

Minutes of the Public Hearing for the approval of the Town of Scott 2021 budget held November 10, 2020, by computer Zoom conference call, commencing at 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff called opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and asked for any comments or concerns.

Councilman Andrew Fuller asked the Bookkeeper Brian Mcllroy to fix the fire district account on the Supervisor report. Bookkeeper Mcllroy explained to Councilman Fuller that he was driving and did not have any paperwork in front of him. He believes the report shows extra monies that were not used and would send paperwork to the clerk to pass on to him.

Town Resident Shirly Clark asked if the Town was going to advertise the open position for a part-time cleaner and part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Ruoff explained how he would put it on the town webpage and in the local paper.

Councilman Louis Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 pm and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held November 10, 2020, by computer commencing at 6:00 P.M.

Zoom meeting was held because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

<u>Present by Zoom:</u>	Dr. Guy Ruoff, Supervisor Neeca Root, Councilwoman Louis Martin, Councilman Andrew Fuller, Councilman
<u>Absent</u>	Trevor Adams, Councilman
<u>Recording Secretary:</u>	Tamara Congdon, Town Clerk
<u>Other Present:</u>	Daniel J. Ellis II, Town, Attorney David Putnam, HWY Superintendent Russ Phelps, Court Justice Teri Phelps, Court Justice Clerk Brian Mcllroy, Bookkeeper
<u>Town Residents:</u>	Shirley Clark Paula Arnold

The Regular meeting of the Town of Scott was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff and followed with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Legislator Report: Not Present

Approval of November 2020 Minutes:

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

Approval of Abstracts #11:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the General Abstract #11 totaling \$4,857.02 and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #11 totaling \$20,836.13 and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #11 totaling \$672.14 and was seconded by Councilwomen Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilwoman Neeca Root brought to the attention of the Board that some of the reports were from another town. The motion of approval will be tabled until next month when they can get the correct report.

Town Clerk Monthly Report:

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to accept the October Clerk Reports and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Revenue:

Dog License	\$ 84.00
Building Permits	\$ 649.50
Sub-Division Fees	\$ 150.00
Boat Launch Donations	\$ 518.00
Certified Copies- Marriage	\$ 10.00
DECALS	\$ 289.00
Variance Application Fee	\$ 100.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,800.50

Disbursements:

Paid to the Supervisor	\$1,513.42
Paid to the NYSDAM for the ACP	\$ 14.00
DECALS	\$ 273.08
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,800.50

CEO Report:

Building Permits:

1. Mr. McGuinness- 6211 Country Lane- Wood Stove- \$85.00
 2. Mr. Malmstrom- Brake Hill Road- New House- \$283.00
 3. Ms. Allen- 7049 Cold Brook Road- Permit Renewal- \$106.5
 4. Mr. Fuller- 6197 Sunnyside Drive- Addition- \$146.00
- Total: \$620.50

C.O. ISSUES:

1. Brian Guy- Lot #7- MFH Placement

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff explained to the Board that he had attended an online Conflict of Interest & Ethics training course. He went on to explain he was told in this meeting that the town was not required

to go by the Roberts Rule of Order book. He provided the Board with a quote "Since Community Boards are governmental and public bodies, Roberts Rule are superadded by a Community Board's by Laws, NYS charter and NYS open meeting laws and freedom of Information laws". Supervisor Ruoff went on to explain, we have to be very careful to create legislation that doesn't benefit certain people in the community. It has to be good for all. Supervisor Ruoff also explained how he would like to put together a Board of Ethics after the new year.

Animal Control: Town Clerk Tamara Congdon told the Board that she received a report from Country Acres Animal Shelter and pictures of the remodel they did with grant monies they received.

Highway Report:

Superintendent David Putnam explained to the Board that there was nothing new going on. They are usually plowing snow by now so instead, they are cutting brush, filling potholes, and maintenance on dirt roads.

