

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 22,2024
of the
TOWN BOARD OF HANOVER – 7:30PM

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Louis Pelletter, Supervisor, Bernard Feldmann Deputy Supervisor,
James Feldmann, Councilperson , Edward Schintzius, Councilperson,
Aimee Rogers, Councilperson, , Elizabeth VanCheri, Town Clerk
John Grennell, Town Attorney, Elmar Kiefer, Town Bookkeeper,
Braden Carmen, Dunkirk Observer

Also 5 other interested people.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC

Welcome to the public comment portion of our agenda. This is a time we afford the opportunity for the public to address the Town Board. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to no more than 3 minutes. Please remember you are addressing the Town Board on matters of concern to the Town of Hanover. This is not a question-and-answer session nor is it a time to engage in a debate with other members of the audience. It is the policy of the Town of Hanover to discuss all public issues in a civil issue-oriented manner. Personal comments directed at members of the board or other Town officials or other members of the public will not be tolerated. With that being stated, does anyone have any comments under Open Public Comments?

Timothy Crino of Charles St, addressed the board. Mr. Crino provided recent news articles about equipment being stolen from area municipalities and urged the Town Board to reexamine the possibility of installing cameras at all Town of Hanover owned property. He provided quotes he received as clerk in 2023. Deputy Supervisor Feldmann stated he has been in contact with contractor Pat Till regarding same.

Cindy Sheedy informed the audience that there is a Chicken BBQ being held at Sunset Bay Fire Department on Sunday 7/28/2024.

Carol Depasquale of Michigan St, Irving addressed the board by saying she would like ARPA Funds to be used to install cameras at the Water Tower to protect our water source.

A motion by Mrs. Rogers seconded by Mr. B Feldmann, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 8,2024 meeting were approved as presented.

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius seconded by Mr. J Feldmann and unanimously carried, authorization was given for payment of the following vouchers, as audited:

Combined # 2874-2916 \$99,035.69 P/R #15 V#52-57

RESOLUTION 171-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius, seconded by Mr. B Feldmann, and unanimously carried, the Hanover Town Board authorizes Supervisor Pelletter to apply for a 2024 Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Mapping Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a \$5,000.00 match by the Town, to secure a study of the Cattaraugus Creek watershed area for purposes of flood mitigation.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 172-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius, seconded by Mr. J Feldmann, and unanimously carried, the Hanover Town Board approved the donation of One (1) 2025 Hanover Boat Launch Pass to be used as a prize for the Sunset Bay Experience event being held August 17, 2024 to promote tourism within the Town of Hanover.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION NEEDED- tabled until next meeting

Upon a motion by M._____, seconded by M._____, and unanimously carried, the Hanover Town Board approves the revised Town of Hanover Site Plan Guidelines and Application, and hereby sets the new fee for site plan application to \$150.00 per project.

Vote: _____ Schintzius _____ B. Feldmann _____ J. Feldmann _____ Rogers _____ Pelletter

RESOLUTION NEEDED 173-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mrs. Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Town Board approved the step increase, per union contract, of Highway MEO Carl Shumaker, from 90% to 100%, for a new rate of \$25.02/hour, effective July 27, 2024.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION NEEDED 174-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius seconded by Mrs. Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Town Board approved of the placement of a Sunset Bay Experience banner, on Town property, at the intersection of Allegany Road and Iola Drive, Irving, NY, from August 10th through August 18th, 2024.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 175-2024

WHEREAS the Town of Hanover recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Hanover; and

WHEREAS the Hanover Town Board has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in The Town of Hanover from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Hanover Town Board demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, upon a motion by Mr. J Feldmann, seconded by Mr. B Feldmann, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF HANOVER, NEW YORK, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with general provisions of the Municipal Home Rule, for adopting resolutions, the Town of Hanover adopts the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 176-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mr. Schintzius and unanimously carried, the town board approves entering into a contract with Progressive Roofing Inc, 331 Grote St, Buffalo NY for the public works project/contract for repairing the ridge gap on the Town Hall roof, at a cost not to exceed \$2950. Two quotes were received for this project, with Progressive Inc. being the less expensive of both.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 177-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mr. Schintzius and unanimously carried, the town board approves entering into a contract with Progressive Roofing Inc, 331 Grote St, Buffalo NY for the public works project/contract for repairing the rusted area on the roadside wall of the Town Hall , at a cost not to exceed \$800.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 178-2024

