

Town of Mount Morris  
Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2021

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

Also present: Accountant Terri McKerrow, Carl Swanson, Attorney Ed Russell, and Town Clerk Christie Murphy

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.

A motion by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve the Supervisor’s Report for February 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

The Board had no questions for accountant McKerrow.

The Clerk received an email from Matthew Halladay of the Genesee Valley Conservancy regarding a farmland protection project application that they are working on with a landowner in Mount Morris ( Bob Wilcox) for a grant opportunity through New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, whereby the Genesee Valley Conservancy works with landowners who want to protect their soil resources through a conservation easement. As part of the grant, they require a support letter from the town (the town board and planning board) for this particular grant. They are trying to get the grant submitted by April 1st because they are competing with a farm downstate. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to send a letter of support for HillCrest Farm’s application to New York State Dept. of Ag & Markets (NYSDAM) for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG).

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the signing of a letter of support by Supervisor DiPasquale.

Vote Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed.

The Board reviewed minutes of two meetings. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 9, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 18, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Motion passed

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to ADOPT the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is currently in existence a Fire Protection District (the “Fire Protection District”) to serve the Town of Mt. Morris (the “Town”) and the Village of Mt. Morris (the “Village”); and

**WHEREAS**, a Joint Resolution to Form Joint Fire District Called Mount Morris Fire District (the “Joint Resolution”) has been adopted by the Town and the Village to include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village and all parcels of land within the Town currently within the Town’s Fire Protection District (the “Joint Fire District”); and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the creation of the Joint Fire District, the Town’s existing Fire Protection District is no longer needed or necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Joint Fire District required the dissolution of the Town’s Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined by the Town Board to be in the public interest to endorse a proposed dissolution plan for the purpose of commencing dissolution proceedings of the Fire Protection District under Title 3 of Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby determined as follows:

1. The boundaries of the Joint Fire District shall encompass all properties located within the territorial boundaries of the Village and Town, inclusive of those currently served by the existing Fire Protection District.
2. All properties situated within the boundaries of the Joint Fire District will be served and benefitted by the Joint Fire District.
3. It is in the public interest to dissolve the existing Fire Protection District as provided for in the attached proposed plan of dissolution of the Fire Protection District (the “Plan of Dissolution”) as the Town will be served and benefitted by the Joint Fire District.

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 773(2), the Town Board hereby endorses the attached proposed Plan of Dissolution and in doing so, to commence dissolution proceedings for the existing Fire Protection District.
2. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 775(1), within in five (5) days of the adoption of this Resolution, the following shall be done: (a) a copy of the proposed Plan of Dissolution, along with a descriptive summary thereof, shall be displayed and readily accessible to the public for inspection at the Town Hall, the Village Hall and three other public conspicuous places in the Town; (b) the proposed Plan of Dissolution, along with a descriptive summary thereof and a reference to the public places where a copy of the same may be examined, shall be displayed on the following website *townofmtmorris.com*; (c) a descriptive summary of the proposed Plan of Dissolution and a

reference to the public places where a copy of the same may be examined, shall be published at least once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

- 3. A public hearing on the Dissolution of the Fire Protection District and the proposed Plan of Dissolution shall be held on April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed in the office of the Livingston County Clerk as well as the New York State Department of Audit and Control within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.

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

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to schedule a Public Hearing at 6:30p.m on April 15th, 2021. at the Town Office, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, to accept comments on the Town of Mount Morris draft Comprehensive Plan.

Vote:            Aye    5                            No    0                            Motion passed

Councilmember DiSalvo reported that the ambulance service had 74 calls in February; this is usually a slower month. He also reported that the Joint Fire District has signed a lease with the Village for the properties they rent from them..

He distributed copies of the updated fee schedule to the Board members. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Woodworth, to adopt the fee schedule as presented.

Vote:            Aye    5                            No    0                            Motion passed

Councilmember Woodworth asked Attorney Russell about the status of a contract between the Town and the Joint Fire District in regards to the fire hydrants. Attorney Russell replied that Attorney Compitello is working on that matter. Councilmember Woodworth also asked if our counsel had any answer for us yet on the possible use of the cemetery’s perpetual fund. They are awaiting information from Morgan Stanley regarding the establishment of this account in the past.

Councilmember DiSalvo informed the Board that the Federal stimulus plan has earmarked \$460,000 for the Town of Mount Morris to be used on infrastructure; he believes this will be delivered via Livingston County.

The flag needs replacing at Alvord Road cemetery. Councilmember Woodworth asked if we want to keep a flag flying at all of the town’s cemeteries. The Board answered with a resounding “YES”. Some of them catch a lot of wind and may need replacing more than once a year. There was a discussion about installing a gate across the driveway at the Sand Hill Road cemetery to be opened at dawn and closed at sunset. Highway Superintendent Cipriano will look into the cost.

There was a discussion regarding the broken front door on Tuesday night, which happened to be the night of the Village election. A piece of concrete went through the double-paned front door and traveled all the way down the hall to the back of the Board room. The door was measured for replacement glass the next day and installed today. It still needs to have the lettering added.

Carl Swanson asked about the possibility of using some of the stimulus money to replace the compactor and repair some of the pavement at the Transfer Station. In some spots it’s only gravel now. The Board will take this into consideration.

Councilmember Guzzardi asked if the Board wants flowers planted at Tuscarora Park again this year. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Huff, to hire the Pleasantview Greenhouse to replant the flowerbed at Tuscarora Park.

Vote:            Aye    5                            No    0                            Motion passed

Councilmember Huff had nothing to report.

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

Vote:            Aye    5                            No    0                            Motion passed

The Clerk reported to the Board that she has collected \$2,177,820.84 in Town & County taxes so far this year. She has had one taxpayer pay by phone using a credit card. This was the first time the credit card machine has been used, and the Clerk discovered that the funds went to a different town in error. She contacted her vendor, Forte, and they are waiting for confirmation from the other Town that these funds were received, then they will process a reversal. The Clerk has called the taxpayer, and she will go through the payment process again once her account has been credited for the original payment.

Councilmember DiSalvo informed the Board that he ordered a new phone system from Empire and it should be installed soon. It will give callers a menu to contact the correct office. This should reduce the number of phone calls the Clerk handles on a daily basis.

The Board reviewed the press release given by Mayor Provo to Supervisor DiPasquale to review and authorize for publication. It gives the Village credit for improvements that were actually brought about by the Town. The Board made some revisions to this. A motion by Supervisor DiPasquale, seconded by Councilmember DiSalvo, to amend this press release and submit it to the Livingston County News for publication.

Vote:           Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed

Code Officer Grasby reported that EDF Renewables has been given pre-approval for their solar projects. Distributed Sun will start construction on their projects July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Clerk and Councilmember Huff will work on having the lettering done on the new front door glass.

Councilmember DiSalvo stated that there was some mistakes in the information regarding fire hydrants in town, so this is being recalculated.

Abstract 3 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Huff, to approve Vouchers 0050– 0074 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$65,123.19; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo to approve Vouchers 0006 - 0010 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$6,594.43; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Huff to approve Vouchers 0028 – 0040 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$169,188.51; seconded by Councilmember Woodworth.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 0007 - 009 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$147.50; seconded by Councilmember Woodworth.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, to approve Voucher 0007 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$55.60; seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

A motion by Councilmember Woodworth, to approve Vouchers 0005 – 0007 on the Sewer SW Abstract in the amount of \$426.24; seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

Total Abstract 3   \$241,535.47

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

Vote            Aye   5                    No    0                    Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine T. Murphy,  
Town Clerk/Collector