

Town of Dayton Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 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, Tom Chupa; Town Highway Superintendent, Rachelle Cook; Town Clerk, John Grennell; Town Attorney, Lee Ellis; Town Bailiff, Carrie Tomczak; Assessor, Visitors: Sue and Dennis Koch and Vicky Bedell. *Absent: Christine Rupp; Town Council, Frank Watson; Town Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Raiport; Town Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Coordinator*
- Call to Order: Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood and said the Pledge to the Flag.
- Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller asked everyone to take a moment of silence for the loss of Ruth Bennett after 18 years of service to the town.
- Minutes: Town Clerk Cook emailed and mailed out a copy of February's minutes to each board member last month. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivette and second by Councilman Bartlett. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.
- Town Clerk: Town Clerk Cook addressed the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference put on by Southern Tier West at Houghton College. Town Clerk Cook educated the board that this training is for councilman, DPW, Town Clerk, as well as the Town Supervisor. This training is to be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and town employees were informed to contact either Supervisor Mardino-Miller or Town Clerk Cook if they were interested in attending.
- Town Clerk Cook brought to the boards attention that we needed to replace Ruth Bennett's position on the Thatcher Brook Watershed Task Force. Board discussion regarding Councilman Hansen-Ivett. A motion for Councilman Hansen-Ivett to take this place was made by Councilman Bartlett, second by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce. All aye-motion carried.
- Code Enforcement Officer: No report available.
- Assessor: Assessor Carrie Tomczak reported that because exemption renewal applications are due March 1, February is always one of our busiest months--answering tax payer questions, processing applications, contacting applicants for additional information, etc. In order to best serve these applicants, we also take time to call those who haven't returned any renewal applications in mid-February, reminding them the deadline is quickly approaching. Reminder letters are sent to the handful we do not have good phone numbers for. The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. Added no sales for January.
- Highway: Town Highway Superintendent Chupa reported that he and the hwy. dept. have been continuing to plow daily. They hauled in extra sand and salt because the piles were getting low. They caught a muskrat on the Cabic Rd. pond. Truck #'s 5 and 7 had some mechanical issues but they are all fixed now. Routine maintenance on equipment was done. All tucks were re-decaled and the V plow that will be placed out front of the Town Hall was lettered. Discussion was had about the need for a new salt shed. Also, there was discussion about the increase in fuel prices and the increase in cost to send out the snow plows.
- Supervisor: Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller addressed the board to pay the monthly bills. General Fund claims-voucher #s 34-44 in the amount of \$21,043.12 as set forth in Abstract #3, dated March 9, 2022, Highway Fund claims- voucher #s 33-47, in the amount of \$14,477.51 as set forth in Abstract #3 dated March 9, 2022, Street Lighting Fund claims- voucher # 4, in the amount of \$199.37 as set forth in Abstract #3 dated March 9, 2022, Fire District Fund claims-voucher #'s 1-2, in the amount of \$106,518.00 as set forth in Abstract #3 dated March 9, 2022. A motion to pay Feb 2022 bills was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce, second by Councilman Bartlett. All Aye- Motion carried.
- Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller brought to the board's attention that in the loss of Ruth Bennett-Town Clerk, Mardino-Miller is requesting to appoint Rachelle Cook to Town Clerk from Deputy Town Clerk. A motion to approve this change was made by Councilman Bartlett, second

by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. Roll call vote: Councilman Bartlett-yes, Councilman Hansen-Ivett-yes, Deputy Town Supervisor Luce-yes, Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller -yes.

Fund transfers: \$86.00 from DA9030.8 to account DA9050.8. Motion made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce, second by Councilman Hansen-Ivett.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller addressed several public appreciations. First was for the Town of Little Valley Clerks, Sue Koch and Megan Morgenstern. They have spent endless hours helping the Town of Dayton in the absence of Ruth Bennett since December. Mardino-Miller stated the she was going to surprise them with flowers and any councilman, clerk, or attorney interested in participating could give donation to Town Clerk Cook or Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller.

In addition, Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller acknowledged Lee Ellis who introduced the Town of Dayton to the clerks from Little Valley and the multiple other ways Lee Ellis helps the Town of Dayton.

Lastly, Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller wanted to recognize Town Highway Superintendent Tom Chupa and his crew for the endless hours of plowing and cleaning the roads, keeping the town residents safe. Along with going the extra step to keep the Town Hall building clean and painted.

Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller spoke to the board regarding ongoing issues with Verizon. The phone lines have had consistent static interference. Furthermore, the town of Dayton is still unable to fax anything when the phone line is down. Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller informed the board that we are awaiting an appointment with Spectrum.

Emergency Preparedness/

Disaster Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Attorney: Town Attorney Grennell addressed correspondence regarding notice of claim received. However, claim fails to meet claim recommendations. A great deal of board discussion was had.

Town Attorney Grennell also addressed the McMaster claim and Mr. Grennell stated that the County offered a 10% reduction but there has not yet been a response.

Public: Nothing to report.

Justice: No report available.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce, second by Councilman Bartlett, at 7:45 p.m. All Aye- Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Rachelle Cook  
Town of Dayton Town Clerk