

Town of Mount Morris  
Special Meeting  
June 28, 2021

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent Sam Cipriano, Accountant Terri McKerrow, and Town Christie Clerk Murphy

Supervisor DiPasquale opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. at the Town Hall, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY.

Councilmember Guzzardi informed the Board that he took someone to look at the Town cemeteries in regards to maintenance work. He has not heard back from them yet.

Superintendent Cipriano reported that George Hamilton is leaving the seasonal crew that he heads up. He was hired for a full-time job with benefits. He is concerned about trying to find a replacement for him since we pay minimum wage which is \$12.50/hour and McDonald's in town is hiring for \$14.50/hour.

Current seasonal employee Julian knows the cemeteries and the work, but he doesn't have as much mechanical knowledge as George.

Councilmember Guzzardi suggested we contract with someone to maintain our large cemetery and hire our seasonal crew maintain the six small rural cemeteries and Tuscarora Park.

Superintendent Cipriano asked if it's possible to get the county inmates in to clean-up the limbs that have been removed from the trees. They are currently prohibiting maintenance of the grounds. Supervisor DiPasquale will call the sheriff's office about that. Councilmember Guzzardi stated that he can ask the vendor trimming the trees how much extra he would charge to clean up the limbs.

Councilmember DiSalvo pointed out that the town will still need to advertise to hire another seasonal worker for mowing and leaf cleanup.

Resident Tim Bryant, who operates a local lawn mowing business, stopped by the meeting. He offered to prepare an estimate to maintain the Town's six smaller cemeteries next year since he's out on the road all around the town anyway.

There was a discussion about whether they should be hiring someone to replace George, or move Julian up to his position and hire someone to fill the lower position. Superintendent Cipriano believes that Julian can be taught how to maintain the machines, and he already knows the work required. A motion by Councilmember DiSalvo, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to move Julian up to the position of Acting Supervisor of the Seasonal Crew at a rate of \$15/hour, effective 7/6/2021.

Vote            Aye    4                    No    0                    Motion passed

The Town Clerk was instructed to advertise for a Seasonal Worker for cemetery and park maintenance. They must have a clean driver's license.

Accountant McKerrow informed the Board that in order for the Town to receive the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, we need to opt in by July 9<sup>th</sup>; she's working on that process. These funds can only be used on certain items such as infrastructure like water, sewer, and internet. Supervisor DiPasquale is the town's authorized representative with Deputy Supervisor DiSalvo named as the second contact person. March 3, 2020 through December 31, 2024 are the eligible dates for the work to be performed with these funds.

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

Vote            Aye    4                    No    0                    Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine T. Murphy  
Town Clerk/Collector