

TENTH: RECORDING OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

***Meeting minutes shall be; in brief in accordance to: (TOWN LAW, SUBSECTION 30(1)).**

Unless otherwise stated by specific Councilperson, during session that; the topic of subject be directly added to the record.

On this 9th day of October, 2024. Lodi, NY 14860.

Supervisor Luke Latini called the meeting to direct order at 7:05 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 woman. Additional moment for those who are victim to the hurricanes

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL: Town Meeting 7:10

Roll call taken by Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh and is as stated.

Those in attendance including, Supervisor Lucas Latini, Councilman Dan Jacobsen, Councilman James Utter, and Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

Absent from the roll: Councilman Chance Van Cleef,

ADGENDA AS ADDRESSED:

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE ADGENDA:

APPROVE MINUTES OF MONTH PREVIOUS.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED**

APPROVE THE BILLS: Previous months.

DA fund: voucher :81-87; \$3,727.58

DB fund voucher 83-85; \$1354.64

A fund voucher 195-214; \$67,667.19

Motion in the first by: Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by: Deputy Supervisor Trevor Sibley.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED**

PRESENTATIONS: South Seneca Ambulance gives a presentation on the requested 2025 budget.

Nate Miller, briefs the Councilman, Supervisor, and those who attended with a slide show presentation. The slide offered statistics to the calls, and revenues to the Ambulance Company. The ambulance asked for an increased contribution to the services provided. Questions asked by Councilman and Supervisor, included differences in billing, call availability. Services provided to inmates at 5 points prison, and

shared service agreements. Nate answers to the statistics of the company, emphasizing that payroll, and employees are not competitive.

PETITIONERS:

Bruce Murray of Boundary Breaks Porter Covert Road: Bruce addresses the board with a praise to South Seneca Ambulance, for their services to their customers during events. He makes mention of 3 events that the Ambulance has serviced the winery. He follows up with his intent to address the Board. He states that he lives on a dirt Road in Lodi, that it has been dirt all along and that the Ambulance and Fire Department have to travel that Road to facilitate his events and serve those who attend. In addition, he states that he has received a complaint from a guest of the dust and surface of the Road. He states that he pays a very large amount, about a \$100,000 a year in taxes, a bit less than 40,000 in property and school taxes, 75,000 in sales tax. I want consideration in the budget. Show me another mile in Lodi that generates that type of revenue. That he does not have an issue with the way Rick Jacot Highway Superintendent maintains the Road, but that he isn't giving the appropriate resources. He states that he pays a large value in Sales tax, he states that he pays a value of a hundred thousand dollars in taxes, Town/County Property Taxes, and School Taxes. He asked that the Supervisor and Councilman consider the upcoming budget and add more to the black topping of the Road.

Follow up comments from the Supervisor and Board: The Town of Lodi receives 0 dollars from sales taxes, that his and other like businesses contributions goes directly to the county. The Town of Lodi also receives 0 dollars from the school taxes paid, and receives only 50% of the Town and County Taxes paid.

Although the pursuit to have the County share those tax dollars is currently, and has been under way. The Town of Lodi has yet to see those revenues.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Rick Jacot

The highway team has been busy, digging back ditches, to increase the flow of runoff water. Buildup, growth and burden is removed. 3 from road driveways have been put in, servicing residents. Tree and limb work was completed along the upper back roads, servicing travelers, school buses and garbage trucks. Downed limbs have been removed clearing the road from the last wind storm we received. Loads or material were hauled in; the material is stored at the highway property for ready use. We have started a ditch water runoff project on Keady Road. Working with Aaron of Soil and water, she is partnering with the Town of Lodi. Soil and Water has purchased the stone, and the Highway team will do the work. The purpose of this project is to slow the run off coming from the upper hill, that is washing away the banks of the ditch, flooding and causing damage.

