

TOWN OF FLOYD BOARD MEETING MINUTES - March 4, 2014

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. called the Town of Floyd Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and announced that all Board Meetings are voice recorded.

Boy Scouts Justin Pianella, Joe Rowlands and Brandon Schuster led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Streiff thanked the Scouts and made mention to the Scout Leader that the Town has included in their budget payment for the upkeep done by the Scouts on the cemeteries on State Route 274, Ritchie Rd and Soule Rd.

Town Officials present were: Town Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, Councilmen Daniel Schwertfeger, Charles E. Planow, Robert Evans, Town Clerk Georgianna Larry, Highway Superintendent Jerome E. Alexander Jr., Working Supervisor (Sanitation) Lawrence Gruby, Planning Board Member James Nuessle, NOCCOG Municipal Advisor Susan Martin, Town Attorney David Rapke, Web Page Clerk William E. Smith, Water Operator Benjamin West, Building and Codes Officer Eugene Kotary, Town Justice Christopher Clarkin and Oneida County Legislator Phillip Sacco and Historian Edwin Evans.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to approve the January 14, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes as presented by Town Clerk Georgianna Larry, seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, carried.

Councilman Robert Evans made a motion to approve the February 4, 2014 Town Board Minutes as presented by Town Clerk Georgianna Larry, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes as presented by Town Clerk Georgianna Larry, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried.

Approval of Warrants:

Councilman Charles E. Planow made a motion to pay the General Warrants from Claim# 14A081 to Claim# 14A131, totaling \$42,423.40, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to pay the Refuse & Garbage Warrants from Claim# 14SR019 to Claim# 14SR035 totaling \$28,663.13 , seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Councilman Charles E. Planow made a motion to pay the Water Improvement Warrants from Claim #14SW019 to Claim #14SW032, totaling \$8,644.86, seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, carried.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to pay the Highway Warrants from Claim# 14DA033 to Claim# 14DA058, totaling \$117,552.98, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to pay the Trust and Agency Warrants from Claim# 14TA017 to Claim# 14TA032 totaling \$2,188.70, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans, carried.

- 1) **Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol gave a brief overview on some of the services the Sheriff's Department provides for the County consisting of 23 towns and 12 villages.**
- 2) **Oneida County Legislators:**
Philip Sacco gave a brief report talking about county roads, River Rd being on the list for a proposed project, bridge repairs within the County.
- 3) **Northern Oneida County Council of Governments Municipal Advisor Susan Martin mentioned a number of announcements, including early registration fee for the Watertown NYS Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference March 27, 2014. The State Comptrollers Office suggests a Resolution be written stating the Town is sending employees for training. NYS Archives is offering workshop training for Legal Aspects of Records Management.**
Councilman Charles E. Planow made a motion to authorize James Nuessle, Tim Bejian and Jerome E. Alexander Jr. to the Watertown Conference, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

- 3) Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Streiff was absent.
- 4) Building and Fire Codes Enforcement Officer Eugene Kotary gave a brief report. (see attached)
- 5) Water Supervisor Michele Kotary was absent.
- 6) Town Historian Edwin Evans gave a brief report on the new book he is writing about the Town of Floyd's history.
- 7) Master Plan Review committee chairman James Nuessle gave a brief report on the committee's progress. A survey will be going out to residents in the near future.
- 8) Comments from the Public:
A town resident had questions about an area variance. The Board & Town Attorney routed him to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joshua Laforest from Troop 55 will be working on his Eagle Scout Project and is looking for any suggestions from the Town of Floyd that they might need help on that would help him earn his Eagle Scout Award.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Budget Amendment
Decrease Contingency 19904.1.4 by \$1,500.00
Increase Legislative Clerk 1040.1 by \$1,500.00
Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a Motion to approve the above transfer, seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, carried.
- b) We presently have an existing vacancy in the membership and chairmanship of our Zoning Board of Appeals, due to the resignation of Obie Burger. Obie also informed me that he has asked all the present remaining members and none are interested in assuming the Chairmanship.
Therefore at this time Supervisor Streiff recommends we appoint Timothy Bejian of 7821 Streiff Rd. Town of Floyd to the position of Member and Chairman of the Z.B.A. effective March 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. Mr. Bejian is a town resident for many years and before that he resided in the Town of Lee where he spent several years serving on the planning board there.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to appoint Timothy Bejian to the position of Member and Chairman of the Z.B.A. effective March 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried.

