

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

AT 7:00 PM

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PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor: Merilee Walker
Councilperson; Martha Blair
Councilperson: Michael Hillier *absent*
Councilperson: James Forrester
Councilperson: Randall Morris

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp *absent*
CEO/ZEO: Mark Mullikin
Chief: Ryan Dale *absent*
Historian: Valerie Griffing
Hwy. Supt.: Rick Moran
Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

VISITORS

Xander Woodward
Joe Tamimie *arrived at 7:11*

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was made with one councilmember absent.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All persons stood as Supervisor Walker led the pledge.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the following meeting:

- A. Regular Town Board Minutes of 04/12/2022 - **Motion was made by** Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

HISTORIAN REPORT

Valerie Griffing went over her written report. Supervisor Walker encouraged everyone to visit Nunda Historical Society's program on the Great Flood of 1972 being held on May 11, 2022 at 7:00PM. The Board thanked Valerie for her report.

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CEO/ZEO

Mark Mullikin discussed his April 2022 written report. Building Permits continue to come in and there are a couple subdivisions. Local Law updates must be done for Administration and Enforcement of Uniform Fire and Building Code before the end of this year.

Mark requested that he be allowed to spend \$250.00 from his contractual account for Hurricane Technologies to link together all of the CEO/ZEO computers for remote access to all of the Municipalities where he works. **A Motion was made** by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

BUILDING

Councilperson Forrester asked Mark Mullikin about the Certificate of Occupancy for the new Highway Garage. Councilperson Forrester said that he heard that the paperwork had been sent by Siemans and Billitier Electric to certify that all work had been completed. Mark said he hadn't received anything yet and was just waiting for the Fire system to be certified. Rick Moran said that Siemans would be onsite on 5/11/22 and he would see that Mark gets what he needs.

There was a discussion on moving the Pole Barn and Salt Shed from the old site to the new Hay Road site. Mark Mullikin said that any building(s) erected would need permits and anything over 1500 square feet would need certified drawings and prints. Estimates will be sought by local engineers, and, as time is of the essence, will be acted on before the next board meeting.

Mark Mullikin, Valerie Griffing and Xander Woodward left the meeting at 7:35 PM

PLANNING BOARD

Alex Pierce reported on the Planning Board meeting held on 5/3/22. There was an inquiry and interest in putting up Solar panels brought by Mr. William MacGregor of Creek Road. The Planning Board asked Mr. MacGregor to provide them with more details as to where their engineer planned to place the panels as Mr. MacGregor's land borders State land. Mr. MacGregor's application has not yet been received.

Alex introduced visitor Joe Tamimie, who also is interested in placing Solar panels on his land. The Solar company that approached him assures that they would make small tracks of panels which would not be obtrusive in any way and would not engage in "clear-cutting" any trees. They would be looking at approximately 20 acres of panels. Mr. Tamimie wants the Town to know that they are determined to be good neighbors. Alex will make sure that a copy of the Solar Law gets to Mr. Tamimie.

Councilperson Forrester thinks the Town should re-visit the Local Solar Law to re-assure land owners that the Town is open to Solar development. The Board thanked Alex for all his hard work on this issue.

Joe Tamimie left the meeting at 8:10 PM

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Morris discussed Chief Dale's written report. Stop DWI Grant is forthcoming in the amount of \$1200.00. Looking into grants for body cameras to upgrade and bring our system current. Wellsville Technologies invoice in the amount of \$650.00 for premium support was due as of May 1st and will be paid as a pre-pay by the end of next week.

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HIGHWAY

Councilperson Forrester wanted to bring a couple things to the Board's attention before Rick started his report.

1. Jim spoke with Bobby Gelser at Once Again Nut Butter and they are ready to purchase the property on Watercure Road.
2. The Fire alarm was certified. Jim complained to Spectrum about their handling of our account.
3. For the June meeting, Jim wants to work with Rick to make sure that there is an updated Equipment Plan, including any spending slated for this year, and also for the next 5 years.