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rogers seconded by Mr. B Feldmann and unanimously carried, Town Board authorized Court Clerks Molly L. Merrill and Kathleen Tempski to attend NYS Court Clerks Association Annual Training and Certification Conference, held in Niagara Falls, NY, from Sunday September 29,2024 through Wednesday October 3,2024, at town expense: Clerk Merrill and Clerk Tempski will be paid one (1) hours travel time for Sunday and paid normal seven (7) hour work days for Monday and Tuesday, and five and (5) hours Wednesday, which includes class (8am to noon) and travel time home. The cost for lodging, most meals, training and certification is \$1380.00. There will be additional costs for mileage, tolls, registration fee and meals not covered by conference. All reimbursements are subject to existing town policies.

Motion Carried

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

Discussion about resident Kaczmyrn wishing to bring Hanover Water into their property on Beebe Rd. The water line is there and Supervisor Pelletter believes there is no longer a moratorium preventing residents from tapping into that water supply so with proper permits and paperwork, the resident may move forward with the project. A resolution will be passed with the rates that will be charges to the resident, based on current Hanover Water rates.

RESOLUTION 179-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann, seconded by Mr. J Feldmann, and unanimously carried, the board authorizes Supervisor Pelletter to attend the The Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen August 3, 2024 meeting in West Valley, NY with the intention of inventing them to hold their 2025 Firemen Convention in Hanover.

AYES 5: Schintzius, Rogers, Pelletter, J Feldmann, B. Feldmann NAYS: 0

TOWN BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Supervisor Louis Pelletter: See attached

Deputy Supervisor Bernard Feldmann- Pat Till was unable to meet today as scheduled to discuss cameras within the town. Has spoken to Councilperson Gil with the Seneca Nation about the engineering report. The water department is over 90% complete with the water study. There are a few difficult connections that they will have to dig up to examine. Sewer dept ordered new control panel from O’Connell electric to replace the one damaged in last months fire. Also told them to get an estimate on the alarm override.

Councilperson Edward Schintzius- spoke to Sara from Solar Liberty about solar panels by sewer plant. Will be meeting with Rob to discuss placement.

Councilperson Aimee Rogers- Ribbon cutting for farmers market had a wonderful turnout. Pursuing Main St Grant, Imagine Forestville will be covering cost of consultant bill. The Hiking Trail has poison ivy that is being treated. Has reached out to residents on Creek and Bradigan Rds about damage funding.

Councilperson James Feldmann- The county will be setting up a meeting about Pro-Housing Communities, no date has been set yet

Town Clerk Elizabeth VanCheri – nothing to report

Attorney John Grennell – nothing to report

Bookkeeper Kiefer- Insurance is going up \$30,000 and Retirement bill due in December has also increased over \$30,000

After Board Reports, Supervisor Pelletter asked for any additional comments.

Lon Robinson from cemetery questioned the board on the recent article in the paper regarding the hiring of a person for cemetery lawn care. Deputy Supervisor Feldmann stated that all options are being examined and no decisions have been made.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Feldmann at 8:57pm to enter into executive session to discuss future litigation. Councilperson Schintzius seconded the motion.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Feldmann to end executive session and return to regular session at 9:06pm, seconded by Councilperson Rogers.