The Highway department has been participating in the Green Energy Act of the Sate of NY. Appling for and being awarded a grant to make the highway barn more energy efficient. A heating and cooling mini split gas been put into the highway department, the next project being looked into is a lighting system. Rick reports that he has two quotes to submit for the funding. Supervisor advises Rick to send him the two quotes and that he will submit them on behalf of the Town. shared services with Ovid and Romulas has been completed.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Motion in the second by, Councilman Jim Utter. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED.**

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Connie Rosbaugh:

The Clerk gives simple report of services provided through the Town Clerks office. Documents such as certified documents of vital records, birth and death certificates provided. Licenses, permits, and accessibility access, provided. Vouchers, payments and general documents of the town. The Clerk continues to work out of the Highway Barn.

REGISTER OF VITAL STATISTICS: Continued birth, death and marriage license. Accessibility permits also provided through the Highway Barn. (clerk's office systems)

Motion in the first by: Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED**

COUNCILMAN PROJECT UPDATES:

Deputy Supervisor Trevor Sibley gives update on the assigned project allocate to himself. He states that he has been in contact with the county manager on the sale of approximately 2 acre of land to be sold, so that we may ad it back to the tax roll.

Councilman Dan Jacobsen gives repot that he has been in further contact with the USDA, that he is seeking out potential federal funding for the 2025 upcoming year. The funds are centered around the Highway Department, to be used in any area that could use the support. Continued support on the salt barn application is reported, and we should have further news coming up.

PLANNING BOARD REPORTS: none heard

SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY BOARD REPORTS:

Luke Reports that the County Board meeting was postponed and that he doesn't have an update at this time.

OLD BUSINESS- Open Meetings Law, appoint animal control, New Town Hall Update, CDBG grant status.

Luke brings along the open meetings law. In previous session resident Karol Titus brought documentation in question if the Town was in violation of the open meetings law. Luke has spoken with the State and it has been proven, that the Town was not in violation, that in fact shouldn't have posted on the door, luring residents into an unsafe work zone to read the document. Luke offers to share his documenting and findings, no request made to review the item. Mrs. Peckham asked that the fire hall outdoor banner be used to advertise. The reply was that it is not our property to just use, that although we can ask the company if they wouldn't mind, they have already made mention, that they are not sure on the programing. Mrs. Peckham offers to help if she can.

Luke reports that we did extend the CDGB grant, but that it is still in review. They did want to know of the progress and Luke reports that he updated them that, we are still in litigation, forensic and engineering. That we cannot at this point predict the outcome. We will know soon if we have been

accepted for the extension. If we are not approved the Town will have to make up the difference of the \$323,000.00 applied to the new building, Pantry portion.

NEW BUSINESS: - Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Need for Action.

Luke reports that right around the end of July 2024, the residents started to see and receive HAB notices per notification. There is significant concern as the HABs continue to grow. The last few weeks' things have worsened, leading the County to send out notice on September 20th, warning residents that are lake fed, to not use the water. The water cannot be boiled and be safely used, human, nor animal. This concerns other counties as well. The fish are being effected, and the overall quality of the lake, and those who rent, camo, sport or use the lake in any general purpose.

Supervisor Introduces the HABs/environmental letter of concern, relating to the AG runoff and introducing the New York State funding of \$42million to focus on minimizing AG runoff in the hopes of combating HABs in the Finger Lakes. Marking out the need for state Legislation (modeled from Enacted California legislation) to regulate chemical applications for vineyards.

Supervisor entertains a motion to draft such a letter in the interest of the subject, to include testing and test results and to send notice to County, State representatives, Albany/Governor and D.E.C.

Motion in the first by: Deputy Supervisor Trevor Sibley. Motion in the Second by: Councilman Jim Utter.

All Members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION: (1) Appointment of Animal Control Officer for the Town of Lodi.

Whereas: The Town of Lodi, is in need of an animal control officer. Whereas the Town reserves a Budget line item for the purpose of this appointment.

Whereas; previous animal Control officer has resigned her position.

Now, therefor be it that April Moore has been selected/ appointed through an interview and hire process.

That Supervisor Latini and Deputy Supervisor Sibley, now see it fit to officially appoint April Moore to fulfill the position of animal control officer to the Town of Lodi.

Motion I the first by: Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Motion in the second by: Deputy Supervisor Trevor Sibley. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular board meeting date 11/13/2024. In person at the Lodi Fire Hall. 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT- TIME: 8:15 P.M. Motion in the first by: Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh.

