

Town of Friendship Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

7pm

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson: Steve Ritter-Absent

Also Present-Patricia Schurr, Town clerk

Attorney David Pullen

Assemblage: Mark Voorheis, Michelle Baker, Jim Monheim, George Ritter, Don Weir, David Norton, Les DaHill, Scott Golden

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor Report for February 2024 offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve Audited bills for February 2024 in the amount of \$141,877.95, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-absent

Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR CONCERNS:

Ambulance Roof- (have estimate for total repair \$36,560 -Genesee Valley exteriors, they are the ones who did the temp. repair) ARPA Funds

Motion to approve to have Genesee Valley Exteriors to do the total repair on the Ambulance Roof, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

Generators being purchased: 5 Generators(ARPA Funds)in the amount of \$38,500.00 (F&F Electric, Inc.)Suggested by Homeland Security and FEMA . Generators for, Town Hall, GAR Hall, Ambulance Bay, Wellman House, Highway Shop.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Michelle Baker advised that she had 3 bags of garbage in her can and they only took two of them, left one in the can. Oakley Sortore does not know why one was left but he will look into it. If this should happen again, she should call the him or the Town Hall and they will let him know immediately, to address the issue.

Les Dahill- Questioned last meeting in the Budget if there was money to fix the road inside the park, a lot of potholes. He said even if there was a road job, and they had any left over product if they could use it to fill in on the park road. Supervisor Hall made a request to George Ritter and Oakley Sortore, for any left-over road work to use it on the park road to fill in the pot holes.

Scott Golden is addressing the matter that he is not getting the 25% reduction on his tax bill, needs clarification. Supervisor Hall advised that the reduction is a reduction on the assessment. There are different percentages depending on what your DD2 states. Supervisor Hall suggests that he, Joe Budinger and Scott set up a meeting together to understand and make sure Scott is getting what he should be getting. They will set up a meeting.

Caroline Carney questioned how it went with MTS and negotiation regarding the ambulance bay. Supervisor Hall advised that he did meet with MTS, and they negotiated a deal. The MTS will rent the ambulance bay for \$500.00 per month. The Town of Friendship will pay the MTS \$8,000.00 to stand Ready and cover Friendship for an Ambulance. In the meantime the ambulance bay was cleaned up, still working on the upstairs. Evan Woolworth is helping with the paperwork, however he has to travel from Alfred. (All this is helping to satisfy the State) Maybe the Board can think of how the Town can help him out, maybe pay for his gas over and back. To be brought up at April's meeting.

RESOLUTION 7-2024
2024 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT
RESOLUTION REGARDING
TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship (hereinafter the "Town") maintains the Town's water system and appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, the Town is proposing to complete Water System Improvements consisting of water supply & treatment system, water storage tanks, hydrants, etc. (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused Jimmie Joe Carl, PE to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report, titled Municipal Water System Improvements dated December 2023, for the project with a total project cost estimate of \$10,125,707; and

WHEREAS, THE Town is seeking financial assistance through the 2024 NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant adopt a resolution that authorizes: the undertaking of the project and the maximum total cost of the project; expenditures for the project, including identification of any non-municipal source of funds; obligation of funds necessary to meet any required local match, including any cash and/or in-kind services; and when applicable, the submission of an application for financial assistance. The resolution must also designate a representative of the applicant who is authorized to sign the funding agreement with EFC and any associated documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Town authorizes the undertaking of the Water System Improvements Project and the maximum total cost of the project \$10,125,707; the Town anticipates submission to WIIA for up to \$5,000,000; anticipating receipt of the WIIA Grant, the Town's local match is estimated to be approximately \$5,125,707; other future funding sources (e.g., Economic Development, USDA Rural Development, etc.) will be pursued; and when applicable, the submission of an application for financial assistance; and

RESOLVED that the Town authorizes preparation and submission of an application for grant funding under the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Program on behalf of the Town; and

RESOLVED that Russell Hall is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Town's obligations under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Agreement; and

RESOLVED that the Russell Hall is authorized to execute expenditures for the Water System Improvements Project under the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Program on behalf of the Town.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the following vote of all Board of Trustee of the Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Roll Call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-absent

Russell Hall-aye

RESOLUTION 8, 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MUNICIPALITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the **Town of Friendship** is considering authorizing certain improvements to the facilities serving the Town of Friendship Water District, as set forth and described in a certain engineering report as prepared by Jimmie Joe Carl, PE dated December 2023, and on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has now been advised by the Engineer that the estimated maximum cost of undertaking the Project is \$10,125,707; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now intends to conduct a public hearing in accordance with Section 202-b of the Town Law with respect to undertaking the Project at such estimated maximum cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing shall be held at a public meeting of the Town Board to be held on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the **GAR Community Meeting Hall, 29 W. Water St.**, to consider if it is in the public interest to undertake the Project at an estimated maximum cost of \$10,125,707 and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the Olean Times Herald and posted on the Town Bulletin Board at 4 E. Main St., Town Hall in the manner prescribed by Section 193 of Town Law.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows: Councilmember -Carolyn Carney -aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye-Steve Ritter-absent

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Dated:3/20/2024

PUBLIC WORKS-CONCERNS

Motion to authorize the committee of Oakley Sortore and Linda Mascho to negotiate a tentative land purchase agreement with Darrell Stuck and Scott Johnson and present it to the Town Board at the April meeting, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor, if only one Engineer requests the RFP to set up the Engineering for the generators, otherwise if more than one engineer will call a special meeting, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Representative Nicholas Langworthy notified Supervisor Hall that the Town of Friendship was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant for clean Water/infrastructure. This has been in the process for a few years, but it came through finally. It's a little different than most grants, the Town does not have to have any match, but it has limitations, rules. It has to be used within a year. This will help with the total that is needed, but still looking for more funds through grants.

Motion to approve the Town's Insurance with Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management LLC (prior Evan's) in the amount of \$50,243.95, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-absent

Russell Hall-aye

HIGHWAY DEPT.-CONCERNS

Motion for Board Approval to the start process/proceed in ordering a Tenco truck in the amount of \$168,851.00 plus chassis in the amount of \$130,950.00,(totaling \$299,801.00) offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

(last payment on current truck April 2025, start borrowing process Feb/March 2025).

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-absent

Russell Hall-aye

REPORTS RECEIVED

Town Clerk Report

Highway Dept.

Dog Control

Justice Report

Water Report

8:19pm Motion to go into executive session to discuss Union negotiation matters, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

8:36pm Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Schurr, Town Clerk