Highway Superintendent Rick Moran made his monthly report to the Town Board. Hurricane is coming next week to make sure the office is set up and running and will also work with Innovative to clean up the wiring. Siemans is coming tomorrow to go over the fire alarm system. 2015 Silverado needs to be sold. **There was a motion** to send this truck to the Palmyra Auction made by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 4-0. The estimated value is approximately \$20,000.00. CHIPS, Winter Recovery and Pave NY money will be approximately \$215,000.00 but hasn't been received yet. Budget was for \$180,000.00. Crew will be working with the County again on new road projects. New LED lighting for Dalton Streetlights is still in the works.

NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE

Rick got a price of \$5,200.00 from Spalina for 60 blocks to re-assemble the Pole Barn. He also got a price from Dolomite to pave the parking lot, inside the Salt Shed and the parking area behind the fuel station of \$64,600.00. Rick believes if the Town crew does the work, we can cut this amount down considerably. Nunda Lumber has given a price of \$3,000.00 for the poles for the barn. Dana has the poles set aside for us. Hark Homes has given a price of \$8,500.00 to set the poles, squaring and bracing them.

Councilperson Forrester stated the need to get the blocks ordered right away, pay Nunda Lumber for the poles as well as meet with BBS to firm up the financing for the moving of the buildings.

There was a motion made to authorize the order of the blocks from Spalina and pay Nunda Lumber for the poles, not to exceed \$3200.00, by Councilperson Forrester and seconded by Councilperson Morris. Carried 4-0.

SUPERVISORS STATEMENT & MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Supervisor Walker provided her statement and budget report. Councilperson Forrester wanted to point out that the Fund Balances, especially in the Highway Fund, may be inflated due to Equipment Reserves being included. Supervisor Walker praised BBS Accounting LLC for their expert help in getting our ARPA Funding reporting underway.

CLERK & JUSTICE REPORTS.

The monthly Town Clerk and Town Justice reports were presented. Supervisor Walker noted that the fines and fees are quite slow and hopes the Justice funds will be increasing in the near future.

ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A Motion was made to accept all reports. Motion was made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0.

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AUDIT BILLS

The Audited and Signed Abstracts for the month of May were:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 103-136 (103-108 are prepaid), in the amount of \$17,124.25, as set forth in abstract No. G-5, dated 05/10/2022.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 81-94 (92 is void), in the amount of \$28,839.79, as set forth in abstract No. H-5, dated 05/10/2022.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 15-19 (15 and 16 are prepaid), in the amount of \$725.47, as set forth in abstract No. P-5, dated 05/10/2022.
- ❖ Capital Fund Vouchers numbered 21-22 in the amount of \$694.00, as set forth in abstract No. C-5, dated 5/10/2022.

A Motion was made to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Walker and the Councilmembers discussed:

- Clean up day set for May 14th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the old Garage on Watercure Rd. Clerk will see that sufficient change, paperwork is on site. A sheet pizza will be ordered for staff.
- Government Center clean up by Keshequa Honor Students. Clerk will see that mulch is delivered, gardening tools are available and flowers for hanging baskets are on site.
- Supervisor has written to both the NYS Division of Cemeteries and the NYS Comptrollers Office about the use of Cemetery funds. She is waiting to hear from the Comptroller's Office.
- Broadband mapping. The Board noted that Armstrong was not listed on the map provided by the County. They also noted areas of poor cellular reception on the map. Alex recommended using the website broadbandmap.fcc.gov.
- Councilperson Blair mentioned that Gael Orr of Once Again Nut Butter has been managing a Nunda Facebook page. Town Clerk will look into this as the official Town of Nunda Facebook page is managed by the clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cardiac Life updated their quote to include \$49.95 for batteries for the unit. The invoice was included in the General Abstract. Pads and batteries will be shipped when our check is received.
- B. Town/Village Agreement-Councilperson Forrester has the final draft ready. **There was a motion** to sign the new Town/Village Agreement made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Union Cemetery Re-bid. All bids discussed and Minutes of Cemetery re-bid opening were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Cemetery re-bid meeting by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 4-0. The winning bid went to Shafer Landscaping LLC.
- B. Highway Superintendent Moran asked to hire Kelly Denby as a part-time laborer beginning in June, 2022. **There was a motion made** to hire Mr. Denby by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, **there was a motion to adjourn made** by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TAMARA MCCALLUM
NUNDA TOWN CLERK