

Regular Town Board Meeting
March 21, 2024

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

Excused: Accountant, Terri McKerrow

Also present: Highway Superintendent, Samuel Cipriano; Attorney, Veronica Devries; Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn Grasby; Town Clerk, Chelsey Woodworth; Deputy Town Clerk, Kaylee Leone

Others Present: Community Members, Karl and Johnna Schrier; Gretchen Saunders; Pete DiSalvo; Kevin Fahey; Cathie Gehrig; Crik Christophel; Steven Zoller; Chad Woodworth; Ray Clark; David DiPasquale; Amanda Coniglio

At 6:00pm 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.

Supervisor DiSalvo asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence for Town Historian Nicholas Loverde who had recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting on February 15, 2024. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 15, 2024.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor DiSalvo advised that the board needed to schedule a public hearing for - Local Law No.1-2024 A Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the creation of New Solar Farms and New Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Mount Morris.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to schedule the public hearing for April 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM and to set the Moratorium expiration for July 18, 2024.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to accept the Supervisor's Report for February as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo also brought up the Solar Eclipse and said that LIVCO Tourism is projecting that approximately 300,000 to 500,000 people will visit the county for the Solar Eclipse.

He asked Councilmember Coniglio about the Music in the Park event that the Town was hosting the weekend of the Eclipse. Councilmember Coniglio advised that everything was all set they just needed to advertise.

Clerk Woodworth asked what they would like in the advertisement. They agreed to a ½ page full color ad to be placed in the Mount Morris Shopper.

AMBULANCE

Supervisor DiSalvo gave the monthly ambulance report and reported that there were 107 calls total. 95 of those calls were statused and 12 were unstatused.

He also mentioned that they were in the process of looking for a new ambulance to replace the current one they have in service.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Cipriano said that they have been busy putting in crossover pipes. He also mentioned that truck #2 was down due to it needing new brakes. The new brakes will be about \$1300.

Superintendent Cipriano said that they hired a new employee for the cemeteries, and he feels he will be a good fit. He also mentioned that they have had a few Motor Equipment Operator applicants, but they are either not the right fit or live too far away.

Superintendent Cipriano said that he purchased about \$25,000 worth of pipe from Lane this week and was concerned that there would only be about \$35,000 left in account DA after the pipe was paid for. He said that Hendershot Road really needed to be repaired and that wouldn't be enough.

Supervisor DiSalvo said that he could use the money from CHIPS to fix Hendershot Rd. Superintendent Cipriano said that he didn't think they would receive that much money from the state this year.

CEMETERIES

Superintendent Cipriano asked Councilmember Guzzardi which headstones he wanted fixed. Supervisor DiSalvo said the town has \$11,000 to spend on the headstones. Supervisor DiSalvo asked if they needed to take care of trees first. Councilmember Guzzardi said that there are plenty of headstones that could be fixed that aren't near trees. Councilmember Guzzardi said there are approximately 107 stones that need to be fixed.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Councilmember Rawleigh said that they had a Planning Board meeting last night and they approved a subdivision on Hoagland Road and set a Public Hearing for another subdivision on Dutch Street Road. Councilmember Rawleigh said that he and Code Enforcement Officer Grasby haven't heard anything about the code update.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Clerk's report for the Month of February. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to accept the report as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Town Clerk Woodworth advised the board that she and Deputy Clerk Kaylee Leone would be attending the New York State Town Clerks Conference in Albany the week of April 22nd for three days. She advised that Deputy Clerk Trish Hill would work in the Clerk's Office on the days they were out.

Clerk Woodworth advised that she received an application for membership from Partners for Progress. It is \$50 for the year, and she believes they have done a lot for Mount Morris and the town should join.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to pay the \$50 membership fee to Partners for Progress.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
No 0
Motion Carried

TOWN HISTORIAN

The board discussed the passing of Town Historian Nicholas Loverde and that they needed to appoint an interim Historian. Clerk Woodworth advised that she had spoken with Francine Loverde, and she was willing to be the interim Historian.

A motion was made by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to appoint Francine Loverde as the interim Town Historian.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
No 0
Motion Carried

SENIORAMA

Clerk Woodworth advised the board that she had received a nomination for John and Gloria Hall to be Mount Morris's Senior Citizens of the year.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to award John and Gloria Hall as Mount Morris's Senior Citizens of the year.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
No 0
Motion Carried

OPEN FORUM

Cathie Gehrig attended the Village budget meeting and was upset to hear Councilmember Rawleigh recommend eliminating the summer rec program. She feels that the rec program is an important program in Mount Morris. Deputy Supervisor Huff and Councilmember Guzzardi said that they believe the summer rec program is a good program and agreed with Ms. Gehrig.

She went on to say that at the same budget meeting she heard the board talk about the possibility of joint town and village services. She feels that this could benefit both the town and village but also thinks it's important to have a study done on this before moving forward with anything.

Ms. Gehrig said that she feels that the Joint Village and Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals should have required training. ZBA Chairman Kevin Fahey interjected and said that the ZBA is required to submit training certificates to Clerk Woodworth. He said that there is an upcoming training on May 16th at Genesee Community College that he would recommend the members to attend.

Crik Christophel asked if the board found out who wrote the zoning proposal that was submitted to the county. Attorney Devries said that Attorney Russell informed her that it wasn't submitted by Thoma. She said that she will figure out who wrote it and have that information at the next meeting.

Crik Christophel said the main issue is that no one knows who wrote the proposed zoning update and submitted the SEQR to the county. She feels that its very imperative for the town to figure this out as it is dangerous. She needs answers and will keep asking about it until she gets answers. She said that she also has an issue with the procedures that were followed to adopt the comprehensive plan. She wants to know if there was a resolution to adopt it and if the proper steps were taken.

Attorney Devries said that she received some meeting minutes from Thoma regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Crik Christophel said that there should have been a resolution made by the committee to have a public hearing. She said that many members of the comprehensive committee were in attendance at the public hearing for the zoning update and vocalized that the committee fell apart during COVID, and the proper steps weren't taken. She feels the committee should be brought together to do it correctly.

Cathie Gehrig said that the former Town Clerk took the minutes, and that Clerk Woodworth would have the minutes if they were saved to the computer. Clerk Woodworth advised that she has not been able to locate the meeting minutes taken by the previous clerk.

Johnna Shrier asked about the possibility of the new grant requirement. She heard that in order to qualify for state grants the community would have to be pro-housing.

Cathie Gehrig said that it will basically override the towns zoning. That they would like to have large housing developments to help with the housing shortage. Johnna Shrier vocalized that she didn't think was a good idea. Ms. Gehrig agreed.

Supervisor DiSalvo informed the public that he was picked to be on the IDA board for the county. This board will look into ways to utilize the buildings they bought in Sonyea where the Livingston Correctional Facility used to be.

VOUCHERS/ AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Abstract 3, Year 2024 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 61-87 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$10,963.60

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve Vouchers 10-20 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$2,780.50.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 17-26 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$48,595.00.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve Voucher 1 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$103.62.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 8-10 on the SR Refuse Abstract in the amount of \$325.16.

Vote: Aye 3 (DiSalvo, Huff, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 4-5 on the SS Sewer Abstract in the amount of \$374.29.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to approve Vouchers 10-12 on the SW Water Abstract in the amount of \$1,004.81.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Total Abstract 2 \$64,146.98

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk/Tax Collector