

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday June 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor: Merilee Walker

Councilperson: Martha Blair

Councilperson: James Forrester – *absent*

Councilperson: Michael Hillier – *absent*

Councilperson: Randall Morris

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp

CEO/ZEO: Mark Mullikin

Police Chief: Ryan Dale – *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing – *absent*

Hwy Superintendent: Rick Moran

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

Highway Employee: Tim Cassidy

VISITORS

Bob Cox, Beverly Sackett, Heather Smith, Madison Sabol, Austin Sabol

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stood as Alex Pierce led the pledge.

PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- Regular Town Board Minutes of 5/9/2023

The motion was made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris, and carried 3-0.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

HISTORIAN REPORT

None

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CEO/ZEO REPORT

Mark Mullikin reviewed his written report. Homestead remodeling has finished the roof and chimney repairs and ordered the materials for the Government Center porch. Mark mentioned that the handicapped elevator and the indoor elevator needed to be inspected and he would reach out to Access Lifts to provide the necessary services. Supervisor Walker said that Alex Pierce delivered the maps of the new parcel for Union Cemetery (gifted by Cecil Edwards) to the Town's Attorney, and we should be all set. Mark added that, in the future, the tiles on the roof of the small outbuilding next to the Tri-County Medical center will need to be replaced.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The minutes of the Planning Board Meeting were presented for review only. Alex Pierce and Joan Schumaker met with the new Director of the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Rich Sutherland at the Nunda Historical Society. They discussed the revision to the Nunda Comprehensive Plan. The Council is starting to get back in the business of Comprehensive Plan supportive funding. There is a deadline of July 24th, 2023, for funding applications. Alex will be working with them and the County grants writer to meet that deadline. The Greenway Campground project is underway. Alex and Mark will meet to go over the application prior to forwarding it to the County Planning Board.

Mark Mullikin left the meeting at 7:22 PM

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Morris reviewed Chief Dale's written report. The Commissioners met, discussed the Police Budget, and decided that during the July meeting they would start to formulate next year's Budget. The Chief has taken possession of the new equipment given to the Department by the District Attorney's Office under the Discovery grant. Chief Dale is very pleased with everything he received.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Rick Moran gave his report. The department is very busy with town roadwork. Although slowing down some, they continue to work with the County and our latest bill to them was \$28,000.00. The tires and electronics taken during Clean Up day have been disposed of. They will be working on drainage of Mill St. in Dalton. Gravel has been applied to both McGinty Road and Walsworth Road. Supervisor Walker thanked Rick for removing the dead pine tree from the Government Center side lawn and chauffeuring the Town Board in the Nunda Fun Days Parade.

SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT & MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Supervisor Walker discussed the monthly budget report and her statement. Supervisor Walker asked the clerk to find out who is responsible for paying Judge Love.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The updated Surveillance System for the Government Center building was installed by Jeff Moir of Custom Security Connections in Portageville. The system works perfectly.

CLERK AND JUSTICE REPORTS

The monthly Town Clerk Report and Justice reports from Judge Love and Judge Stoufer were presented and discussed.

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ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Morris to accept all reports, seconded by Councilperson Blair, and carried 3-0.

AUDIT BILLS

The Audited and signed abstracts for the months of April were:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 137-172, in the amount of \$59,758.05 as set forth in abstract number G-6, dated 06/13/23.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 99-114, in the amount of \$46,031.58 as set forth in abstract number H-6, dated 06/13/23.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 32-35, in the amount of \$422.55 as set forth in abstract number P-6, dated 06/13/23.

A motion was made to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 3-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

- There was a discussion about the Village hiring Kruk & Campbell as Village Attorney. The consensus was that, provided there was no conflict between the Town and the Village, there were no objections.
- The 2023 Clean Up Day statistics were discussed.
- The Annual Financial Statement on Youth Recreation was discussed. Copies were emailed to the Board and the original is on file in the Clerk's office.
- The Clerk presented the Office's Summer Hours. Mondays will be closed; Tuesday through Friday will be 7:30AM until 4:30PM with a one-hour lunch from 11:30-12:30 and Saturdays from 8:00AM until 11:00AM.
- Soil testing at the Water Cure Road facility showed a small amount of contamination in one of the many bore holes tested. This will delay the closing on the sale of this property.
- Supervisor Walker received the assignment order from the Seventh Judicial District regarding the temporary assignment of Judge Love to our Village/Town court through December 31, 2023.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Assessor's Office filed the Tentative Assessment Roll on May 1, 2023. There is approximately a 3% increase in taxable value, half of which came from increases in new construction and the other half from special franchises, utilities, and railroads. There were an additional 6 exemptions recorded because of the new local laws on Senior Citizens and Veterans exemptions. Brian informed the Board that he had submitted and filed Legal Ads required of his office using his own money. He will present his receipts to the Clerk for reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion continued about plans to use the County ARPA funds (\$20,000.00 for specific one-time need for projects in parks, recreation and/or tourist category). Councilperson Blair met with Bill Davis, President of Kiwanis in Nunda. She reported that Kiwanis Park believes they found a good spot to put a pickle-ball court and are on board with this project. The generator for the Government Center was repaired by Hesse Electrical Service.

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NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the proposed new local law, a Moratorium on Commercial Development drafted by attorney Jim Campbell. Chairperson Pierce of the Planning Board explained that the document was in line with what the Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Mullikin and the Planning Board were anticipating regarding allowing the time necessary to revise the Zoning code and the Comprehensive Plan with regard to Commercial Development. Councilperson Morris mentioned that the word Moratorium was very negative. He believes that the average citizen will believe that the Town of Nunda is anti-business. The consensus was that the Town should widely advertise the coming Public Hearing to elicit maximum public participation and understanding. Alex told the Board that as long as they concur with the draft as written, he would send the draft to the Planning Board for their thoughts and then meet with Jim Campbell to discuss the next steps including sending the draft to the County Planning Board and setting a date and place for the Public Hearing. **There was a motion** to allow the Planning Board Chairperson and the Town Attorney to send this Moratorium to the County Planning Board made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 3-0.

There was a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:57 PM to discuss the employment history of particular persons. The motion was made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris, and carried 3-0. The Clerk was permitted to stay in the room.

There was a motion to exit Executive Session, with no action taken, at 8:06 PM. The motion was made by Councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Blair, and carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, **a motion was made** to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Morris, and carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara McCallum
Nunda Town Clerk