

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM

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## PERSONS PRESENT

### **TOWN BOARD**

Supervisor: Merilee Walker

Councilperson: Martha Blair

Councilperson: James Forrester

Councilperson: Michael Hillier – *entered meeting at 7:01 PM*

Councilperson: Randall Morris

### **RECORDING CLERK**

Tamara McCallum

### **PERSONNEL**

Assessor: Brian Knapp – *absent*

CEO/ZEO: Mark Mullikin – *entered meeting at 7:00 PM*

Police Chief: Ryan Dale - *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing - *absent*

Hwy Superintendent: Tim Cassidy

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

### **VISITORS**

Brett Murray

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Roll call was made with one Councilmember absent.

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

All stood as Clerk McCallum led the pledge.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

- Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2024.

**The motion was made** by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester, and carried 4-0.

### **CEO/ZEO**

Mark Mullikin reviewed his written report. Mark believes the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree project is no longer in the works as Lawrence Construction now has a permit to rehab the existing house. Mark met with the County Health Department regarding a septic back-up on State Street in Dalton.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

It was noted that the annual Board of Assessment Review "Grievance Day" meeting would be held at the Highway Building on Hay Road due to the lack of disability access to the Government Center.

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## **HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed Valerie Griffing's written report. She is working her way through land records of Barkertown residents to gain a better understanding of early life in rural Nunda.

## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

Alex Pierce commented that the Planning Board welcomed their two new members: Monica Morris and Jennie Flint. There was a permit applied for by Mobiletech Communications to place 3 antennas on the existing cell tower on Hay Road and also to build a shed to house the electronics to power those antennas. There will be a working meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2024, to continue working on the Comprehensive Plan. May 5 through May 11 was Public Service Recognition week and Alex thanked all who continue to serve. It was noted that there still hasn't been any work done on the water/sewer infrastructure at the Greenway Campground.

## **POLICE REPORT**

The Board reviewed and discussed Chief Dale's written report. The Police Department is close to providing quotes for a new vehicle. The IT Company – Wellsville Technology – has been sold. Chief Dale will be contacting Hurricane Technologies for a quote to provide IT services in the future. **There was a motion** to hire Michael Kurtz as a part time officer for the joint Town/Village Police department at the starting wage. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 5-0. The Chief has narrowed down the purchase of a new vehicle to either a Dodge Durango or a Dodge Ram Pickup. The Police Commissioners and the Chief are very happy with the Officers' Community Policing reports.

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

The board reviewed and discussed the Highway Superintendent's written report. The crew has been very busy with County work, brush pickup in Dalton and mowing. All millings and concrete have been ground up. Allen Jones has completed his probationary period, and his salary will be increased as per the Teamsters Union contract. The concrete pieces being stored on the Village's property on Route 70 will be removed. There was a quote to change the truck box on truck #9 to #25. **There was a motion**, to accept the quote from Five Corners Repair to swap the boxes on these two ten wheelers, made by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 5-0. There was a discussion about this year's CHIPs availability from the State DOT and on logging CHIPs information for ease of reporting. There was information presented on a "mini" weather station that was available. The Board rejected this as too costly. There are continuing problems with the Mack truck. Councilperson Blair thanked the Highway Superintendent for helping to dispose of the garbage that the Keshequa students collected on Earth Day. Councilperson Forrester mentioned that a couple people approached him wondering why the Highway Superintendent would be driving the Town pickup truck on a weekend. It was pointed out that Mr. Cassidy is now the Union Cemetery Supervisor and was using the Town truck on Town business.

## **SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT & MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

Supervisor Walker discussed the Supervisor's and ARPA statements as well as the Budget Report for April.

## **CLERK AND JUSTICE REPORTS**

The monthly Town Clerk and Justice Reports were discussed. The 2024 Clean-Up day statistics were presented. There was a motion to allow the Clerk to pay Utility Bills via ACH/EFT when

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they are due, to avoid late fees and mail delays. The motion was made by Councilperson Morris, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0. The Clerk's Summer Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM effective June 16, 2024.

## **ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION**

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

## **AUDIT BILLS**

The original Audited and signed abstracts were as follows:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 107-135, in the amount of \$11,856.20 as set forth in abstract number G-5, dated 5/14/24.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 71-91, in the amount of \$15,949.68 as set forth in abstract number H-5, dated 5/14/24.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 24-27, in the amount of \$452.12 as set forth in abstract number P-5, dated 5/14/24.

**A motion was made** to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 5-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Kiwanis has signed the agreement for the Pickleball Court. The court needs only line painting and a fence to be complete.
- B. There was continuing discussion on the state of the handicapped lift and elevator. The Highway Supervisor diagnosed a burnt-out mother board and will research if we can fix this ourselves.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Councilperson Blair mentioned that the Village's Tobacco-Free Municipal Policy should be expanded into the Town and should be updated to include Vaping. Signage would be provided as the main source of enforcement. It was decided to talk about this at the next Joint meeting with the Village which will be held at the School on Monday 5/20/24.

At 8:23 PM a motion was made to enter Executive Session for discussion regarding a particular employee. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 5-0. The Clerk and Highway Superintendent were approved to stay. At 8:27 there was a motion to exit Executive Session, with no action taken, made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Morris and carried 5-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tamara McCallum, Nunda Town Clerk