

MINUTES OF JOINT VILLAGE AND TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, July 15, 2019
AT 7:00 PM

PERSONS PRESENT	TOWN BOARD	Supervisor, Merilee Walker Councilperson, Martha Blair Councilperson, Mike Hillier Councilperson, James Forrester Councilperson, Randall Morris
	RECORDING CLERK	Cheyenne DeMarco
	VILLAGE BOARD	Mayor, Jack Morgan Trustee, Darren Snyder Trustee, Bill McTarnagan Trustee, Mel Allen Trustee, Don Wilcox
	RECORDING CLERK	LeRoy Wood
	PERSONNEL	Assessor, Brian Knapp CEO, Mark Mullikin Police Chief, Ryan Dale Town Hwy Supt, Rick Moran Village Hwy Supt, Troy Bennett
	VISITORS	Joe Lindstrom, Doris Marsh, Robert Marsh, Ron Adam, Betty Adam, Gail Lawson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by both Supervisor Walker and Mayor Morgan.

Roll call was taken by Town and Village Clerks with all councilmembers and trustees present.

All persons stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A. Police Department – Vehicle purchase

Chief Dale addressed both boards and visitors to explain the current situation the Nunda Police Department is facing with their vehicles.

Chief Dale stated that the Nunda Police Department is a two-car department and for the last seven years they have been using a 2013 Tahoe and a 2011 Interceptor, the 2013 Tahoe was purchased and the 2011 Interceptor was attained through a state grant. Earlier this year, the department purchased a new patrol vehicle using funds from the police car reserve account to replace the 2013 Tahoe due to the increasing cost of repairs going into revitalizing the car to be fit for use.

Now, the department's other car (2011 Interceptor) needs to be taken out of service due to the motor failing, putting the 2013 Tahoe back in service which is not ideal. A replacement motor for the 2011 Interceptor would be more costly than the car value itself. Chief stated it seems to be more fiscally responsible to replace the Interceptor with another new car and implement a proper rotation of vehicles every two to three years so they won't be pushed into this corner again.

Chief Dale stated he looked into grants for a replacement car but no such grants are available at this time or in the near future. Therefore, he received NYS Mini-bid quotes for a 2019 Dodge Charger from OGS Marketplace. The Main MotorCar owner informed Chief Dale that there are three 2019 Chargers left, if a 2019 Charger was purchased by August 1st, it would have an expected build time of 180 days. The other option is to purchase a 2020 Dodge Charger in January with the same 180 build time. Chief Dale stated that he is concerned with waiting until January 2020 and running the 2013 Tahoe for another year because it may entirely break down and it is not safe for his officers to be driving a defective car.

The total estimated price of the police vehicle, including outfitting and graphics is \$32,000. The purchase price of the vehicle itself is \$25, 292.00.

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Chief Dale stated that there is \$10,788.99 left over in the Police Car reserve after purchasing the first new car this year, Chief stated that with board approval he could make additional line transfers in the 2019 PD budget in amount \$4,300 to put in the police car reserve, then if the Village and Town could evenly submit the \$17,000 difference between their budgets, \$8,500 each, they could reach the new car figure and resolve the police car issue this year and begin the appropriate vehicle rotation hereafter.

After the new car is in use, they could strip the 2013 Tahoe and the 2011 Interceptor of their equipment and install what can be applicable to the new car then surplus the body of the cars for sale and those proceeds can either be applied to the new car purchase or replenish the car reserve.

Jim Forrester stated that he is in support of the Nunda PD purchasing a new car and maintain the Nunda department as a two-vehicle department which allows them to be applicable for grants that annual generate at least \$7,000 and the Town Board puts \$8,000 aside for the police reserve annually, so the grant funds essentially replace the reserve savings.

Car Purchase

With no furtherer questions, a motion was made by the Village board to approve the purchase of the 2019 Dodge Charger from OGS Marketplace in the amount of \$25,292.00. Motion was carried 5-0.

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Line Transfers

Motion was made to transfer funds from the following Town of Nunda, Police Budget accounts:

Transfer \$1,000 from *SP3120.4 D – Gasoline* to the Police Car reserve fund.

Transfer \$1,500 from *SP3120.4 N – Training* to the Police Car reserve fund.

Transfer \$1,800 from *SP3120.4 I – Police Car Expense* to the Police Car reserve fund.

Motion was made by the Village Board and carried 5-0.

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Surplus Cars

Chief Dale stated that he looked into the Grant requirements with the 2011 Interceptor, and the State deemed that since the car has reached the age limit of use, no furtherer action was needed from the Nunda Police Department to the State in its regards, therefore it is left to local option for any actions on the car.

Motion was made to surplus the 2011 Interceptor immediately and surplus the 2013 Tahoe upon the receipt of the new 2019 Dodge Charger. Once received, the 2013 Tahoe will immediately be taken out of service. Motion was made by Mike Hillier, seconded by Jim Forrester and carried 4-0-1.