Park:

Councilman Andrew Fuller explained we didn't do very much this month because the water is down. He has never seen the lake down this low. This is the best year we have ever had explained Councilman Fuller. He has collected a total of \$9564.84 from the Boat Launch donation box at the park. The Town usually does about \$6,000.00 He also explained that they would do better if the channel was drugged out. Councilman Fuller thanked the highway for taking down the tennis net and asked if they would put a plastic bag over the grills for the winter.

Old Business:

Supervisor Ruoff brought to the attention of the Board the Park Resolution that still has not been passed. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon explained that the Parks and Recreation Committee has not had another meeting yet. Councilwoman Neeca Root then suggested we table the motion for next month.

Councilwoman Neeca Root suggested that they set a date for a public hearing for the proposed new town zoning book. She suggested they set the date for December 8th, 2020 at 5:30. Attorney Dan Ellis said he was almost done reviewing the book and he will finish it before the next meeting.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff suggested that the town hire a contractor to fix the pumphouse #1 property damage and charge the parents. He does not want the town to get sued by anyone. Attorney Dan Ellis second Supervisor Ruoff's decision and explained, going through the district process is how they should get this fixed.

Solar Project:

Town Attorney Dan Ellis explained to the Board what the pilot is. A pilot is a payment, in lieu of taxes. The county IDA has been negotiating this for a while now. The piolets are for other things, other than this project. They do them for development projects of all kinds. What it is, is an incentive to come in and develop in your town and it's a payment in lieu of taxes. So, this is instead of being taxed under the regular tax region where you have money and cents per thousand per Parcels. This is where Solar Companies make an annual payment instead of paying taxes under the standard regime. These are negotiated by the IDA. It's an incentive to develop because sometimes these projects don't happen. The

resolution that was put together by the IDA came about by a community in Cortland County that thought these pilots were leaving money on the table. I believe there is about 20-30 commercial projects just in Cortland County right now. The IDA has given the power to the communities and Boards to set the standards for the payments in lieu of taxes. It would go by the number of megawatts that are involved. Then it will be split up by Towns, Schools, and any other tax authority. It cuts both ways depending on how you stand on the solar issue. You set it too high you are never going to get a project. Too low you are shorting yourselves money. If you don't adopt a resolution the authority stays with the IDA. They attempt to negotiate the best deals for the community.

The IDA is also encouraging the Community Host Agreement. It would allow the town of Scott to get a direct cut off the top of the pilot. Which is very beneficial because your taxing proportion is a lot less than the cut off the top.

Town Attorney Dan Ellis said Skeeter is on the ball referring to the MEPB that Councilman Louis Martin had brought up last month. Attorney Ellis will send more information on this to the Board this week. The Board will need to make a plan in case of another emergency pandemic. Explaining who are essential employees and who can work from home. Councilman Martin added that they need to have information on the town's PPE.

New Business:

Councilman Andrew Fuller suggested that they do not pay the County for the use of the church this year because it is not open. Councilwoman Neeca Root explained that they have not sent the town a bill, but she agrees.

Town Clerk Tamara Congdon explained to the Board that the NYSRS refused their last Standard Workday Resolution because of a procedure change.

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

Town Clerk Tamara Congdon told the Board how Marilyn Mowry, the woman who had established the Town of Scott Recreation Department had recently passed. Her family has asked in lieu of flowers people donate to the town's recreation department. The Board agreed to have the Clerk collect and record the monies.

Councilman Louis Martin made a motion to adopt the proposed 2021 budget with the amendment to the fire contract and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff asked for a roll call vote for the adoption of the 2021 budget.

Councilman Andrew Fuller stated he did not agree with the raises and that the meeting was not in person.

Councilman Andrew Fuller- No

Councilwoman Neeca Root- Yes

Councilman Louis Martin- I

Councilman Trevor Adams- Absent

Supervisor Dr, Guy Rouff- Yes

Adjournment:

Councilman Andrew Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff thanked everyone for logging in and their input.