

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday August 13, 2024, 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

Councilperson: Randall Morris

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp – *absent*

CEO/ZEO: Mark Mullikin

Police Chief: Ryan Dale - *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing

Hwy Superintendent: Tim Cassidy

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

VISITORS

Lesley Powers-Keshequa CSD, Steve Howe-Nunda Fire Dept., Travis Rawleigh-NFD, Fritz Amrhein-NFD, Tyler Green-NFD, Travis Deiter-NFD, Tom Burt-Nunda Ambulance Corp.

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 stood as Mike Hillier led the pledge.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2024.
The motion was made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair, and carried 4-0.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Steve Howe started the discussion about the new 2-year contract that was presented for the Nunda Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. Travis Rawleigh as the Treasurer for the Fire Department announced that the increase on the Fire Department side will be approximately 4.8%. Total expenses last year were \$327,000.00. Spending is offset by a lot of fund raising and donations. The Ambulance Corps increase will be approximately 9%. \$123,471.00 will be the total contract amount for the Town. Most of the increases are due to insurance requirements. Manpower is down to 64 members. The Board expressed their appreciation for all the Nunda Fire Department and Ambulance Corps does for our community.

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Lesley Powers presented goals for the Keshequa School District which included:

- Social-Emotional learning
- New Mascot
- Dress Code
- New Website and communication methods
- Capital Project
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Strategic Planning through 2028
- Studies done to comply with electric vehicle mandates

Lesley thanked the Board for allowing her to address them again this year and the Board thanked her for her presentation.

CEO/ZEO

Mark Mullikin reviewed his written report. He was in court again today for code violations at a residence on Cooperville Road. There will be tags placed on the property announcing the property is unfit to occupy. There is a similar property on Kendall Road that was also visited by the County Health Dept. Mark is working to get Van Hook to come and inspect the boiler system. The Board expressed their appreciation for all that Mark does for the Town.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Board reviewed Valerie Griffing's written report. She is continuing to work on the Barker diary project.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board minutes of 8/6/24 were presented and discussed. The Planning Board held two public meetings on a subdivision on Route 408 and a mini-storage facility in Dalton. The Nunda Zoning Board of Appeals will be convened for a Special Use permit for the Dalton project. Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan. Alex attended a Livingston/Wyoming County Solar tour. There was a discussion about grants available in conjunction with providing housing for migrants.

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Hillier discussed Chief Dale's written report. There was no Police Commissioners meeting this month. Supervisor Walker mentioned that she had an encounter with a homeless man at the Oakland Church. The new Police Truck should be delivered soon, and the Warsaw Police Department will be buying the SUV. Manpower is down.

HIGHWAY REPORT

The board reviewed and discussed the Highway Superintendent's written report. The Superintendent mentioned that the work done on Main St. in Dalton looked wonderful and that she was working with Shannon Hillier to get the paperwork which would transfer ownership of that portion of the highway over to the Town of Nunda. The terrible state of State St. and Mill St. in the Village was mentioned, we were promised by the State DOT that these issues will be addressed next spring. Tim brought up the annual DOT clam bake. The consensus was that the Town would not use taxpayer money to purchase tickets for the Highway Dept. The Superintendent and Supervisor are looking into the best way to use Consolidated Highway Improvement Project (CHIPs) funds.

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SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT & MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Supervisor Walker discussed the Budget Report and the Supervisor's Statement for July 2024. The Police Car reserve fund has been corrected. The Village has paid us one-quarter of what they owe (\$21,750.00). There was a discussion about analyzing the costs associated with the Government Center.

CLERK AND JUSTICE REPORTS

The monthly Town Clerk and Justice Reports were discussed.

ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Morris to accept all reports, seconded by Councilperson Hillier, and carried 4-0.

AUDIT BILLS

The original Audited and signed abstracts were as follows:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 201-223, in the amount of \$7,775.60 as set forth in abstract number G-8, dated 8/13/24.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 130-154, in the amount of \$119,676.93 as set forth in abstract number H-8, dated 8/13/24.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 43-50, in the amount of \$719.50 as set forth in abstract number P-8, dated 8/13/24.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Budget preparations have started. Supervisor Walker invited all to be involved in this process. The Department Heads were to have their budget proposals in by 8/12/24.
- Mayor Morgan sent an email from Senator Pam Helming asking for nominations for her annual Veterans Hall of Fame. The Town Board nominated Alex Pierce for this honor.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Inside/Outside Elevators: Bison Elevator fixed the inside elevator doors on the first and second floors. A company named ALPS will be contracted to perform an annual inspection on the inside elevator. **There was a motion** to sign the annual inspection contract in the amount of \$290.00 made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilperson Morris discussed the draft of a Joint Town/Village/Kiwanis Park Smoking and Vaping Policy. The committee is looking for any suggestions. How to enforce the policy was discussed. There will be signs designed for use by the Town, Village and Kiwanis Park.

The Clerk mentioned that the Town of Nunda needs a logo, especially since the Comprehensive Plan is nearing conclusion. It was discussed that perhaps a contest among the Keshequa School District students might be held.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara McCallum
Nunda Town Clerk