

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024-6pm

Supervisor Hall calls Public Hearing to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-Present
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-Present
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-Present
Councilperson: Steve Ritter-Present
Also present: Town Clerk, Patricia Schurr

Assemblage: Dell Baker, Michelle Baker, John Ricci, Wes Sortore, Oakley Sortore, Tim Steed, Jimm Joe Carl, PE., Steve Ritter, Carolyn Carney, Linda Mascho, Russell Hall, Pat Schurr, Mark Voorheis, Catherine Reese, an unknown person.

Introduction and following topics were discussed by Tim Steed of Hunt Engineering and Jimmie Joe Carl, PE. Regarding the CDBG Water Study and findings:

Tim Steed advised this study started in 2023, to look at water supply, compliance, any issues, storage distribution. Need to look for a new water supply, water tank site, currently looking to see if the current site can be expanded.

Future funding will involve environmental studies.

Jimmy Joe stated he had started on the Water Project back in the year 2000. There was a Preliminary study in 2016 did a study and there were challenges, but good things have come from that.

#1 amount of water produced

#2 SCADA

#3 flow meters installed

In 2012-2015 annual daily Average pumping was 212,374 and in 2023 it was decreased to 76,927.

Topics spoken about by Jimmie Jo Carl:

#1 Installation of standby Power Facilities for well #4/Well#5 facility

#2 Development of New groundwater Supply Facility near the Hamlet of Nile

#3 Blending of well #4 and Well #5 Water Supplies

#4 Replacement of Existing Reservoir with two water storage tanks

#5 Replacement of existing 4-inch diameter watermain & nonconforming hydrants

#6 Installation of an additional 8-inch Dia. Watermain from finished water storage tank(s) to West Main Street

#7 Completion of 12-inch Dia. Transmission watermain near County Route 20/NYS Route 275 Intersection
#8 Booster of Dead-End Water mains on Linwood Avenue and Queen Ann Street.

Any Funding will be with the help of Catherine Reese (RCAP Solutions) to look for various Grants.

Questions from Assemblage:

Catherine Reese- what type of rock was it for the well: Tim Steed advised it was sand-stone.

It was stated that there was a petroleum leak years ago at the end of 275 and Main t., was it cleaned up and the answer was that it had been cleaned up.

Dell Baker questioned if this new well would affect the neighbors having free flowing wells, Jimmy Jo responded that they cannot tell that now but their hydrogeologist would monitor this. Dell questioned if this well drilled was done with grant money and the answer was yes.

Catherine Reese stated with these Engineering reports and help of the Engineers she can look for grants and funding. Not all grants are 100% best is 70%, but no guarantee. There are deadlines, some once a year. First thing to do after the Town decides that bottom line at what they will borrow, then a Public Hearing would need to be held for discussion for a BOND RESOLUTION. This will start the process To be able to obtain grants.

With no other questions or concerns the Supervisor Hall closed the Public Hearing. 7pm

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024
7PM

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall- present
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson-Steve Ritter-present
Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk
Town Attorney- David Pullen

Assemblage: Mark Voorheis, Jim Monheim, BJ Howe, Rich Wenslow, Scott Golden, Dell & Michelle Baker, Wes Sortore, George Ritter.

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 20, 2023, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2024, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for December 2023, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for December 2023 in the amount of \$197,565.75, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye

Accounting Firm Engagement Agreement

Motion to approve the engagement letter or the Town's accounting services and approve the Supervisor to sign the letter(note last year Town paid \$20,085.00 this year it is \$22,085.00- an increase of \$2,000.00), offered by Steve Ritter, seconded Linda Mascho.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Steve Ritter-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

COURT AUDIT 2022

Motion to approve the current LGSS Accounting Firm to conduct the Justices Audit for the year 2022, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Scott Golden asked if the Highway Dept. plow a little better near the end of his driveway, as he has had to shovel it out himself. Dell Baker advised it is a little difficult to get around there because of the County's guardrail right there and the other corner property. They will try with the smaller truck. Scott also stated that he was supposed to the Veterans exemption it is not 25% but 10% this year and it has been going down and has spoke to Joe Dannheim and he didn't really explain it, He needs the math explained. Supervisor Hall stated he will get with Joe Dannheim and see what is going on with it.

Motion to appoint the position of fair Housing for 2024 as Linda Mascho, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Supervisor Hall appoints Wesley Sortore as Deputy Supervisor of the Water District for 2024.

Supervisor Hall appoints Wesley Sortore as Deputy Supervisor of the Sewer District for 2024.

Motion to approve the Friendship Town Historian's report as being received offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

REFUSE LOCAL LAW – Attorney Pullen had questions on the wording of Superintendent of Public works, he also has more information needed to update the Local Law.

Motion to table Dog Control changes on Local Law, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter. (waiting till after State Inspection of kennels in March). All approve.

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2024

**Title: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

Offered by Allegany County town Highway Superintendents Association

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby

Agrees to allow George Ritter, or his designee to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work

conditions. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement.

Offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2024

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BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW
YORK.**

Offered by Allegany County town Highway Superintendents Association

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby

Agrees to allow Oakley Sortore, or his designee to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement.

Offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Motion to approve the DWI Program agreement with Allegany County and to approve the Supervisor to sign the agreement, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

OAKLEY SORTORE CONCERNS:

1. CDBG – Finishing paperwork with Tammy Kunzman.
2. Catherine Reese – Grants- lead; Inventory – Legislation is requiring inventory on lines between mains and houses. Towns to “ make it affordable”.
3. Thanks George Ritter for helping with the short term driver(a lot involved to hire)
4. Supervisor Hall questioned how did it go with the Power outage. Oakley Sortore said thankfully no loss. Oakley Sortore stated that we are waiting to hear on 2 grants that the Town applied for grants for generators.

Reports Received:

Town Clerk Report for December 2023

Town Clerk Annual Report for 2023

Water Report

Highway Report

Police Report

DCO Report

8:05 Motion to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.(Rich Wenslow invited in)

8:29 Motion to go out of executive session back into Regular Session, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

8:30pm Motion to adjourn offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk