

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF DAYTON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Angie Mardino-Miller, Supervisor, Bruce Drajem, Christine Rupp, Jake Hansen-Ivett, Paul Luce Town Council, Ruth Bennett, Town Clerk, Tom Chupa, Highway Superintendent, John Grennell, Attorney, Tina Chupa, Lee Ellis, Bailiff, Don Bartlett, Stephen Raiport, Frank Watson

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.

Due to the Governor's executive order 202.1, we can allow a limited number of the public to attend our meeting this evening, hopefully by next month the COVID-19 is manageable enough that will have changed.

MINUTES: Clerk Bennett gave 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-Ivett, seconded by Councilman Drajem. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Chupa reported they have been working on the black top sled, working to keep the trucks running, and getting ready for spring, patching holes, getting the broom ready to start sweeping. We are still waiting for the plow for the new truck.

ASSESSOR: In February reminders were mailed to all Agricultural Assessment and Nonprofit Exemption applicants who had not returned their renewal mid-February. This notice reminded applicants that renewals would not be accepted after the March 1st deadline.

I ask that the Town Board, along with the Board of Assessment Review, starts to consider how the Town will hold its 2021 Grievance Day on June 2. Here are examples of how Towns accommodated for COVID-19 last year:

In-person while maintaining social distancing guidelines and limiting the number of people in the room.

Telephone conferencing -- as grievance forms are received, property owners will be called to make an appointment for a telephone meeting. In some Towns, Board members met in person and called property owners from a central location, in other Towns, board members conference called from home and called property owners.

Online video conferencing -- The Real Property Office's WebEx subscription is available for Towns to use.

Once you give me your decision, I will make sure that the information is posted on the County's website, news feed, and Facebook page, and I will make a sign for your Town hall.

We have been in contact with many exemption applicants who have questions, need help with an application, or submitted incorrect/insufficient information. The Assessing Office has also corresponded with several property owners about their assessments and tax bills. Six property transfers were added for the month January.

CLERK: Clerk Bennett reported the Court processed 3 Vehicle & Traffic Law, a total of 3 cases and collected \$75.00.

We received a letter of resignation from Christine Rupp from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The tax collector reported she collected \$95,220.04 in February.

Reminded the Board about the training webinars at Southern Tier West.

CEO: Frank reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance and special use permit for a private airport. This property is in an Ag & Forestry, Industrial and Residential Zone, there will be no business transacted there.

Due to the fact that there is no Court, we have no resolution on the property maintenance cases already in Court.

Received hearsay about a property, I visited the property today and spoke with the owner. We are waiting on Dept. of Agriculture & Markets and DEC. We have an understanding and need it in writing, I didn't see anything or if other properties are being damaged.

I have two unsafe properties and two that are becoming junk yard.

BILLS: A motion was made by Councilman Drajem, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to pay General Funds claims #33-39 in the amount of \$3,176.99 as set forth in Abstract #3, dated March 10, 2021, Highway Fund claims #39-54, in the amount of \$8,253.34 as set forth in Abstract #3 dated March 10, 2021. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

DISASTER COODINATOR: January there was a preregistration for the vaccine, trying to get a vaccine site went to the Governor and got denied.

Money was approved today, so the County will be asking for expenses.

Regarding the second emergency shelter, one is working great, however, the second one we have been getting push back, I need direction from the Board about finding a second emergency shelter. When each Board member was questioned they stated that we need to find a second shelter. A motion was made by Councilman Drajem, seconded by Hansen-Ivett to change the second emergency shelter to the Master Plan. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

We need to set deadlines for the audits. A motion was made by Councilman Drajem, seconded by Councilman Luce to audit the Supervisor books by April. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

ATTORNEY: Attorney Grennell discussed the Junk Yard Ordinance, it needs to be further looked into.

Regarding the speed limit on Route 62 between Markham and Gabel Street, a motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, seconded by Councilman Luce to forward the letter to the NYSDOT for review. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

BOARD: Councilman Rupp asked about the internet and the differences between what we have received so far. Councilman Luce responded that we have four or five different quotes and it is like comparing apples to oranges. The equipment that brings the internet into the building needs to be moved, Spectrum can't connect to the present equipment. Paul also recommended that Clerk Bennet have security on her computer.

CEO Watson also asked when he was getting a computer. The Supervisor responded it's coming. CEO Watson then asked what was wrong with moving the 2018 computer to his desk so he can do his job. There was no response to his query.

A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, seconded by Councilman Drajem to have a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2021 next month. A roll call vote was taken on the motion, Hansen-Ivett-aye, Drajem-aye, Luce-aye, Mardino-Miller-aye, Rupp-aye.

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The Town Clerk and Supervisor reports for February, 2021 was received by the Board.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Luce, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, at 8:13 p.m. Carried.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ruth Bennett, Clerk