

TOWN OF SCOTT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 8 May, 2018

Board Members

Kevin Fitch Supervisor
Jerry Contento Councilman
Andrew Fuller Councilman
Neeca Root Councilwoman
Patrick Snyder Attorney of Town
Donnell Boyden County Legislator (Not Present)
David Putnam Highway Superintendent
Tamara Congdon Town Clerk
Cody Johnson Code Enforcer (Not Present)

Others Present

Cortland County Sheriff Mark Helms
Michael Franklin

The Regular meeting of the Town of Scott was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Kevin Fitch and followed with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Attention to the Floor:

Michael Franklin took the floor and asked the Board for their approval to accept the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program for his farm, Valley View Farms. He stated that he had already received approval from both counties that his land resides in. This will allow the state to buy the rights to his property to keep it farmland.

Cortland County Sheriff Mark Helms took the floor to explain to everyone where his people have been. He explained he sends units out to outer lying towns but they get called back in. They spend over half their time in town and he feels that they need more staff. He is aware of the traffic pick up and they will address the issue. If anyone has any question or concerns please call him.

County Legislator Report:

County Legislator Donnell Boyden was not present.

Approval of April 2018 Minutes:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the March minutes and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Approval of Abstracts:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the General Abstract #55 totaling \$5143.98 and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #5 totaling \$3052.73 and was seconded by Councilwoman Paula Arnold. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #5 totaling \$759.69 and was seconded by Supervisor Kevin Fitch. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the March, Supervisor report and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Clerk Report:

Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to accept the March, Clerk report and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Highway:

Highway Supervisor David Putnam has hired two new employees this month, Jim Crawford and Scott Greene to replace the two vacant positions he had.

Highway Supervisor David Putnam explained to the Board that he has two broken down Gradalls and another Municipality would like to purchase them for \$7000.00. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to put the equipment into surplus and Councilwoman Paula Arnold seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Supervisor Kevin Fitch revised a couple of benefits that were not clarified in the Highway employee manual. The paid vacation week for a full time employee will be given on the anniversary of hiring date, sick time and Healthcare benefits and buyout will be received after 90 day probation period. **Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the changes to the Highway employee manual and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

CEO Report:

Recreation:

Councilman Andrew Fuller received \$124.00 from the boat launch box and turned it into Town Clerk Tamara Congdon whom also sold 2 boat launch passes.

The elevation of the flood plan was 868, done by the engineer and the restrooms will need to only be elevated a foot. The engineer may now start the design of the Andrew Fuller Park restrooms.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the Sales Tax meeting that Supervisor Kevin Fitch attended recently the County proposed an agreement to extend the sales tax revenue through December 31 2018. They then would like to take 1.5 million off the top for the county, 1 million for the jail, \$200,000 to workman's comp. and \$300,000 continued communication maintenance. Then keep the percentages to the towns the same. Supervisor Kevin Fitch will be attending another meeting where they will be doing a counter proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion of the Land Trust for Valley View Farms, **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to approve the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for Michael Franklin and Councilman Jerry Contento seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Water District #1 needs repairs to its vandalized water shed. The insurance company has covered the Water District #1 repairs for the total amount of \$900.00. Burris Construction has offered a quote for \$2735.00 to remove the existing siding and add z-flash and j-channel where needed when replacing the siding. The cost will be taken out of the water district account. **Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the bid from Burris Construction for the repairs of the water shed and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

The Town Hall repairs were brought up by Supervisor Kevin Fitch, Councilman Jerry Contento suggest we make a list of what needs to be fixed. Councilman Andrew Fuller stated the building needed 2 new doors and frames. Supervisor Kevin Fitch asked him to work on a list including the garage next door, doors, siding and soffits so that they can get it out to bid. Supervisor Kevin Fitch then asked the Board about siding color and unanimously they choose the Granite Gray/America's Cup Navy.

Councilwoman Neeca Root brought to the attention of the Board that the Budget Modification for the purchase of the new Highway Plow truck was written up wrong. They made the adjustment in the revised budget amount from \$8,800.00 to \$7618.09. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to except the Resolution of the corrected budget modification and Councilman Jerry Contento seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Town Lawyer Patrick Snyder brought up some question about the County Highway Agreement. He suggests they fax the agreement to the insurance company and see what they think of the requirements. Councilman Jerry Contento suggests they contact the County and ask to use last year's agreement.

Councilwoman Paula Arnold explained to the Board if they sign a letter for Court Clerk Teri Phelps stating there is no funding available for her to attend a two and a half day training school they can file for a sponsorship to fully fund the schooling. Supervisor Kevin Fitch said he would write up the letter so that she can attend the school.

Adjourn:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to close the Regular Town Meeting on May 8, 2018 at 7:51 and Councilman Jerry Contento seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.