

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2022

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad Rivers
Councilmen (Howard Goodrow-abs), Nicholas Lansing
Cynthia Durant, James Brockway

TOWNSPEOPLE PRESENT: Cory Haynes, Donna Bailey and James McHugh-dog warden.

Motion to open the November meeting at 6:30 pm was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by Cynthia Durant. All in favor were James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Pledge said.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October board meeting as written was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Cynthia Durant and Chad Rivers.

Supervisor's Report:

Town Bills: Chad said that since this meeting is a week earlier than it was supposed to be, he would like the board members to wait on signing the bills until next week. He should have everything ready by noon on Monday and would need everything signed by Wednesday noon as he will be doing the bills on Wednesday afternoon.

Dog Control Officer. James McHugh and Donna Bailey are here tonight to explain what they have been working on. Jim explained that he and Lisa are very involved in numerous projects involving the well care and safety of animals. They also work alongside of Donna Bailey. They now have a trailer that they call the neuter commuter. This trailer will go from Town to Town to neuter cats. They are not spaying at this time but hope to after this gets going. They were able to do 30 cats in Malone and would now like to move to the Falls, somewhere around December 8th. The cost to have your cat neutered will be \$25.00 but will include things such as cutting the nails, flea and tic powder, updating shots and etc. They had a horse trailer set up in Malone for bottle and can donations. Kim Barcomb is in charge of this and they would like to do the same thing here that they did in Malone as they

raised quite a bit of money for this purpose. It cost \$55 to neuter the cat but this project pays for the remainder after the owner pays the \$25 fee. They are also asking the town for a small donation to help offset all of the fees. There was much discussion regarding this and Chad said that he feels that what they are asking for is very reasonable but explained to Jim and Donna that he will talk to the board after and see what they can do. Jim and Donna left the meeting after they discussed everything.

Chad explained to the board that Donna is asking for a \$250.00 donation and would like the board to consider this. The money will be taken out of the General Building Fund # A1620.4.

Motion to donate \$250.00 to the neuter commuter project was made by Cynthia Durant and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Nicholas Lansing and Chad Rivers.

Highway Department Hire: Chad said that Bobby Mayville is in the Southern Tier right now so is unable to attend the meeting. Chad also tried to get ahold of Chris Mulverhill to see if he was coming tonight but never got ahold of him. Chad said that they had 3 applications for the part-time 20 per week position.

- 1) John Dufrane
- 2) Bob Currier
- 3) Evan Sharlow

Chad has spoken to Bobby about all 3 and Bobby feels that Evan Sharlow is the best fit. Cindy said that she was surprised that he didn't hire John so that the town wouldn't have to pay unemployment on him. Chad said that he didn't hire because of the money situation, he hired the one that he feels is best suited. Evan has been in the office and Chad went over all of the responsibilities that Evan would have. Evan will start on December 1st and work through until the end of April. If we have a major snowstorm before December, then we will bring him in a little early.

Data Collector: This will come out of the General Fund. Bruce is already on board as one of the data collector's and Chad would like to hire 2 more.

- 1) Valerie Pelkey
- 2) Bob Currier
- 3) Jessica Barkley

After much discussion regarding this, the board decided to hold an executive session to talk about each candidate. The next training is in December and then another one in March.

Union Contracts: Chad said that we will table this for executive session.

Budget: Chad went over the budget, page by page and explained where any changes were made and why. He answered any questions that the board had.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Budget has been made by Cynthia Durant and seconded by Nicholas Lansing. All in favor were James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Water/Sewer: Chad said that they had a major problem at the water plant with the furnace and he got a hold of Nick who came down to look at it and then called Steve Leroux from Leroux Oil. Steve came and looked at everything. The furnace was misfiring. It was plugged with creosote and etc. So Steve cleaned everything out and got everything working. Now we have a furnace guy whenever we need him. Chad thanked Nick for his part in all of this.

Chad said that he got after Chris Mulverhill for a few things that need to be done and he has taken care of 3 out of 4 things so far.

Cindy said that she rode up the South River Road and the road has washed out in several places all the way up through there. Chad said that the men were up through there on Monday.

Public Comments: Nothing.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:37 pm was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Cynthia Durant and Chad Rivers.

Motion to close executive meeting and reopen the regular town board meeting at 8:15pm was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Cynthia Durant and Chad Rivers.

Motion to hire Valerie Pelkey and Bob Currier to do the training for data collecting, and upon satisfactory completion of the training, they will be hired. along with Bruce Ploof to start doing the data collection in the spring. Motion was made by James Brockway and seconded by Nicholas Lansing. All in favor were Cynthia Durant and Chad Rivers.

Motion to approve the negotiated Union Contract contingent on the written review and signature of the Board was made by James Brockway and seconded by Cynthia Durant. All in favor were Nicholas Lansing and Chad Rivers.

The Board thanked Cindy and Jim for the time and work that they put into negotiating an agreeable union contract for the town and its employees.

Motion to close meeting at 8:18 was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Cynthia Durant and Chad Rivers.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Fraser

Town Clerk

Town of Waverly