

ELEVENTH RECORDING OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

On this 14th day of November 2019. Lodi, NY 14860.

Deputy Supervisor Lucas Latini called the meeting to direct order at 7:03 P.M. leading all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America, followed by a moment of silence for our service men and women.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL: Roll call taken by Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh and is as stated.

Those in presences during this 10th meeting of the year 2019 is as follows, Active Supervisor, Deputy; Councilman Lucas Latini, Councilman Chance Van Cleef, Councilman Paul Batman, and Councilman Trevor Sibley along with, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

In representation of Attorney at law; Mr. ~~M. Mirra~~ **Mirra**

Those who are absent during this said meeting, Supervisor E. Lee Davidson, (considering the fact of Mr. Davidsons accident, it is to be anticipated, that Mr. Davidson will be absent for the deration of the year 2019. That, Mr. Lucas Latini Councilmember, and Deputy Supervisor take an active position as Acting Supervisor for the remaining duration of 2019, to be recovered by the Supervisor nominee in the upcoming year of 2020.

AGENDA ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA: Motion made by Councilman Paul Batman. Motion in the 2nd made by Councilman Chance Van Cleef. Hearing no comment, all members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES: (THE MONTH PREVIOUS TO THE CURRENT)

Motion made by Councilman Trevor Sibley. Motion in the second made by Councilman Chance Van Cleef. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BILL(S): acquired in the previous month(s).

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor /Councilman Lucas Latini. Motion in the second by, Councilman Chance Van Cleef. Hearing no comments, all members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

GUEST SPEAKRS: Chris West- Finger Lakes Land Trust (F.L.L.T).

IN CONTINUATION, Councilman Trevor Sibley invites Mrs. West to join us the Town of Lodi, in a question and answer based guest speaker, in regards to a personal letter he received from the land trust leaving concerns for my Sibley, seeking out answers form the Land Trust.

C.W. – We the Finger Lakes land trust sent out letter to residents/ personal property owners with In the Town of Lodi, whose property is adjacent to the Federal forest, those said letters being sent in the majority; to those who have property that is appropriate to be within the land trust. Stating that the intent of these letters is to inform those said owners of the workings of the land trust and give people an opportunity to see what it is that the land trust does and means.

Over View - The Finger Lakes Land Trust is celebrating their 30th year, and is a 12 county affiliation where they have, conserved around 23,000 acres of land with 2/3 of that said land in private property ownership. They the Land Trust are overseers of the property and have legal agreements "conservation easements" that limit future development on said property with the intention to save and preserve natural, undeveloped rural areas such as our own. Keeping the land available for agricultural and forest management.

Tactics used by the Land Trust; the land trust has options set up for those who are interested in the land trust, stating that some enjoy the fact that their way, idea and rules. Put in place will carry on forever, far past their personal lifetime, and generations to come.

The second tactic is financial; willing sellers may sell their property to the Land Trust, the land trust working with a third party assessment group, will have your property assessed and then will offer you that market value. The land trust is not authorized to make an offer above the 3rd parties assessments.

Currently the land trust is working on 4 conservation projects and states that the timing of these letters is simple to do with "it has been a while" and they wish to inform the property owners of their options.

P.B.— I would like to know more on the ownership rights of the government, state or otherwise and the effects that it will have on service and tax caps ?

C.W. --Government ownership has nothing to do with the land trust process. That the Land Trust works with private owners to see what it is that they would like to do with their property. That the Land would remain as personal property, and remain on the tax map. That the Land trust would be who oversee future developments of the property.

Adding that the flyer that she made available is a good reference tool. (flyer attached to official minutes). On understanding Conservation Easements.

Continuing that the Easements prevent subdivisions, and protects the rural developments, adding that in some cases the land tax value is less than the cost of the services such as roads, schools and emergency services. This action helps to equalize the service with the tax base.

T.S.—So if I entered into agreement with the land trust, and in the future sold my property to another private owner or inherited it. Say my inheritors didn't want it and they sold it. Does these easements carry on in the sale of the property in the future if the purchaser does not want the Land Trust?

C.W. Yes. The Easement I tied to the land and not as much the property owner. The contract with the Land trust is forever binding no matter if the owners, future owners want to continue on or not. That the contract is on record with the County Clerks office, so it is part of the Public Records. What you would be donating or selling or in contract to, which you are actually giving to the Land Trust isn't the development rights, what you are giving to the land trust is legal standing to prevent / to defend restrictions of the Land Trust agreements. Land Trust staff will forever be tied at the hip to the property and will survey and monitor the property to insure their contract is being upheld. If not the Land Trust will have legal, standing to pursue you in action of said agreements and easements.