Chief Dale & Mike Hillier left meeting at 7:28 PM

B. Tax Abatement Renewal

Mayor Morgan stated that in 1995 an agreement between the Town and Village boards was made for a 25-year tax abatement for all properties the Village maintains, including water districts, that go outside Village limits. This agreement expires in 2020. As stated in the June Regular Town Board minutes, the properties that were within the 1995 agreement the Village Board wishes to remain in a renewed contract (listed below)

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as well as include all Water districts created since 1995 and the Village owned parcel, Tax Map No. 198.-1-74 (Route 70, Natural Springs).

Tax Map No. 209.-1-23.1 (South East Property of Reservoir),
Tax Map No. 699.-68-1 (transmission lines of water and sewer extensions), Tax Map No. 198.-1-73 (water treatment plant),
Tax Map No. 208.-1-15.1 (dam reservoir) and
Tax Map No. 208.-1-66. (vacant land near reservoir).

It was stated that this would have to go before the School Board as well.

Jim Forrester stated that this subject ties into the next agenda item of the Lawson's property that they already held a committee meeting on between two Town and Village board members.

Mayor Morgan agreed that it is best if most the work is done within the committee, and perhaps by the end of August they could have a recommendation for both boards.

Brian Knapp said he would be willing to come to the committee meetings and help with the new tax abatement agreement.

C. Lawson Property

Mayor Morgan stated that it is in the best interest for both the Town & Village to pursue Lawson's Property. Village Clerk, LeRoy Wood, stated that the Village is submitting an application for a Land acquisition grant that is due by July 26th if the grant is awarded, will help fund the purchasing of Lawson's property over a five-year period. All previous properties are submitted in this grant as well.

Supervisor Walker asked what will the plan be if the grant application is not awarded? LeRoy answered that they would have great difficulty purchasing the property over five-year period without the grant as it would be incredibly hard with the current Village budget and it would be quite a burden on the tax payer.

Jim stated that Lawson's should be at the next committee meeting to look into everyone's timeline.

Rick Moran and Troy Bennett stated they were supportive of this shared service opportunity with Lawson's property. Troy mentioned that Lawson's have always been very protective of the Village Water Source and they have been lucky to have them as neighbors.

Doris Marsh agreed and stated that they live up the road from Lawson's property and they were very respectful and quiet neighbors.

Darren Snyder stated that they are not interested in stepping into the selling gravel business, if they are successful in obtaining the Lawson property, the gravel that is there will be kept for the Nunda highway departments use only.

D. Town Highway Department

It was reviewed that the Town of Nunda Highway department will be moved onto purchased property on Hay Road. They set aside \$200,000 in preparation for this project as well as received a state grant in the total of \$500,000. The Village has informed the Town that a water district will have to be created for Hay Road.

The Village Board made a resolution for the Mayor to sign and authorize the submission of the grant application.

Ron Adam asked why the Town Highway Barns couldn't be built on Lawson's property? Supervisor Walker stated they had already looked into the Hay Property and proceeded a certain degree of obtaining that property before they received notice of the selling of the Lawson's Property. Being as that may, Lawson's is closer to Allegany County and therefore not a great location for our Highway Department, as it would be inefficient for

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truck/plow routes. If they are granted the Lawson Property, they will utilize the space for storage but first they have to be able to reasonably attain the property.

Troy Bennett stated that they have the ability to extend sewer lines to Hay Road but they will need to double check with the water lines to see if there is enough pressure. Being that Galton's Farm is the majority of the property on Hay Road, he does not foresee any future developments moving into Hay road and needing water. Troy would recommend a 4-inch pipe. If the pressure is low, they can create a backup station.

Mayor Morgan stated that they will need to create either a district agreement or an individual agreement. Troy Bennett recommended an individual agreement because of the unlikelihood of future development to that district.

E. Privilege of the floor

Bob Marsh addressed Supervisor Walker stating that he inquired about raising the cap on veteran's exemption before, and would like to know if any research had been done since?

Bob states that he read that the State of New York allows up to 25% exemption, and his tax bill is capped at 15%. If Taxes and assessments have gone up, why can't his exemption?

Brian Knapp answered that he will look into if there was a local of law where the Town may have had the local option to administer a lower cap percentage, but Brian also stated that the cap exemption can only apply to residential portion of the property, i.e. the house, not the entire acreage.

Betty Adam addressed Supervisor Walker, asking if the Village pays twice for the Police department since they pay Town & Village taxes. Supervisor Walker answered no, Village tax payers do not pay taxes for the Police Department within their Village Taxes. Within the Town Budget they have A & B funds, A for inside Village and B for Outside Village. The Police Department is considered Outside the Village.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHEYENNE DEMARCO
NUNDA TOWN CLERK