

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 24,2024
of the
TOWN BOARD OF HANOVER – 7:30PM

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,
Josh Friefeld, Chautauqua Housing and Rehabilitation
Hannah Crossley,
and 3 other interested people

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Town of Hanover employee, Donald Dawley, who passed away 6/14/2024.

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?

Carol Depasquale questioned if the board thought the amount of funds expended on the playground at Bicentennial Park was appropriate for the amount of use the playground will get. Supervisor Pelletter addressed the question and stated the park is available to all residents and can be used during any operating hours by making a reservation and paying the security deposit.

Elaine Wojda inquired about the parking at the bottom of Alleghany Rd in Sunset. Stated the no parking signs have been removed and people are parking in the no parking zone, causing traffic burdens, and creating an unwanted situation of people drinking alcohol . Councilperson Schintzius advised he would look into the matter.

RESOLUTION 148-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B. Feldmann seconded by Mr. Schintzius with Mrs. Rogers abstaining, therefore unanimously carried, the minutes of the June 10,2024 meeting were approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 149-2024

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

Combined # 2794-2827 \$81,694.48

PUBLIC HEARING

7:47 PM – Public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town’s community development needs and to discuss submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications. Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius seconded by Mrs. Rogers and unanimously carried, the Town Board approved to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Mrs. VanCheri, Town Clerk, certified that the Notice of Public Hearing was posted on her bulletin board and was duly published. A presentation was given by Josh Freifield. The presentation was followed by questions from the public and Town Board related to the submission of this grant. With everyone wishing to be heard and having been heard, Mr. J Feldmann moved at 7:57PM to declare the public hearing closed and approved to re-enter into regular session. The motion was seconded by Mr. B Feldmann and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 150-2024

Mr. Schintzius moved to approve the participation in the New York State Community Development Block Grant program and submission and of the Community Development Block Grant application, which was seconded by Mrs. Rogers with a roll call as follows:

MOTION CARRIED:

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

RESOLUTION 151-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius, seconded by Mr. B Feldmann, the town board approves the seasonal employment of Carly Barrett as Hanover Beach Lifeguard for the 2024 season at a rate of pay of \$19.00 per hour, upon receipt of required certifications.

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

RESOLUTION 152-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. Schintzius, seconded by Mr. J Feldmann, the town board gratefully accepts the donation from Dave’s Outlet Store, Silver Creek, of two (2) beach umbrellas for use at the lifeguard stations at Hanover Town Beach. Town Clerk VanCheri will send a thank you card from the lifeguards to Dave’s Outlet Store.

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

RESOLUTION 153-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mrs. Rogers and unanimously carried, the Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for Request For Qualifications (RFQ) proposals from qualified engineers to provide professional services for an engineering planning study on a 10-mile unsewered area in the vicinity of Allegheny, Southerland, Beebe, Hanford, and Holmes roads, and a thorough review and inspection of the current sewage and potable water systems to identify the feasibility of an expansion/upgrade of the sewage and water systems to identify the feasibility of an upgrade or expansion to the current systems.

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

RESOLUTION 154-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mr. Schintzius and unanimously carried, pursuant to NYS Penal Law, Article 405.00, Section 2, the Town Board approved the Fireworks Display Permit to Skylighters of NY, LLC for J. Hartloff, 10770 Allegany Road, Forestville, NY, for July 27, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 155-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mr. Schintzius and unanimously carried, the town board approves Kravitz Tree Service (being the lesser of 2 received quotes) to remove trees at Bicentennial Park, 611 King Rd, Forestville, to make room for the new playground installation at a cost not to exceed \$6000.00

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

RESOLUTION 156-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann seconded by Mrs. Rogers and unanimously carried, the Town Board authorized The Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen, to hold their annual convention in the Hamlet of Forestville 7/30/2025 – 8/08/2025, contingent upon the town receiving insurance approval from the Gallagher Agency, receipt of all necessary licenses and proof of being named as co insured on any Fire Department, Fire District, and Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen’s policies relating to the event.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Beach Rules, Local Law Changes- Attorney John Grennell will review current laws and adjoining towns laws to determine what can be done about unauthorized vehicles on beach. A sign can be posted now prohibiting any and all vehicles from going onto town owned beach property.

Town Investments: Supervisor Pelletter would like to explore the municipal investment opportunity through NY Class.

OLD BUSINESS:

Computer Policies; James Feldmann is working on finalizing the new policies

TOWN BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Supervisor Pelletter: see attached

Councilperson Bernard Feldmann- contacted Seneca Nation of Indians to setup meeting. Awaiting call back. There was a minor fire at the Water Station and the control board was damaged beyond repair. The only quote we have received so far is \$4300 plus labor and programming.

Councilperson Edward Schintzius -nothing to report

Councilperson Aimee Rogers – Continuing to work with Rick Klisiewicz on funding for Comprehensive Plan. New Horizons Band is coming to American Legion Forestville July 18, Farmers Market has had second week, hoping for more people. Imagine Forestville meeting next Wednesday. Looking for Erie Railroad historical information relating to Forestville.

