

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
AT 7:00 PM
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PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

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

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

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

VISITORS

Joe Tamimie

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was made with all councilmembers present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All persons stood as Historian Valerie Griffing led the pledge.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- A. Regular Town Board Minutes of 05/10/2022 - **Motion was made by** Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.
- B. The Minutes of the Board of Assessment Review of May 25, 2022 were presented as information only.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

HISTORIAN REPORT

Valerie Griffing went over her written report. Supervisor Walker said that she received a booklet from the County of Livingston regarding the Bi-Centennial for the County and that she would like to donate that booklet to our Historian's office. The Board thanked Valerie for her report.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joe Tamimie and Alex Pierce discussed Mr. Tamimie's desire to place Solar Panels on his property and the difficulties presented by the Town's Solar Law and New York State's designation of his property (bound by Wildey Rd, Short Tract Rd. and Cole Road) as Farmland of Statewide Importance. The law states that no more

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than 10% of a piece of property can have Tier 3 Solar panels placed on it. As his property is 57 acres, under the existing statute he would only be able to use 5.7 acres for Solar. The Solar company he is working with would prefer 25 acres but would consider 20 acres. Alex is looking into possibly obtaining a variance for agrivoltaics or working with NYS Ag & Markets to plant certified pollinators. The next steps are getting the Solar company to provide a footprint for the panels they wish to place. The Board reiterated their desire to cooperate fully with small solar projects like Mr. Tamimie's. Councilperson Forrester said that the Town needs to consider that time is of the essence on this project. Alex will be taking this information to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joe Tamimie left the meeting at 7:34 PM

CEO/ZEO

The Board was presented Mark Mullikin's written report for review.

BUILDING

Supervisor Walker mentioned that the plastic porch boards popped up when all of the dignitaries had gathered on the Government Center porch to watch the Nunda Fundays parade. That portion of the porch has been cordoned off with caution tape. There was agreement that we need to have someone look at the job to see what must be done to repair the porch and then check to see if grants can be obtained.

PLANNING BOARD

Alex Pierce reported that he and other members of the Planning Board have been approached by several Townspeople wishing to grow cannabis.

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Morris and Councilperson Hillier discussed Chief Dale's written report. One minor issue at Nunda Fundays was handled quickly. Officer James Pappas is back. Officer Brock Allen was hired part-time at the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Councilperson Hillier commended our officers for their presence at the Kiwanis Park and Councilperson Forrester praised the officers' presence in the Hamlet of Dalton. There is a possibility of a new hire in the near future.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Rick Moran made his monthly report to the Town Board. Things have been good, very busy. The crew has been working on a couple projects for the County which will bring in revenue. We are about 50K ahead in County revenue. The truck that went to auction didn't bring in as much as he'd hoped – only \$16,000.00. There has been some trouble with the Mower for the John Deere. A new mower would cost about \$25,000.00. If parts are available, Rick would like to rebuild the mower for a cost not to exceed \$4500.00 as this should get the mower a couple extra years of use. **There was a motion** to spend the \$4500.00 to rebuild the mower made by councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.

There was much discussion about the necessity of rotating the purchase of new trucks. All agreed that Rick should look into locking in pricing now for the purchase of a new truck for 2023.

NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE

They have started moving equipment to the new building. Rick estimates about a month before most equipment will be moved. Rick got an estimated price of \$4800.00 from the engineers for stamped drawings for the Pole Barn, Salt Shed and the other covered storage building. The blocks for the reconstruction of the buildings must be laid before they can pave the rest of the parking lot. Hark Homes will be hired to do this. Prevailing wages will be paid. Supervisor Walker informed Rick that the Town has until November of 2022 before the warranty

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on the new building expires and to please check the building carefully in case any issues arise. Supervisor Walker also informed Rick and the Board that the Teamsters Union Contract would be up for renewal at the end of the year and to expect negotiations to begin soon.

SUPERVISORS STATEMENT & MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Supervisor Walker provided her statement and budget report. She informed the Board that we were given permission to move the Union Cemetery Funds to the General fund. We are expecting the Village portion of the Police Budget in the amount of \$76,000.00. The Village will be billed as soon as the Village tax collection is complete.

There was a motion to approve the BBS request for Budget Modifications presented by Supervisor Walker made by Councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The clerk provided a request by Hurricane Technologies to upgrade our email accounts to a third-party backup service called DropSuite. Councilperson Forrester agreed to consult with Hurricane Technologies regarding this matter. Councilperson Forrester will also talk with Hurricane Technologies about setting up a new email account for the Highway Department using the town.nunda.ny.us address and closing out the Frontiernet.net account.

CLERK & JUSTICE REPORTS.

The monthly Town Clerk and Town Justice reports were presented.

ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A Motion was made to accept all reports. Motion was made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.

AUDIT BILLS

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

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 137-173 (137-145 are prepaid), in the amount of \$36,015.85, as set forth in abstract No. G-6, dated 06/14/2022.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 95-111, in the amount of \$39,233.01 as set forth in abstract No. H-6, dated 06/14/2022.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 20-24 (20 and 21 are prepaid), in the amount of \$1,155.04, as set forth in abstract No. P-6, dated 06/14/2022.
- ❖ Capital Fund Vouchers numbered 23-24 in the amount of \$1,656.27, as set forth in abstract No. C-6, dated 06/14/2022.

A Motion was made to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Walker and the Councilmembers discussed:

- A very successful Clean Up Day; thanks to all who assisted.
- Keshequa Honor Society students did an excellent job cleaning up the Government Center grounds and planting flowers in hanging baskets.
- Johnson Controls did their sprinkler system inspection on 5/22/22 and the system passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

- A. The clerk is still gathering data on quotes to host the Town Website. More information will be presented at July's Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Genesee County Express is no longer in business. As voted on at the Organizational Meeting; our office Town Newspapers will be the Hornell Evening Tribune (daily paper) and the Livingston County News (weekly paper).
- B. The IRS has put out their new Milage Reimbursement recommendations. The new milage reimbursement will be 62.5 cents per mile. **A motion was made** to adopt this milage reimbursement, effective 7/1/22, by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and passed 5-0.
- C. Councilperson Blair mentioned that the Youth Recreation committee met, hired a couple of kids and they will be starting the Youth Recreation season on July 5, 2022.
- D. Highway Superintendent Moran mentioned that the Highway Department was going to host a Pig Roast for all who helped with the new shop. **There was a motion** to fund this party, not to exceed \$1,500.00, made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, **there was a motion** to adjourn made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

TAMARA MCCALLUM
NUNDA TOWN CLERK