

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on **May 17, 2016**.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr., Presiding
Councilman Richard Sush
Councilman Peter T. Briggs
Councilman John A. Pavese

APPROVED

Absent: Councilman Scott S. Mace

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town
Michael Messenger, Deputy Water & Sewer Superintendent
Richard L. Benjamin, Jr., Highway Superintendent

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Rieber opened the meeting at 7:34 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. He welcomed the Participation in Government students to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese the minutes of the May 03, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Briggs, Pavese and Sush
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Mace

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Walsh of Rock Hill asked Supervisor Rieber how many employees that the Town currently has employed.

Supervisor Rieber replied approximately 62 employees, but that number can change daily depending upon part-time and volunteer boards. He recommended that Mr. Walsh call the Office tomorrow for the exact number.

John J. Pavese, Jr. of Monticello commented on the status of the Solar Energy Systems Regulations due to the Moratorium being imposed. He is encouraging that the Town Board move forward as soon as possible.

Supervisor Rieber responded to the comment by stating the Town is waiting for the NYSERDA Regulations, which should be forth coming shortly. Once they are received the Town plans to move forward. The Town Attorney is currently in the process of looking into other Ordinances being drafted and considered.

Councilman Briggs reported on a request from Dana Heimbach, Director of the Running for the Bulls 5K Event who would like to run a 5K Fundraising event on Edwards Road along the Neversink River in Bridgeville. This would be the 3rd Annual Event to allow low-income Pit Bull owners the ability to spay and neuter their pets. The first two Events were held last year in the Town of Callicoon in June and she would like to hold this year's event in the Town of Thompson. They are proposing Saturday, October 1st, 2016, because October is Pit Bull Awareness Month. She would recommend that Edwards Road be closed from 10am to 12pm to allow for the event. Highway Supt. Richard Benjamin said that he has no problem with it and he could provide cones if necessary. He said that the roadway would only be closed for through traffic. He recommended that they contact the Ski Hill property owner to see if permission could be granted for use of their parking lot for parking. The Town Board questioned whether the roadway would need to be closed for 2-hours and if the individual property owners along the roadway should be notified. The Board has no issue with the event being held, but they are recommending that Ms. Heimbach contact the property owners to get their feedback prior to proceeding. Councilman Briggs will contact Ms. Heimbach to discuss further and recommend that she canvas the property owners to obtain feedback and report back with her findings at which time further consideration will be given.

3. AMEND WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION FOR MARK PAVLAK FROM SEWER PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE TO SEWER PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE WITH NYS GRADE C WATER LICENSE

Superintendent Culligan provided an email advising that employee, Mark Pavlak, took and passed his NYS Grade C Water Operator License. Deputy Supt. Messenger is recommending that the Town Board upgrade Mr. Pavlak from a Sewer Plant Operator Trainee to a Sewer Plant Operator Trainee with NYS Grade C Water License, which will increase his pay scale according to the contract.

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 190 of the Year 2016.

Resolved, that the title classification of Water & Sewer Department Employee Mark Pavlak hereby be amended from Sewer Plant Operator Trainee to a Sewer Plant Operator Trainee with NYS Grade C Water License at the appropriate contracted salary of \$21.80 per hour and that said changes are to take effect upon the submission of his final written certification.

Moved by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Briggs

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs and Sush

Nays 0

Absent 1 Mace

4. ABUNDANCE OF CARE PET HOSPITAL ZONE CHANGE REQUEST – SBL #23.-1-13, 201 ROCK RIDGE ROAD, FROM SR TO HC2

Supervisor Rieber reported on a request that he received from Dr. Lawrence C. Mauer, DVM requesting a zone change for the property located at 201 Rock Ridge Road, Monticello, SBL # 23.-1-13 from the Suburban Residential (SR) zoning district to the

8. BILLS OVER \$1,250.00

There were no bills over \$1,250.00.

9. ORDER BILLS PAID

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 194 of the Year 2016.

Resolved, that all regular bills for the course of the month, which have been properly audited be approved for payment. A complete list of the regular bills as identified can be found appended to these minutes as per attached.¹

Motion by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Briggs

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs and Sush

Nays 0

Absent 1 Mace

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Shred Day Event – May 21st, 2016, 9am to 12pm in Town Hall Parking Lot.
- Spring Cleanup – Saturday, May 21st, 2016 – Saturday, June 4th, 2016, permit required, drop off location at the Sullivan County Landfill.
- Town Hall Roof Replacement Project Contract Signing
- Kiamesha Lake WWTP Improvements Project Contract Signing (Further discussion ensued regarding the project.)
- Update regarding the Montreign Resort Casino Project.
- Update regarding the Veria Lifestyles Project.

COUNCILMEN & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Superintendent Benjamin reported on the recent increase in the sales tax revenues for 2016. He encouraged the Supervisor and Town Board to contact the County Legislators to urge them to consider and adopt the sales tax revenue sharing proposal. It is important that this issue be changed as soon as possible. Further discussion ensued regarding the subject.

Deputy Superintendent Messenger reported on the following matters: Melody Lake Water District repairs, status of the Dillon Farms Sewer District Improvements Project, status of the Melody Lake WWTP Improvements Project and the Sackett Lake Sewer District manhole upgrades in connection with the Sackett Lake Road Improvements by the County of Sullivan.