L.L.—what insures the solvency of your organization, to the effect of long-term enforcements?

C.W. — The Land Trust works at the pace of the landowners that she knows of cases to take 20 years to come into fruition. That we are a non-profit organization and must follow certain criteria proceedings that they are bound to I.R.S. working with overseeing corporations. (The Land Trust Alliance). That they are the insurance holders and provide many other services. Adding that with every Easement that they take on, they build on financial support. That is used for the stewardship program.

T.S.—If I wanted to sell my land to the Land Trust. Is the price comparable to going rate?

C.W. Yes. The Land Trust will pay for market value. That they will have a 3rd party assess the property and will make an offer based off of those results.

C.W. The purchase process would be or options of.

1. Is the land appropriate to add to the Land Trust.
2. The independent assessment will be done and a price could be offered.

L.L.—Our Community is a fan of saving land/ saving farmland. The challenge we have is the Federal Forest has accrued 20% of our average in the Town of Lodi. Taking 20% of our tax base away. Most communities' have Federal based programs that help offset that by paying for/ or in part the municipal service and road repair. In the early 80s, Town of Lodi and its Council members of the time waved our right of this. Consequently, the \$40-\$50,000 offset a year. That we would see by reimbursements of the roads, we do not recover. Therefore, in addition to the no tax base, we receive no road monies and or services.

C.W.— Insuring that they the Land Trust work with the towns, to insure the tax base balance is appropriate. Adding that the Land Trust is currently working with Seneca County on water conservation and algae bloom. That the Land trust has the best intentions of Conservation in and of The Finger Lakes.

Thanking The Town of Lodi for the opportunity to speak and answer question.

Guest Speaker Concluded. 7:53 p.m.

HIGHWAY REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT MR. RICK JACOT.

- Hauled stone.
- Serviced and maintained highway equipment.
- Plowed residential roads and roadways.
- Salted residential roads and roadways.

R.J. — A rented boom mower will be available for use as of next week, at this time road sides and brush areas will be cleared, mowed and serviced.

R.J. — The highway department is expecting to receive a reimbursement on chips money in the estimated amount of \$140.000 - \$150.000.

Adding that in a budget line item. Reflecting \$38,000, and while Rick is in correspondence with Book keeping and accounts payable. With intention of Stevens Mowers to put, a side Boom Mower on the tractor and remove the cycle bar. In estimated cost of 26,000. Expecting no over cost with expected finances.

Further adding Correspondence on a Highway Truck Purchase.

When we had our budget workshop, we talked about putting \$50,000- \$55,000 in each year for the period of 4 years, making one payment when the truck was delivered.

Making 3 additional payments (like we did with Western Star).

The total of the truck is \$210,694.00- with a \$10,000 increase if the truck shall be an automatic transmission. (the importance of this choice is; if the highway individuals take their safety test and courses on an automatic. It is limited to the automatic system and they the individual's shall not be permitted to operate a standard transmission on the same certificate.

L.L. is it an upgrade?

R.J. Yes- that would make the total cost, but adding that the offer of a lower cost of around \$7,000 by not going with the stainless steel bed.

L.L. Are you/ have you received or sought out any other quotes?

R.J. That was the chosen quote, introduced.

T.S. I would like to personally see ore quotes.

L.S. agrees with T.S.

L.L. Is this a state bid?

R.J. Yes- off, the Onondaga.

L.L. Request that the vote be pushed of for the period of one month and to be readdressed in the upcoming month of December 2019.

R.J. Okay, No problem. Adding the fact that every month that is waited. Is 2-3 months that we do not have the services of the truck, and will push the use of the service out until the later months of August, maybe even September.

L.L. that long.

R.J. confirming.

L.L. Repeats his request to table the decision until further.

Motion made by Councilman Chance Van Cleef. Motion in the 2nd by Councilman Trevor Sibley. Hearing no comments, on the mower and tractor, hearing no comments on the report of service motion

carried with comments on the delay (table the purchase) for the period of one month. all members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT/WITH COMMENT.**

TOWN CLERKS REPORT- CONNIE ROSBAUGH

To the Supervisor from the Town Clerk. \$144.50. Check -349

To the department of ags and markets. \$17.00. Check- 346

To the department of Health. \$22.50. Check -347

**In addition, the Clerk's office is running smoothly and the Tax Collection season is on the top of the agenda. This month was in fast pace, in preparation to this but all is well. No further happenings to report at this time.

