

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2017**  
**7:00PM**  
**DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Call to Order by Supervisor Blouvet.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: Supervisor James Blouvet-Present  
Councilperson: Russell Hall-Present  
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-Present  
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-Present  
Councilperson: Donette Shelley-Present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Also present: Attorney, David Pullen

Assemblage: James Monheim, Brett Clouse, Mike Stump, Leslie Dahill, Oakley Sortore, Kevin Margerum, Doug Ward, Mike Stump, Jeremy Clawson, Jill Hoopes

**Motion to approve** the minutes from April 19, 2017, offered by Russell Hall seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

**Motion to approve** the Audited Bills from April 2017 in the amount of \$112,571.86, offered by Donette Shelley, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Donette Shelley-aye.

**Motion to approve** the Supervisor's report for March 2017 offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS**

Supervisor Blouvet voiced that he is not happy with the Town's accounting firm, and it seems the Hwy Superintendent, Mike Bidwell and working Supervisor Oakley Sortore for public works also feel the same way. They feel they never know what is left in their working budget. The Supervisor is presently looking into another accounting firm. This firm said they would come and talk to the Board regarding their firm and accounting options.

Supervisor wants the Police Dept. to look into Police Grants; he states there are some out there.

Supervisor Blouvet spoke regarding the garbage rates, he stated Cuba wants to save money, but he feels they need to pay more. We are losing money on refuse pickup, something has to be done. People have been dumping trash off the side of the road, also people are bringing trash from outside of the district into the district for pickup. He proposes that the Town offers a \$50.00 reward leading to the arrest and conviction for dumping or bringing the trash in from outside the district. They cannot be anonymous; they will have to officially file a complaint with the Town or the Police Dept. The \$50.00 reward could be recouped through the defendant paying restitution to the Town.

After Board discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

**RESOLUTION 12-2017**

**Be it hereby resolved,** that the Town will pay \$50.00 reward to the person who gives information that leads to the arrest and or conviction of the person dumping trash off the side of the road or bringing trash from outside of the refuse district into the trash district to be picked up. The person reporting incident cannot remain anonymous; they will have to officially file a complaint with the Town or the Police Dept. The \$50.00 reward could be re-cooped to the Town from the defendant through paying restitution to the Town. Resolution offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll Call vote: James Blouvet-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Donette Shelley-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Supervisor Blouvet discussed briefly that the Town can safely allocate 30,000 gallons a day of water to Crossroads and therefore he suggested the Board agree to the Water Supply Agreement to the Allegany Crossroads Utility Corporation(the Crossroads Utility). After brief Board discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

**RESOLUTION 13-2017**

**RESOLUTION FOR WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Friendship(the "Town") owns, operates and maintains a water system which supplies potable water to existing water districts of the Town(the "Water System");and

**WHEREAS,** the Allegany Crossroads Utility Corporation(the "Crossroads Utility") is a water transportation corporation created under the New York Transportation Corporations Law to supply water to residents, inhabitants and businesses along County Road 20 in portions of the Towns of Friendship and Amity(the "Crossroads System"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Town previously entered into an Inter-Municipal Water Agreement in 2007 with the County of Allegany(the "Inter-Municipal Agreement") to provide water and maintenance services for a contemplated County Water District No. 2, originally intended to serve the same purpose and area which is now intended to be served by the Crossroads System; and

**WHEREAS,** the Water system has adequate excess capacity to provide water to the Crossroads Utility for use in the Crossroads System; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town and the Crossroads Utility are mutually willing and desire to enter into an agreement for the Town to provide water and maintenance services to the Crossroads Utility on terms as similar as practicable to those in the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Friendship(the "Board") that the Board hereby approves and authorizes the town Supervisor, in consultation with the Town's engineer and with the advice and counsel of the attorney for the Town, to

negotiate (and enter into an agreement) with the Crossroads Utility for the Town to provide water and maintenance services to the Crossroads Utility on terms as similar as practicable to those in the Inter-Municipal Agreement, which will allocate 30,000 gallons per day of water to the Crossroads System, with the opportunity for additional water to be supplied as the Town's supply and demand may allow, and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out said negotiations.

**Resolution 13-2017 Water Supply Agreement** offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye  
Russell Hall-aye  
Donette Shelley-aye  
Linda Mascho-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

**Leslie Dahill**-Complaining about a pole that has a old satellite dish on it that sets on Queen Ann St .on the same side of the street on the Town's right of way- no one seems to claim ownership of it. Supervisor Blouvet advises that he will have the Town Highway Dept. remove it.

Leslie Dahill question how the water project grant was coming along.  
Supervisor Blouvet advised that the Town is at a standstill until the Town can the new water meters in and any grant approved. Too many water meters are not working, some people not paying their share of water.

**BOARD DISCUSSION – PROPOSED WATER METER PROJECT BUDGET OF \$500,000.00 PLUS APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL.**

**RESOLUTION 14-2017**

**BE it hereby resolved**, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED Water meter Project Budget of \$500,000.00 as proposed by Town's Engineer, Jimmie Joe Carl and Mary Chappell of Municipal Solutions. (\*SEQR proceedings must be completed before the Actual Bond Resolution can be done). Resolution offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Donette Shelley-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A BOND COUNSEL-TABELED.**

**Motion to** authorize Attorney, David Pullen to investigate whether the Town needs a Bond Counsel on borrowing \$500,000.00 for the Water project(He will speak to Mary Chappell at Municipal Solutions) offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

**Motion to** approve competitive part time for Police Officer Erica Kraemer for the Friendship Police Dept., offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

**Motion to** approve the Memorial Day Parade with Police escort on May 29, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

**Motion to** approve the Williamson Law Book Computer support

Motion to approve the Williamson Law Book Computer Town Clerk program support in the amount of \$678.00(last year 665.00). 6/1/17-5/31/18

offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Carolyn Carney. Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Donette Shelley-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Highway Report – April 2017

Justice Report – March 2017

Town Clerk – April 2017

Code Enforcement – April 2017

Kevin Margerum of Code Enforcement advised the Town Board someone is looking into putting in a pet crematory on Pigtail Road. He states the Town is not zoned but there may be some delay because they will have to go through the DEC, Health Dept. and State Div. of Cemeteries. He will keep the Board informed if he hears anymore about it.

Public Works Activity report April 2017

Cuba/Friendship Refuse report for April 2017

Fuel Farm Report for April 2017

Water System Report for April 2017

Monthly Wastewater report for April 2017

Ambulance Report for April 2017

Dog Control report for April 2017

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr  
Town Clerk

