronan and Dana Jared (guitar, piano, vocals). The performers quoted \$400 for a three hour performance. There is money in the budget at this time for entertainment initially set aside for the Italian Festival which has been cancelled. It was noted that the Italian Festival will not be held this year as the Rotary Committee stated that there aren't enough people interested or available to help with the event and sponsorships were few.

A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi for the Town to host and fund a “Music in The Park” event in August 2022.

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

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Highway Superintendent Cipriano reported that the highway crew have been working on prepping for next week. There have been issues impacting budget including some equipment failures this past month, along with the rising price of gasoline. Highway Superintendent Cipriano stated that he is looking into “Internal Trucks” which is a program where municipalities can get unlimited mileage warranties (including labor and parts) on equipment. He states that the cost is likely too expensive, but he will report back to the Board with his findings.

Highway Superintendent Cipriano stated that the new “water bill machine” has been ordered and anticipates it being about a month or so until it arrives.

Highway Superintendent Cipriano reported that the new door was placed on the front of the highway garage and has been working well. He stated that three of the four lights on the outside of the building are not working. He will be looking into quotes to get them replaced.

**Transfer Station**

Council Member Guzzardi reported that he has not yet heard back from the company in Batavia regarding collection of cardboard.

Attorney Elliott will be following up on a cancellation letter for Waste Management Services in order for the Town to place a contract out for bid. Waste Management requests a cancellation letter six months in advance of breaking a contract.

**Solar**

CEO Grasby reports that companies are looking to set up new solar farms in the community. He reports that he is looking to submit an application next week. He again suggested that the Board look at the Town Law to tighten restrictions due to the possibility of oversaturation. Supervisor DiSalvo stated that he spoke with Attorney Ed Russell and it was decided that a moratorium be placed on new solar projects for six months while the Town develops new protocols. Attorney Elliott spoke to the Board about “vested rights” in that if a company already came in front of the board and made substantial item contributions that the Town would have to honor the associated project. It was discussed that any project in the queue would be allowed under old law. The Board will conduct a review and discuss an effective date for a moratorium.

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Huff to hold a public hearing on July 21, 2022 concerning a moratorium on solar projects in the Town of Mount Morris. The attorney will get information to Supervisor DiSalvo by July 7, 2022.

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

CEO Grasby reported that the Morris Ridge Project is moving forward with civil work anticipated to start in the fall. He reported that the additional projects are working on their punch list and closing out.

**Town Clerk’s Report**

The Board reviewed the Clerk’s report for the Month of May. A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to accept the report as presented.

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



Town resident Irene Bodnurak asked about progress with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor DiSalvo remarked that it is being worked on at this time. She expressed concern over the Town lacking a Town Ordinance related to noise. She has been having some issues with her neighbors mowing in the early hours of the morning. The attorney was asked about this. Attorney Elliott states that a local law will be drafted and will be brought in front of the board for review and approval. Attorney Elliott did suggest that the Board consider a fine schedule.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to enter into Executive Session at 7:28pm

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

**Return to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Council Member Huff , seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to exit the Executive Session at 7:55pm

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

**RPTL 420B Issue**

A motion was made by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Council Member Huff that the Town investigate passing a local law under RPTL 420B to eliminate permissive exemption of the real property tax law. The attorney will assist.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio, to adjourn this meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Nicole M. Davis  
Town Clerk/Collector