Motion made by Councilman Trevor Sibley. Motion in the 2nd made by Councilman Paul Batman. Hearing comment, Attorney Mr. Marris recommended to the Clerk to add all Correspondences to the report. Clerk agrees will do so going forward all members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

LIBRARY REPORT: READ BY COUNCILMAN PAUL BATMAN. The Topic of the November events, Programs and happenings. A new added to the grounds as a community project subject. Classes and groups of these months' activities will play a huge roll in the prep and create decorations for the tree in hope to introduce an annual tree light for the community, plans of moving the garden to the north and busy works are all in the air. Please see the library and its personal website for a full and complete listing off all that is offered.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Trevor Sibley Addresses the Board, under the continued discussion of the Finger lakes National Forest; receiving personal correspondence from the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Mr. Sibley continues; to communicate with the land trust and is still holding concern. Asking how to have protection from or for?

L.L. request Attorney at Law ESQ: Mr. Mirras answer. L.L. What is your legal recourse?

ESQ: M.M. Referring to Chris West of the Land Trust. A willing participant can sell their land to them. (F.L.L.T) or have a contract of Easement. That by what Chris said she is aware and sees the sensitivities to the 1980 contract and concerns. Adding his recommendation to seek out contact with our congressional representatives and address a sit down opportunity to approach the concerns of and seek financial backing from them in the areas of concerns.

TOPIC CONCLUDED.

MOVING FORWARD. 2020 Budget. (Councilman provided with copies for view during subject, also available to the public).

L.L. The 2020 budget being addressed during our budget work shop, and during our Public Hearing held on the 17th of October. As well during our regular meeting of the month of November, on the 19th, 2019.

Raising a motion to vote and affirm the 2020 Tentative Budget into the 2020 Fiscal Budget, announcing appropriations to all members and contingences.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilman Lucas Latini, IN second by: Councilman Paul Batman.

Motion made and on the floor open.

L.L. General Funds Town Wide - \$315,880.00.

General Funds outside village- \$2,515.00

Highway funds Town Wide -\$327,267.00.

Highway fund outside village- \$480,026.00.

Total town appropriations of --\$1,125,688.00.

Special Districts: fire district- \$130, 00.00.

Ambulance fund- \$720,501.00.

Total town Appropriations of-- \$202,501.00.

Grand total of-- \$1,328,189.00.

Amount raised by taxes; town wide-- \$248,948.00.

Town outside of village-- \$2,513.00

Highway town wide--\$264,860.

Highway outside village--\$280,635.

Total tax to be raised--\$796,956.00.

Giving all Councilmembers the opportunity to view and hear the figures stated.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Lucas Latini. Motion in the 2nd by Councilman Paul Batman. All members of the **IN FAVOR ND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

ADOPTING THE 2020 BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

IN ADDITION TO NEW BUSINESS:

L.L.-- Last month Hunt engineers billed the Town of Lodi for the amount of \$30,626.74.

Itemizing the amount of \$270.00, leaving a lump sum without itemization in the remainder amounts.

Having an opportunity to meet with the engineer manager of Hunt, in basic what we are billed for is the initial designed work that was done along with surveys, drawing and engineer proofs. Foundation, tresses etc.. In design of the initial proposed building. We the members of the board rejected that plan, because it came in at around just under \$200,000,000.00 for the building that was approximately 4,500 sq ft. based on our current financial budget and allocations that number was about 2xx our spending ability. As concluded during said meeting, that they HUNT. Never received a dollar amount to maximize and there for created a building design that was suitable for a much larger district. That HUNT was not instructed to stay within any financial cap. Consequently the came up with a mplemented form of a

commercial building with the loan restriction and the high cost of steel building material the \$200,000,000.00 being cost prohibited for our tax base plan

The action to take forward is try and salvage the work that we are billed for. With an understanding that the engineer manager is going to provide an itemized receipt bill to see exactly what we accrued for the \$30,000 +. Adding that it will be difficult for us the Town to absorb. We will pay for the print that we cannot use as is. For services of this rendered. Asking HUNT to pencil in what they think can be salvaged and come up with a print design to be applied to the building Design provided to HUNT in the year of 2015 . Also adding that facts of different requirements and materials that must be applied. Asking HUNT to reconfigure our plan without architectural expenses to the town. Recieveing smething for the monies to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS: L.L. correspondences with Alison Hunt: The Great Lakes Grant.

The federal Forest Outreach.

PLANNING BOARD: No attendance or report.

Council member BUSINESS: None new during this 11th recording

EXECUTIVE MEETING: No meeting called to order during this 10th recording.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT- TIME: 8:47 P.M. 11/14/2019.

Motion made by Councilman Trevor Sibley. Motion in the 2nd by Councilman Chance Van Cleef.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

By the order of the Lodi Town Board.

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh.