

August 8, 2024
Meeting

Regular

PRESENT: Supervisor Nathaniel Baker, Town Councilman James Bradt, Town Councilman Kenneth Quick, Town Councilman Matthew Rathbun, Town Accountant Joel Carpenter, Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor, and Town Historian Erik Pekar

ABSENT: Town Clerk Jenny Martelle, Town Councilman Thomas Cosey, Dog Control Officer Nancy Quell, Sole Assessor Bobbi Stone, Local Ordinance Officer William Humphries

Supervisor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Baker

Councilman Quick moved to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. Second by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Quick moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on July 23, 2024 regarding Health Insurance. Second by Councilman Bradt. Councilman Rathbun abstained as he was absent for the meeting. All in favor, Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Brian Mueller and Paul Caputo representing National Business Technologies reported to the Board on the need for a separate computer to act as a server for the Programs that are currently housed on the Town Clerk PC. They stated that not only are the two computers in the Town Clerk's office nearly at maximum capacity, but that the new server would provide much improved security for the information stored there. Both the Town Clerk software as well as the North Granville Water District billing information is stored on the Clerk's PC. The new server would also greatly increase the speed at which the computers work. The work would probably only disrupt the Clerk's office for about an hour while the migration takes place. Backups will be conducted at 15 minute intervals. This server will increase the monthly maintenance charges by \$119.00. Councilman Rathbun moved to approve the purchase. Second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, Motion carried.

Supervisor Baker announced that Assessor Bobbi Stone has requested to be made aware of any fires in the town so that she can adjust the property values accordingly. It was suggested that the fire departments report to her and the idea was well received by North Granville Fire Chief Scott McCullen and Penrhyn Fireman James Bradt. They have agreed to make these notifications.

Supervisor Baker has made a request to Washington County to perform a Robo-call announcing a meeting for North Granville Water Customers on Monday night, August 12 at 7:00 pm. to review the RCAP Survey. He also announced that the landline at the pumphouse has been disconnected as it is no longer needed.

BUDGET OFFICER'S REPORT: Budget Officer Joel Carpenter reported that he had distributed Budget Worksheets and would like them returned to him by August 19, 2024. He plans to have the Tentative Budget prepared for review at the September Board Meeting. The new budget

includes a 9% increase in Health Insurance costs. Otherwise, there are no major changes. He says we are in a tough situation as per NY State guidelines, we may only increase our budget by 2% but inflation is much higher than that. We will need to look at either making cuts or voting to raise the budget in excess of the 2% recommended by the State. Since we already maintain a lean budget, this will be a challenge. We will hold a Budget Workshop after the September meeting . Councilman Quick moved to keep the current Health Insurance Plan, Second by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor, Motion carried.

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor submitted a written report on her activities for June and July which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: N/A

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor reported that his crew had been mowing roadsides and grading roads. They have repaired guardrails on Dekalb Rd. and New Boston Rd. as well as ditching Hicks Rd., cold patching some roads and splitting firewood. They have sand blasted and painted a loader and sent most of the trucks to be undercoated with oil as rust protection.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor reported that a routine flush at the Slate Valley Center went well. General Controls has found a malfunction in the software at the pumphouse. The project is 98% complete with only computer work to finish. The monthly water pumped was 968,000 gallons making the daily average 31,225. We are using very little chlorine to keep the water at a safe level so the wells are producing good water.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: Town Historian Erik Pekar submitted a written report which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Fund	Voucher	Amount	Moved By	Second By
DA Highway Townwide	89-101	\$8,937.91	Rathbun	Quick
DB Highway Outside	23-26	\$7405.89	Rathbun	Quick
Carried 5-0				
SW North Granville Water	54-63	\$3042.41	Bradt	Quick
Carried 5-0				
A General Townwide	163-181	\$6,189.37	Quick	Rathbun

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B General Townoutside	10	\$166.10	Bradt	Quick
SL 1 Middle Gr. Lights	14	\$404.80	Bradt	Rathbun
SL2 North Gr. Lights	11	\$221.70	Bradt	Rathbun

Carried 5-0

Supervisor Baker requested an Executive Session for discussion of Personnel matters. Councilman Quick made the motion, Second by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman James Bradt made a motion to return to the regular meeting, Second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Quick moved to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Second by Councilman Bradt. All in favor, motion carried.