

Town of Dayton Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Angie Mardino-Miller; Town Supervisor, Paul Luce; Deputy Town Supervisor, Jake Hansen-Ivett; Town Council, Don Bartlett; Town Council, Christine Rupp; Town Council, Tom Chupa; Town Highway Superintendent, Rachele Cook; Deputy Town Clerk, John Grennell; Town Attorney, Frank Watson; Town Code Enforcement Officer, Lee Ellis; Town Bailiff *Absent: Steve Raiport; Town Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Coordinator, Town Assessor*

Call to Order: Supervisor Mardino-Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood and said the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Mardino-Miller requested an executive session at 7:06 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivette and second by Councilwoman Rupp. All Aye- Motion carried. Regular meeting closed at 7:06 p.m. At 7:23 p.m. the board members returned. A motion was made to close the executive session by Councilman Bartlett and second by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce. All Aye- Motion carried.

Executive session was regarding employee. No action taken. Tabled until next month.

Supervisor Mardino-Miller requested a moment of silence for the loss of Honorable Jeffrey Beightol who spent multiple years as a judge for the Town of Dayton and the Village of South Dayton.

Minutes: Deputy Town Clerk Cook distributed to each member of the Board, a copy of the minutes to be read before the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivette and second by Councilwoman Rupp. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Supervisor Mardino-Miller stated that in the absence of the town clerk and the presence of the deputy clerk, as of February, the minutes will start being mailed to the board members again. In addition, the vouchers and abstracts will be available for review and approval the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and Tuesday of each month prior to the board meeting.

Town Clerk: Deputy Town Clerk Cook read the tax collector's report to date. Time given for questions and answers.

Deputy Town Clerk Cook stated there was no report available from Town Justice Frost.

Code Enforcement Officer: Code Enforcement Officer Watson presented a 1 year report for January 2021 through December of 2021 of code enforcement activity. In addition, Code Enforcement Officer Watson presented a January 2022 report.

Assessor: No assessor present. Deputy Town Clerk Cook read the assessors report which read as follows: The January report is as follows: • Completed renewal applications for several exemptions are being returned to our office. Because these renewals are due by March 1, 2022, we will contact all applicants who have not submitted their application in midFebruary. Property owners should contact our office with any questions about these exemptions or the application process. • Pursuant to Section 501 of NYS Real Property Tax Law, the Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Data, must be displayed on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and published in the town's official paper. I have provided a copy for your bulletin board with this report. Although Ruth typically takes care of publishing this notice, in her absence my office will take care of

publishing it (the invoice will be sent to the Town Clerk). • The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. • Added two sales for December.

Highway: Town Highway Superintendent Chupa reported that he and the hwy. dept. have been plowing just about every day. They have painted the bathrooms and the assessor's office and they have had a lot of up keep in the shop to keep it clean from the salt and sand. In addition, they have been doing normal maintenance on equipment and trucks.

Supervisor: Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller addressed the board to pay the monthly bills. General Fund claims-voucher #s 23-33 in the amount of \$5,290.52 as set forth in Abstract #2, dated February 9, 2022, Highway Fund claims- voucher #s 18-32, in the amount of \$8,768.03 as set forth in Abstract #2 dated February 9, 2022, Street Lighting Fund claims- voucher # 3, in the amount of \$171.59 as set forth in Abstract #2 dated February 9, 2022. A motion to pay Jan 2022 bills was made by Councilman Bartlett, second by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce. All Aye- Motion carried.

Fund transfers: None needed.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller requested Town Attorney Grennell to update the town board on the McMaster claim. Grennell stated that he received an email stating that the assessors are willing to reduce the assessment for 5% in hopes to resolve the assessment issue with McMaster's vs the Town of Dayton. After giving this update, Town Attorney Grennell left time for questions and answers.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller brought to the board as a request, for the board to consider changing the Town Supervisor, the Town Highway Superintendent, and the Town Clerk positions to a 4 year term instead of a 2 year term. Supervisor Mardino-Miller stated that ultimately the decision is left up to the town tax payers and the town voters. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the process is passing a resolution if the board agrees. After a great deal of discussion between the town board and the town attorney, it was stated that the majority of towns and villages that have these positions are 4 year terms now, allowing for more productivity.

At the board's request, Town Attorney Grennell read resolution #1 for Town Supervisor. A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, second by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce. Roll call vote: Councilman Hansen-Ivett: Yes, Deputy Town Supervisor Luce: Yes, Councilman Bartlett: Yes, Councilwoman Rupp: Yes, Supervisor Mardino-Miller: Yes.

Town Attorney Grennell read resolution #2 for Town Clerk. A motion was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce, second Councilwoman Rupp. Roll call vote: Deputy Town Supervisor Luce: Yes, Councilwoman Rupp: Yes, Councilman Hansen-Ivett: Yes, Councilman Bartlett: Yes, Supervisor Mardino-Miller: Yes.

Town Attorney Grennell read resolution #3 for Town Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, second by Councilman Bartlett. Roll call vote: Councilman Hansen-Ivett: Yes, Councilman Bartlett: Yes, Deputy Town Supervisor Luce: Yes, Councilwoman Rupp: Yes, Supervisor Mardino-Miller: Yes.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller informed the board that internet connection is in place with Spectrum for the highway, the town clerk, and the code enforcement offices. She has not been able to get in touch with the town justice to be able to cancel Saia completely.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller spoke to the board regarding ongoing issues

with Verizon. The town hall has been without a telephone for 3 days to date. The phone lines have been either dead or have had static interference so bad that you cannot hear the person on the other line. This has happened multiple times in the past 2 months since Deputy Town Clerk Cook took her position. In addition, the town of Dayton is unable to fax anything when the phone line is down. Town Supervisorardino-Miller states she has been in contact with the executive staff at Verizon. Verizon admittedly stated that they recognize that the phone lines are old and brittle and cell phones are so prevalent that the need for in house phones are down immensely. Verizon was unable to say if or when the lines will be replaced. Town Supervisorardino-Miller went on to say that Spectrum will be cheaper and Spectrum has band new fiber optic lines which should fix the problem that the Town of Dayton is encountering. A motion was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce and second by Councilwoman Rupp. All Aye- Motion carried.

Town Supervisorardino-Miller spoke to the board as a reminder that the annual justice audit needs to be completed by March. Deputy Town Supervisor Luce stated he would contact Honorable Town Justice Frost and set up a meeting to complete the annual audit.

Emergency Preparedness/

Disaster Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Attorney: Reported above.

Public: Nothing to report.

Justice: No report available.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Rupp, second by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce, at 8:15 p.m. All Aye- Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Rachelle Cook  
Town of Dayton Deputy Town Clerk

