

March 12, 2020

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Supervisor Matthew Hicks; Town Councilmembers: Matthew Rathbun, Kenneth Quick, Thomas Cosey and James Bradt; Town Clerk Jenny Martelle; Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor; Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo; Town Accountant Joel Carpenter; Local Ordinance Officer Russ Bronson; Town Justice Paul Manchester; Town Historian Erik Pekar

ABSENT: Town Constable Ray Boyea; Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell; Sole Assessor Victoria Hayner;

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Russ Bronson

Councilman Rathbun moved and Councilman Cosey second to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting. Carried 5-0. Councilman Cosey moved and Councilman Quick second to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting. Carried 4-0. Councilman Rathbun abstained.

BUDGET OFFICER REPORT: Town Accountant Joel Carpenter prepared and submitted the financial report for February 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor Vickie Hayner prepared and submitted a report for March 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Local Ordinance Officer Russ Bronson submitted a report for November 1, 2019 through March 6, 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell prepared and submitted a report for February 2020. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

TOWN JUSTICE PAUL MANCHESTER: Town Justice Paul Manchester advised the Town Board that the New York State Unified Court requires that he meet with the Town Board and that he approved the 2019 annual audit report prepared and submitted by Court Clerk Debbie Loomis in his absence.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor reported that the DPW has been out 6 times for storms. The wings on the plows have been removed and pressured washed and will be painted next year. Cleaning up trees has been done near Chapman's. The children at play signs have been removed as per instructions from the Town's insurance provider. Highway Superintendent Taylor is looking into a request received from Dan Daigle, Granville Central School, for a slow sign at Diplock Hill Rd. The DPW has been working on the loader. Dead trees on Dekalb Road have been removed.

The Town DPW borrowed a grader blade with teeth from the Village of Granville as it does a good job grading the roads. It was used on Dodge Hill, Honey Hill, Oatman and Searles Roads. The DPW has removed 10 yards of dirt and sand from the Highway Garage yard so that water runs into drains. A new culvert has been installed on Cross Road. The valves on the broom truck have been adjusted and it has been pressure washed. Councilman Bradt inquired as any plans for the south end of Butler Road and if there has been any progress on repairs for the leaking rood at the Highway Garage. Superintendent Taylor remarked that he wants to skim coat Butler Road and he is attempting to find a contractor for the repairs to the roof. Superintendent Taylor advised the Board that Halterman and Liebig Roads need 1o culverts. His plan is to install the culverts one year and give the ground a year to settle and blacktop the following year. The grader has been used to clean out ditches.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: Superintendent Taylor reported the average usage per day was 53,034 per day or 1,538,000 for the month of February. On March 2 two leaks caused the tanks to dump 20,000 per day and have been repaired. The pumps are off and the tanks are full.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Cosey moved and Councilman Quick second to adopt Resolution 38 Resolution to Amend Employees' Handbook. The amendment calls for lowering the enrollment in the health insurance program from 90 days to 20 days. In discussion of the resolution, Councilman Bradt recommended that the waiting period be eliminated and enrollment be offered upon hiring. The resolution was passed with a 4-1 vote. Councilman Bradt voted against the resolution due to the 20 day waiting period.

Councilman Bradt moved and Councilman Cosey second to aware the RFP bid to Lamont Engineers. Carried 5-0. A representative from Lamont Engineers was present to give an overall picture of the study that will be performed for the North Granville Water District in order to provide information necessary to decide what should be done in the district.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Town Historian Eric Pekar gave an oral annual report of his activity. He has collected memorabilia, written 17 articles for the Sentinel and interview people via phone. Mr. Shaw requested that the minutes of the Town meetings be posted within 7 to 10 days after a meeting. Beverly Tatko asked the Board if they were going to make a final statement regarding the purchase of TD Bank and the Board's interest in repairing this building. Supervisor Hicks stated that Lamont Engineering was performing an assessment of the building. Eric Pekar stated that this building in on the National Registry of Historic Buildings and for that reason the Town can apply for grants to cover 50% of the costs for repairs. Scott McCullen inquired as to the event scheduled for April at the Mudboggers. Supervisor Hicks stated they must comply with Town Law. John Norton inquired about the bridge on Church Street. Hicks stated that the repairs to the bridge have been moved up to 2021. Mike Angiolillo asked if the Board was looking for another building to move to or to stay here. He was advised that the consensus of the Board was to stay here.

AUDIT OF BILLS: ABSTRACT 3 MARCH 2020

DA Highway Townwide	30-50	\$32,575.96	Councilman Rathbun	Councilman Quick
SW No Gran Water	17-26	\$ 4,382.70	Councilman Bradt	Councilman Cosey
A General Townwide	42-61	\$ 5,967.35	Councilman Quick	Councilman Rathbun
B General Town Outside	6-7	\$ 35.83	Councilman Cosey	Councilman Bradt
SL1 Mid Gran Lights	6-7	\$ 427.86	Councilman Cosey	Councilman Bradt
SL2 No Gran Lights	5-6	\$ 257.88	Councilman Cosey	Councilman Bradt

CLOSED SESSION: Councilman Rathbun moved and Councilman Quick second to go int closed session with Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo. Carried 5-0. Councilman Quick moved and Councilman Cosey second to return to the regular meeting. Carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Quick moved and Councilman Cosey second to adjourn to the Regular Meeting April 9, 2020. Carried 5-0.

Attested To:
Jenny Martelle
Granville Town Clerk