Re-entered regular session at 9:07pm

CORRESPONDENCE:

New York State Dept of Public Service – Utility Companies Public Hearings

Silver Creek Senior Citizens- Thank you card for donation

Vicki Brauer Sunset Bay Experience- Request for donation

Scott Marchlewski – Application for Employment (Highway)

Nicholas Tuccio- Designation of Restricted Use Highway

James McGowan, Hanover Justice, Request for approval of training conference for clerks

Meeting adjourned 9:07pm

Submitted By:

Elizabeth VanCheri
Town Clerk

SUPERVISOR'S TOWN BOARD'S COMMENTS

July 22, 2024

by Louis F. Pelletter

1. TOWN PARK- I did not receive the last quote I was waiting for. I would like to approve the new front canopy over a concrete floor, or an extension of the existing building of 16X30 ft. I'm thinking we should do both for larger gatherings. Trees have been removed for the playground. I waiting for the stumps to be removed and area to be cleaned. That work is scheduled for this week.
2. WATERLINE- We are out to bid as of 7/15/2024. We have a pre-bid meeting on July 31 at 9:00AM in the court room and a bid opening on 8/7/2024 at 10:00 AM.
3. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROOF- I sent my response to everyone on the roof repair. (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
4. TOWN HALL ROOF- As you know Nick Kney, (Orchard Park) regional manager for The Garland Company from Cleveland, Ohio, conducted a free roof inspection and report. As you know, I have been trying to have Empire Erectors do the maintenance that they gave us a quote for almost 4 years ago. I sent everyone an estimate for the roof and siding repair that I would like to have passed.
5. DASNY GRANT \$50,000- No updates
6. SEWER LINE PROJECT- No updates-I'm waiting for a meeting with the Seneca Nation.
7. SEWER LINE EXTENSION BEBEE ROAD AREA- We need to discuss this project. There appears to be a problem with the scope of the project versus the grant money.
8. PHOTOS OF FORMER BOARD MEMBERS- No updates
9. STORMWATER DRAINAGE ON OVERHISER ROAD- I believe the county may have an interest in doing this project. We will need easements in the near future.
10. BLACKTOP DRIVEWAY PROJECTS (Town Hall, Boat Launch and Sewer Plant)-No updates
11. BREAK WALL AND BOAT LAUNCH REPAIR AND EROSION-No updates
12. BOAT LAUNCH RESTROOMS- I need an update on toilets repairs.
13. LSH-BROOKS SALE- No updates
14. ENERGY COMPANY- New Wave Energy Company was given information on our energy use. We are waiting for a report.
15. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Our CD is due July 31, 2024. I spoke with Community Bank and Elmar about investing our money. Community Bank will let me know new rates and will put our money in a higher interest account.
16. FINANCIAL ADVISORS- Morgan Tanski and Joe Berst from Equitable Advisors, Williamsville, NY offered to meet with our employees to advise them on the what their company has to offer on a variety of financial services. I will give each department head the information they provided.
17. ASSESSMENT AND REVAL- No Updates
18. BALL HILL WIND PUBLIC HEARING- I attended the public hearing Tuesday, July 16th, at 9:00 AM, "to consider granting certain additional financial assistance with the respect to the project in the form of an amended exemption from real property taxes to reflect a decrease in the number of turbines from 29 to 25 and an increase in the output of the Project Facility from approximately 100 megawatts to approximately 107.5 megawatts (collectively, the additional Financial Assistance.)"
19. GRANTS- We need to discuss the future of the Comprehensive plan.
20. INSURANCE: We met with Randy Glenn. He gave us an update on the rate increases and what we have covered.
21. TORNADO: The Town, Rob Weiskerger and the disaster team are working with Noel Guttman to document as many claims of damage from the tornado in an effort to meet the State threshold for a disaster.
22. WATER/SEWER: I received an email from Nancy Karmazyn, asking to connect the existing water and sewer line to their trailer.
23. SOUTHWESTERN FIRE CONVENTION: They are requesting someone to officially invite them to Forestville for their convention.
24. FLOOD STUDY: We had a meeting with Cassandra Pinkowski from Soil and Water to apply for funding for a study on Cattaraugus Creek. The grant would be for \$50,000 with a \$5,000 match. This is a different grant than the study we started in the spring for Lake Erie. She said she could use the historical information and photos I supplied for the Lake Erie study for this new project.