- c) For the past 2 years we have hired a temporary part-time summer labor to assist with various chores needing to be accomplished during the summer months. The time period would be from approximately mid May thru mid August. This has worked out extremely well and therefore Supervisor Streiff would recommend we advertise and hire someone again.

Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to approve the above recommendation for a temporary part-time summer laborer, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried.

- d) We recently received notice that our Justice Court is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$3,575.00 dollars for improvements and upgrades to our court facilities.

In acknowledging this grant Supervisor Streiff would like to commend and thank Justice Christopher Clarkin for his work and effort in obtaining this money. Chris has advised me that this money will be spent on security equipment and painting and cosmetic improvements to the courtroom and Judges office.

Justice Clarkin briefly commented on the work to be done.

Councilman Charles E. Planow made a motion to allow Justice Christopher Clarkin to proceed with the Court Facility improvements as awarded in the JCAP Grant for Approximately \$3,575.00, seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, carried.

- e) In light of the work to be accomplished on the court facility, Supervisor Streiff feels we may want to consider a couple of improvements to the Town Hall along the same lines which could be accomplished in conjunction and likely result in a cost savings to the town. The upgrades Supervisor Streiff would recommend are that we repaint the hall area in the new section and that we install motion detectors in the tax assessor, supervisors and water supervisor's offices. The estimate for the painting is \$700.00 plus materials and the estimate for the motion detectors is forthcoming from Lince Security.

Councilman Charles E. Planow made a motion to proceed with the recommended Town Hall maintenance and improvements as stated, seconded by Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., carried.

f) At 8:00 P.M. Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. opened the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2014 to provide for the amendment of Section 5 of the original Town of Floyd Local Law No. 2 of 2007.

- i) Town Clerk Georgianna Larry read the Legal Notice.
- ii) Town Attorney David Rapke briefly commented on the 2 local laws.
- iii) There were no public comments.
- iv) At 8:05PM the public hearing was closed.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2014 as amended, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow.

Town Clerk Georgianna Larry was asked to take a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes: Councilman Robert Evans, Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilmen Charles E. Planow and Daniel Schwertfeger.

Nays: None

The above motion was carried.

g) At 8:10PM Supervisor Streiff opened the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2014 to provide for the amendment of Section 8 of the original Town of Floyd Local Law No. 1 of 2002.

- i) Town Clerk Georgianna Larry read the Legal Notice.
- ii) There were no public comments.
- iii) At 8:15PM the public hearing was closed.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2014 as amended, seconded by Councilman Robert Evans.

Town Clerk Georgianna Larry was asked to take a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes: Councilmen Daniel Schwertfeger, Charles E. Planow, Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr., Councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, Councilman Robert Evans.

Nays: None

The above motion was carried.

h) Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to approve Town Clerk Georgianna Larry to attend NYS Town Clerks Conference in Saratoga, NY from April 28 through April 30, 2014, seconded by Councilman Charles E. Planow, carried. (see attached Resolution)

INFORMATION

Tadeusz Buczek informed Supervisor Streiff that we are scheduled for the following concerts in the Town Park this summer:

- a) July 23, 2014 – The Floyd Community Band
- b) August 20, 2014 – The Fulton Chaingang

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. made a motion to allow Non-Profit Organizations from the Town of Floyd open a booth if they so desire at these functions, seconded by Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger, carried.

Supervisor Willard H. Streiff Jr. suggested that Board members think about the possibility of a Welcoming Sign on the roadside entering into the Town of Floyd to make the town appealing for travelers passing by.

This month we will be making Lease Purchase Payments on the 2 trucks we acquired in the Highway Department. They have been approved for payment on the Highway March Warrants.

- a) March 15, 2014 Pmt. 2 of 5, 2nd Truck, Amt. \$45,693.94
- b) March 25, 2014 Pmt. 3 of 5, 1st Truck, Amt. \$46,634.52

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS:

- a) No Report from Members of the Town Board.
- b) Highway Superintendent Jerome Alexander, Jr. gave a commendation to his men on the work they have done during the past months.
- c) Sanitation Supervisor Lawrence Gruby submitted his annual reports to Albany and DEC. The 2014 Town Calendar's are here and will be delivered soon.

ADJOURN:

At 8:25 PM Councilman Daniel Schwertfeger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by councilwoman Jennifer Bohrer, carried.

Town Clerk