Councilman Pavese reported on the following events: Rabies Clinic on June 16th, 2016 at Morningside Park Pavilion, Town of Fallsburg from 6pm to 7:30pm, Sullivan County SPCA Donation Collection Box from May 7th, 2016 until June 4th, 2016 at Shop Rite in Monticello, Annual Shred Day Event, Saturday, May 21st, 2016 from 9am to 12pm and the Annual Spring Cleanup Event, Saturday, May 21st, 2016 – Saturday, June 4th, 2016.

¹ ATTACHMENT: ORDER BILLS PAID

Councilman Briggs reported on the Rock Hill Fire Department's Annual Dinner Dance being held this Saturday, May 21st, 2016 at the Eagles Nest, Bloomingburg at 6pm.

Councilman Sush reported on the Monticello High School Academy of Finance a "Color Run" Fundraising Event to support Scholarships for Students to be held on Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 at 11am. There was a Participation in Government Student present that is also a member of the Monticello High School Academy of Finance who provided further information regarding the upcoming event.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business reported on.

NEW BUSINESS:

NYSEG CHANGE ORDER – KIAMESHA YESHIVA LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 9 REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL LIGHTING ALONG GIBBER ROAD

Supervisor Rieber reported that he has been working with Guy Owen of NYSEG regarding the Kiamesha Yeshiva Lighting District No. 9 regarding the installation of additional lighting along Gibber Road. NYSEG is proposing a change order to run (2) over-head wood poles instead of trenching 500 or 600 feet of line for the additional lighting, which will be a cheaper expense. Supervisor Rieber is requesting authorization to execute the change order once it has been received if the change order is more cost effective than the original proposal currently and in future. The costs are paid for by the users in that Lighting District. If the change order is not cost effective or questionable then Supervisor Rieber will re-visit the matter before the Town Board prior to executing.

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 195 of the Year 2016.

Resolved, that the NYSEG Change Order for the Kiamesha Yeshiva Lighting District No. 9 regarding the additional lighting along Gibber Road for the installation of (2) over-head wood poles hereby be approved and that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute said Change Order once presented conditioned upon said Change Order being more cost effective than the original proposal.

Motion by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Sush

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs and Sush

Nays 0

Absent 1 Mace

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS: PVC DRAIN PRODUCTS & SERVICE CONNECTIONS

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 196 of the Year 2016.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson advertise for bids for PVC Drain Products and Service Connections in accordance with specifications prepared therefore, said bids to be opened on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42 North, Monticello, New York, and the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is directed to advertise for bids in the official newspaper of the Town.

Motion by: Councilman Briggs Seconded by: Councilman Pavese
Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs and Sush
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Mace

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS: CURRENT MODEL FREIGHTLINER 108SD 4X4 DIESEL CHASSIS OR APPROVED EQUAL

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 197 of the Year 2016.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson advertise for bids for a Current Model Freightliner 108SD 4X4 Diesel Chassis or Approved Equal, in accordance with specifications prepared therefore, said bids to be opened on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, at the Town Hall, Route 42 North, Monticello, New York, and the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to advertise for bids in the official newspaper of the Town.

Moved by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Briggs
Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs and Sush
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Mace

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Betters of Monticello on behalf of the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance commented on the Proposition Referendum regarding the Supervisor term of office and the possibility to impose term limits. Further discussion was held regarding the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- May 21st: Annual Spring Shred Day Event, Town Hall Parking Lot, 9AM to 12PM.
- May 21st – June 4th: Annual Spring Cleanup Program (Permit Required).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk

TOWN OF THOMPSON

Voucher Detail Report

Voucher No.	Stub-Description	Req. No.	Req. Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Ordered By	Fisc Year	Check ID	Voucher Amt.	Pay Due	Approved
Invoice Date	Batch Invoice No.	Recur Months	Refund Year	PO No.	PO Date	Approved By	Period	Contract No.	Check No.	Non Disc.	Cash Account
				Taxable	Ref No.						Disc. Amt.

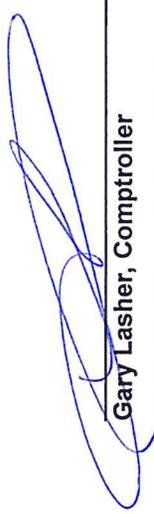
I hereby certify that the vouchers listed on the attached abstracts of prepaid and

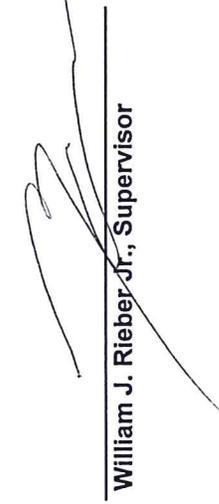
claims payable have been duly audited and are presented for payment to the Town

Board of the Town of Thompson at the regular meeting there of, held on the 17th day

of MAY 2016 in the amounts respectively specified. Authorization is hereby

given and direction is made to pay each of the claimants in the amount as specified upon each claim stated.


 Gary Lasher, Comptroller


 William J. Rieber Jr., Supervisor