Councilperson James Feldmann – nothing to report

Town Clerk Elizabeth VanCheri -nothing to report

Attorney John Grennell- Cyber Security policies, may need to appoint someone to oversee at the reorganizational meeting.

RESOLUTION 157-2024

Upon a motion by Mr. B Feldmann, seconded by Mrs. Rogers, the Town Board pauses regular session at 9:08pm to enter Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

RESOLUTION 158-2024

Upon a motion by r. B Feldmann, seconded by Mr. Schintzius, the Town Board closes the Executive session, with no action taken at 9:26pm and re-enters regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jerry Hartloff- Request for Firework Display

Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth VanCheri, Town Clerk

SUPERVISOR'S TOWN BOARD COMMENT

June 24, 2024

by Louis F. Pelletter

1. TOWN PARK- I'm am waiting for the last quotes for the new front canopy over a concrete floor, or an extension of the existing building of 16X30 ft. I am also waiting for the last quote for tree removal where the playground is going to be built. John Curtiss, from Playworld Inc, reviewed the placement of playground equipment after the survey.
2. WATERLINE- I sent Paul McGarvey an email asking for an update on the bidding of this project. He sent back an email with an update. He is hoping to be ready for bidding after the July 4th holiday. Also, I received an attorney file from Jeff Passafaro, our former Town Attorney, concerning this project.
3. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROOF- The insurance company sent out an engineer to inspect the damage to the Highway Dept. roof. (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
4. DASNY GRANT \$50,000- As you know we received \$10,225.96 toward our original grant of \$50,000. Senator Borrello's office is looking into why we didn't receive the full amount of money. My contact at DASNY did not answer my email on how to proceed to receive the remaining money on this grant.
5. SEWER LINE PROJECT- We received the report and maps for the sewer line project on Route 5&20. I met with Nussbaumer and Clarke on Friday concerning this project. I asked Councilman Feldman to set up a meeting with the engineers, Seneca Nation and Town Board to decide on how to move forward.
6. SEWER LINE EXTENSION BEBEE ROAD AREA-We will be asking for RFQ to hire an engineer to study the area so we can open it up for development and extend the water and sewer district.
7. PHOTOS OF FORMER BOARD MEMBERS- I have started to return the photos of former town board members to the wall in the Supervisor's office that were taken down during the mold abatement project a few years back. I will continue in my attempt to identify/label the people in the photos, for future generations, since some date back to the 1950's
8. COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY- The Clerk's Office ordered my new computer. Our computer tech, David Sink, will upgrade the computer wiring when he installs the new computer.
9. STORMWATER DRAINAGE ON OVERHISER ROAD- nothing new
10. CAMERAS- The Court Clerk's office has a new hardwire connection to the camera in their office. We are now able to eliminate the Wi-Fi for the camera system.
11. BLACKTOP DRIVEWAY- We need to obtain quotes for repairing, sealing and striping all our driveways.
12. BREAKWALL AND BOAT LAUNCH REPAIR AND EROSION- Nothing new on these two projects.
13. BOAT LAUNCH RESTROOMS- I was told the plumbers were at the Boat Launch to repair the toilet.
14. LSH-BROOK SALE- I want to thank Ken Morris and the Brooks-TLC board for the information they provided on the sale of the Lakeshore Hospital building to Northeast Medical.

I am hoping, and asking, that the new owners provide an emergency room; and be designated a 9.39 facility, so emergency mental health cases can be brought there. I have been in support of those services as they were provided previously by Lakeshore Hospital years ago. In a Brooks/TLC email to area leaders, regarding the forward movement of the project, emergency mental health services were not included. In response, Sheriff Quattrone and Chief Ortolano from Dunkirk, expressed their concerns for the North County not having this valuable service.

I advised the Assessor and Building Inspectors that we will hire an engineer to assist them so we can fast-track this project along with the Main Street School if requested by Mayor Hornburg.

15. ENERGY COMPANY- New Wave Energy Company wants to meet with us to give us a proposal to save money on our energy cost.
16. FINANCIAL MATTERS- Our CD is due July 31, 2024. We need to discuss where we want to invest our money. I have some information on a public-sector investment program.
17. CCPEG INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT- I emailed Courtney Domst, from the county Planning and Development on our current projects.
18. ASSESSMENT AND REVAL- We have received our Franchise Value Assessment from New York State. We are at 52%. I spoke to the assessor about this number and possibility of working with other communities to attain a better group price that would cover our revaluations.
19. SOLAR PANEL PUBLIC HEARING- I attended a public hearing at 1:30PM, today, concerning the sales tax exemption for the Solar Project on Hanover being raised from approximately \$296,400 to approximately \$415,205.94
20. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS-I will be meeting with the Hanford Bay Association on Wednesday and the Sunset Bay Association on Saturday.