

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING- NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020  
SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL**

**7:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Supervisor: David Schenck. Councilmen: Mike Selover, Andrew Rindfleisch, Lloyd Cornell, Richard Hodges

**Clerk:** Jennifer Schenck

**Highway Superintendent:** Richard Waldron

**Water/Sewer Superintendent:** Karl Rindfleisch, Jeanine Wilson

**Others Present:** Donna O'Hara, Glenn Bundy, Tim Carpenter (MRB Group), Howard Tanner (CEO)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge.

**A. AGENDA:**

Mr. Hodges made the motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Aye, All with no discussion.

**B. MINUTES:**

Mr. Cornell made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 14th, 2020 regular board meeting, Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, All with no discussion.

**C. REPORTS:**

1) Codes: Howard Tanner reported that a C.O. was issued to Brad Rindfleisch this past month. He has also been busy issuing permits for garages and pole barns; however, he expects things to slow down soon as the cost of materials has become so high. The use Variance for Frontenac Harbor was approved by the town zoning board. Mr. Tanner recommended to the town board that they consider updating the zoning laws to make storage an allowable use in agricultural districts. He also recommended adding a commercial solar section to the current town zoning laws.

2) Assessor: Kelly Anderson from Cayuga County Real Property had reported prior to the meeting that their data collection for the upcoming re-val was complete, and they had received back about 80% of the data mailers they sent. They are currently working on fine tuning each parcel, and will have this complete by December. On March 1<sup>st</sup> they will mail impact notices to residents.

4) Clerk: Jennifer Schenck reported that a local company, Premier Payroll, had been selected for outsourcing payroll. She hoped they would be taking over starting with the next payroll. Mrs. Schenck added that Williamson Law Book Company Accounting Cloud program was also included in the abstract. There were funds in the current budget to cover the one time set up fee, and this would allow herself and the bookkeeper to work remotely outside of the office if necessary.

5) CCWSA Master Plan: Mr. Schenck requested that Jeanine Wilson make a presentation in the near future regarding the Cayuga County's master water plan and how it was progressing. Mr. Schenck feels this is a very political topic, and at \$800/EDU with no financial advantage to the Town of Springport, Mr. Schenck does not feel this plan is in the Town's best interest.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Bridges - Bids: Only one bid was received for the Connors Road bridge project. The bid amount was \$92,000 and was sent by Marty Hubbard. Tim Carpenter knows Mr. Hubbard and feels he has a good reputation for this kind of project. It is too late in the year to start the project, and work would begin in the Spring or Summer.

Mr. Hodges made the motion to award the bid, pending a contract, and Mr. Hubbard coming to the November meeting to answer any questions, seconded by Mr. Cornell.

Mr. Schenck: Aye

Mr. Rindfleisch: Aye

Mr. Cornell: Aye

Mr. Selover: Aye

Mr. Hodges: Aye

No Discussion.

2) Water Meter Replacement Bids: There were three bids submitted for the water meter replacement: Core & Main, Blaire Supply and TI Sales. Core and Main uses Sensus Meters and the annual software fee is very high for these. Mr. Carpenter feels for this reason the bid should be ruled out. This company mostly deals with larger communities. Blaire Supply uses Zenner Meters and TI Sales uses Neptune meters. With either of these meter types it would no longer be necessary to hand read meters each quarter as they work on a cloud system. Karl Rindfleisch stated that he did not personally like Neptune Meters because when the batteries failed, which seemed to happen often, the entire meter needed to be replaced because the batteries were sealed inside. The bid for the Zenner meter system from Blaire Supply was \$149,535, and the bid from TI Sales for Neptune meters was \$171,717. Each system requires poles mounted with data transmitters which would allow for the meters to be read daily via computer. The Zenner meters have a 3% software increase each year, which Mr. Carpenter feels is high, and believes the company may come down on this.

It was unanimously agreed upon that the Zenner meters seemed like the best choice. The board asked Mr. Carpenter to look into the software cost with Blaire Supply for the Zenner meters, and to confirm that only 2 poles would be needed for the data transmitters. Pending confirmation of these questions, Mr. Carpenter stated he would then ask Blaire Supply for a contract, and to come to the next board meeting to discuss any further questions.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Resolution-Health Consortium 2020-2021: The Greater Tompkins Health Consortium has submitted their resolutions for the upcoming year. They have requested that the Town approve these and agree to operate through them next year. Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to allow Supervisor Schenck to sign the documents and submit them, seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye All with no discussion.

Mr. Schenck added that the consortium is looking to make a board of directors for next year as they have grown so large and there have been so many attendees at their meetings.

2) Zoning: Mr. Tanner recommended to the board that while they were adding solar farm regulations to the zoning law, that they may want to consider adding a Planned Development District as well. This would allow commercial businesses to come into a specific area of the Town. Mr. Tanner submitted some sample PPD laws from other Towns for the board to review.

**F. BUDGET: Review/Discuss- Set Hearing Date:** A budget workshop was scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Town Hall. A projector will be set up at this workshop so that all present may view the budget on screen. The preliminary budget hearing will be held at the next regular town board meeting.

#### **G. HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Mr. Waldron reported that he had ordered salt to prepare for winter conditions and it should arrive tomorrow. 90% of the roadside mowing was complete for the year.

Mr. Schenck stated he had noticed people were driving around the bridge closed barricade and the crew may need to take steps to make it impassable.

#### **H. WATER/SEWER REPORT:**

Karl Rindfleisch reported that the water and sewer lines at Gorwydd were finally complete, and all of the samples that were sent to the Health Department had passed. At this time, they were just waiting on the Completed Works document. Without this form the crew cannot connect to the mains. Future buyers in this development will need to run their lines all the way to the right of

way. Doug Degraw had asked the Town to help him recoup some of the money he had spent in getting the lines installed. Mr. Rindfleisch does not feel that is a good idea, especially if others will be hooking up.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Town would now need to lift the Moratorium that was issued during the August meeting on building permits now that the lines were complete. Mr. Hodges made the motion to lift the moratorium on building permits, seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Aye All with no discussion.

**I. FINANCIALS:**

1) Mr. Hodges made the motion to pay the following bills: General fund (A) vouchers #287-288, 290-296, 307, 309-310, 314 totaling \$7914.92, General Fund-Outside Village (B) Vouchers #291, 306, 312 totaling \$1,000.93, Highway Fund (DA) Town wide Voucher #312 totaling \$1575.00, Highway fund (DB) vouchers #297-302, 310, 313-315 totaling \$23,638.15, Water District #1 vouchers #303-305, 309-311, 314 totaling \$33,121.69, Sewer District #1 vouchers# 287, 308-311, 314 totaling \$51,645.20, Sewer District #2 vouchers #311 totaling \$1008.00, Water District #2 vouchers #288-289, 304, 308, 310, 312, 314 totaling \$9924.57, Seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Aye, all with no discussion.

**J. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Cayuga Lake Watershed Newsletter
- 2) NYS Canalway Water Trail – blue and yellow signs update
- 3) RTI Auction Service, notice of auction Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @9AM
- 4) Novis Renewables sent notice regarding Solar Energy Project at 40 Spring St.

**K. ADJOURN:**

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye all with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

Jennifer Schenck  
Town Clerk