

MINUTES OF THE JOINT NUNDA TOWN/VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM

PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor: Merilee Walker

Councilperson: Martha Blair

Councilperson: James Forrester

Councilperson: Michael Hillier

Councilperson: Randall Morris

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

VILLAGE BOARD

Mayor: Jack Morgan

Deputy Mayor: Darren Snyder

Trustee: Bill Davis

Trustee: Jim Mann

Trustee: Don Wilcox – *absent*

RECORDING CLERK

Leroy Wood

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp – *absent*

Town CEO: Mark Mullikin

Village ZEO: Luke Granger

Historian: Valerie Griffing

Town Hwy Superintendent: Tim Cassidy

Village Hwy Superintendent: Troy Bennett

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

Police Chief: Ryan Dale

VISITORS

Todd Galton; President - Keshequa School Board, Patricia Piper, Jessie VanName

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker and Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken by Town and Village clerks with all councilpersons present and 1 trustee absent.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

A. Communications – sign, telephonic, social media, locally printed periodical

A discussion was held regarding the method of communication used to relay pertinent information to the people of the Town and Village. The Village would like to purchase a programmable sign, similar to the one that Keshequa Central School uses, that could be used by both municipalities to convey important information such as hydrant flushing, meetings, public hearings, etc. Mayor Morgan mentioned that the Village would look for

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a sign that would blend in with the Government Center and be within the sign guidelines set forth in the Town/Village zoning regulations. Mark Mullikin stated that scrolling signs are not allowed per the zoning regulations. Mayor Morgan said the Village had no intention of creating a traffic hazard by putting in a scrolling sign. The Town Board was open to the idea of a sign and would consider a proposal from the Village.

Discussion continued regarding a mass notification system to be used for emergencies. At the last Tri-Board meeting which included the Keshequa School district, School Superintendent Lesley Powers mentioned that the Town and Village could use the School's mass notification system provided we could gather all of the residents' preferred communication methods (land line, cell phone, email address, etc.). Councilperson Forrester asked Todd Galton whether the School District would need a shared services agreement from the Town and Village. President Galton replied that they haven't reached that discussion yet.

B. Antenna for Water Meter readings

Troy Bennett explained that the current technology is outdated and the meter reader the Village presently uses is becoming obsolete. The Village DPW is looking into a new technology which requires the purchase of an antenna to be placed on the Government Center building. Mr. Bennett isn't sure if the technology will work with the existing water meters, but if it will, the Village will need permission to erect an antenna. **There was a motion** to allow the Village to attach this antenna to the building, as long as the antenna is mounted to a wall and not the slate roof. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.

C. Appointment of Planning Board members – both Town and Village

Alex Pierce addressed both boards about the need to appoint 2 new members to the Planning Board. The open positions are:

- 1.) Replacement of Tim Cassidy in a Town Planning Board position. The person willing to serve in this position is Monica Morris. **There was a motion** to appoint Monica Morris to fill this vacancy made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester. The motion carried, 4-0, with Councilperson Morris abstaining.
- 2.) Re-appointment of Michele Seifried whose Town term expired on 12/31/23. **There was a motion** to re-appoint Member Seifried made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 5-0.
- 3.) Joan Schumaker has indicated that she would like to continue serving on the board, even though her present circumstances do not allow her to attend meetings. Chairperson Pierce suggested that Jen Flint be appointed as an alternate in the Village position until such time as Ms. Schumaker decides to resign. **There was a motion** to keep Joan in the Village position on the Planning Board and to appoint Jen Flint as her Alternate made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Snyder and carried 4-0.

D. Village Justice/Court Clerk positions update

The Village has dissolved, by law, the position of Village Justice and Village Court Clerk. Village Law states that a Village does not need to elect a Village Justice but if they do, they must have two. Mayor Morgan has been unable to find a second Justice. These positions will end when the elected Village Justice term ends in two years.

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E. Police Department

Supervisor Walker stated that she was aware that there were concerns about the Police Department Fund Balance. She read a statement from the Town's Accountant, Justin Bennett of BBS Accounting Services LLC, explaining the Police Department's stance on fund balance and how the growth of fund balance is, by design, slowing down. Police Commissioner and Councilperson Hillier mentioned that new protective vests cost approximately \$2,200.00 each and the useful life of each vest is only 5 years. Supervisor Walker and Chief Dale spoke on the need for new personnel, especially since new businesses like the Greenway Campground are projected to open this year. Mayor Morgan asked Chief Dale if he thought the proposed budget was insufficient, sufficient or excessive and the Chief replied that he thought they were "in line". Mayor Morgan mentioned that he thought when it comes to the Police Department Budget, the most important input comes from the Chief. Police Commissioner and Deputy Mayor Snyder praised Chief Ryan for how conservative he is with the budget; always looking to save the Town and Village money. Councilperson Forrester commented that the Commissioners and the Chief should keep a watch on using the Unexpended Fund reserve as a revenue source, as it will not be sustainable in a couple years.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Jessie VanName requested information on the Veterans Banners. Mayor Morgan replied that the Village had received a grant from Livingston County to help with military tribute and historical banners. He is also collaborating with Keshequa Schools on the possibility of Senior graduate banners. He mentioned that there would be a meeting to discuss these banners held at Trinity Church, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM.
- B. Supervisor Walker asked for an update on the Village Water. Troy Bennett mentioned that they are getting ready to install an aerator at the reservoir site which should help with the water quality. Mayor Morgan replied that the Village is working with Emily Royce of the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council on a "Protection of Source Water" plan. It will take some time, but when finished, will help the Village apply for grants to help with funding. Mayor Morgan thanked Mr. Bennett for all his hard work on the water situation. Mayor Morgan stated that it was the Village's goal to provide the best looking, best tasting and the safest water for our community that there is in the County. There was discussion about the Sewer Plant. The project is on time and on budget.

Mayor Morgan and Supervisor Walker thanked both boards for their great cooperation with each other.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara McCallum
Nunda Town Clerk