

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING- FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021

SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL

7:00 pm

Members Present: Supervisor: David Schenck. Councilmen: Mike Selover, Andrew Rindfleisch, Lloyd Cornell (Richard Hodges was absent)

Clerk: Jennifer Schenck

Highway Superintendent: Richard Waldron

Water/Sewer Superintendent: Karl Rindfleisch

Others Present: Glenn Bundy, Jen & Carl Collier, Tim Snyder (Soil & Water), Howard Tanner (Code Enforcement Officer)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

A. AGENDA:

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

B. MINUTES:

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 11th, 2021 regular board meeting with the correction of Mr. Waldron met with a Steele Sales Representative, not a Cummins Rep in the Highway Report, Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, all with no discussion.

C. REPORTS:

1) **Codes:** Howard Tanner reported that 2 building permits had been issued this month and also a certificate of occupancy. The 1203 report has been filed with the secretary of state, and will allow the Town to receive money from FEMA in the event of a disaster. Mr. Tanner added that a liquor store was looking to set up in the storage complex on route 90.

2) **Fingerlakes Dog Control:** Mr. Schenck stated that the Town Board's primary concern is that the agency is hard to reach. Jennifer Schenck asked if there is a way to reach the FDC agency besides their home phone number. Carl Collier stated it would be easiest to explain their day first. Mr. Collier started this business when he was 24 years old, and he is now 66. It is just him and his daughter Jen running the business. Mr. Collier starts his day with a 6-hour patrol route in Auburn, and then Jen tells him where he needs to go from there. Jen starts her day in the kennels taking care of the boarded animals, and then checks their voicemails. Voicemails that are imminent threats are sent to 911, and if it is late in the day, non-threats may not receive a call back until the next day. Jen Collier admitted she will sometimes start working on a case, and will forget to call that person back to let them know that case has been initiated. The Collier's agreed they could give the Town Clerk Carl's cell phone number for her use only. All dog emergencies should still be directed to 911.

Mr. Schenck asked if they would still be issuing tickets for un-licensed dogs. Jen Collier stated they would be when the courts re-opened. Karl Rindfleisch stated that the Collier's could issue a ticket, and hopefully the owners would license their dogs in the meantime.

3) **Supervisor:** Mr. Schenck passed the supervisors report to all board members. Supervisor Schenck stated he would like to change his pay schedule from quarterly to monthly. He is the only employee being paid quarterly at this point and it incurs another payroll from the processing company. The board was in agreement to change the supervisors pay schedule.

D: HEARING: ZONING AMENDMENT – STORAGE IN AG ZONES: Mr. Cornell made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:02pm, seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Mr. Schenck would like to consider adding storage as an allowable use in agricultural zones, however he did hear from one resident that they were concerned this would allow for Averdi type storage containers. This is

a valid concern and Mr. Schenck feels the term “storage” may be too vague. Howard Tanner added that any new builds would still be subject to site plan review by the planning board. The Town Board can choose how to word what type of storage is allowed, or leave those details up to the planning board.

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to add “storage” as an allowable use in ag districts, and to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Cornell. There was no discussion following the motions.

Mr. Schenck: Aye

Mr. Rindfleisch: Aye

Mr. Cornell: Aye

Mr. Selover: Aye

The hearing was closed at 7:34pm.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1) Zoom Subscription: At the previous board meeting, a zoom subscription was approved if necessary. The town planning board requested to have their latest meeting via zoom. Mr. Schenck subscribed the Town for them at \$149/year.

2) Commercial Solar/Hearing: Mr. Schenck stated the board should schedule a hearing to update the Town Zoning laws in regards to solar farms. The zoning should clearly state how the solar batteries should be properly disposed of. Mr. Rindfleisch stated that they should see if Norm Chirco can have something written up for the March board meeting. Howard Tanner will forward The Town of Spaffords solar zoning laws for reference. A hearing will be scheduled for March.

F. NEW BUSINESS: **1) Planned Development Districts.:** The lots on the lake owned by the Falcones that Howard Tanner had previously discussed with the board are now ready for the final survey. It may be wise for the board to look into a Planned Development District for these parcels by summer time. Most of the residents have their lawyers in place at this time.

G. HIGHWAY REPORT:

1) Tim Snyder-CC Soil & Water—Bridge/Sluice Projects: Tim Snyder stated he did a brief study of the area, and does believe Townline Road is considered a bridge as it has a NYS VIN number. If the Town would like to contract with Soil & Water, they will apply for all of the DEC permits on behalf of the Town, and also have equipment and funding they can supply the project with. Tim used a website to calculate flows through this bridge, but the project will need an official engineer stamp and DOT inspection as well. If the Town chooses to go with a double barrel system the cost would be under \$100k. Mr. Schenck stated he is concerned about the strength of a double barrel system over time. Mr. Snyder replied that with these systems water does tend to flow in one barrel over another but they are much more cost effective. Mr. Rindfleisch asked what the cost of a single pipe would be. Tim Snyder replied this would cost more, and would also require more work. Mr. Cornell is worried about a double pipe constantly plugging and would prefer to see a culvert put in. Tim Snyder stated he had just worked on a bottomless culvert project in Sempronius. It had a 16ft span and cost about \$79k, however these projects are much more labor intensive. Mr. Schenck stated he would like to continue working with Soil & Water, but that the Town engineer Tim Carpenter of MRB Group would need to be looped in.

2) Mr. Waldron reported that Friday the blue plow truck went down while he was out with it. He used the electric override to get back to the shop. Mr. Waldron called in Tracey Equipment as a laptop was needed to diagnose the problem. It turned out to be a 30amp fuse that had blown the block.

Cayuga County had contacted Mr. Waldron, wondering if the Town would be mowing their roadsides again this year. Mr. Waldron does not think this makes the Town money, but it does make the roads look much nicer.

Mr. Waldron will be using a new drug testing company this year called Lake Shore Testing. Their prices will be cheaper.

Mr. Waldron also added that William Walter will be running for Highway Superintendent this year, and he would like to consider retiring, however he will lack 6 months of health insurance and would like to know if the Town would cover this until his birthday in June. Mr. Schenck said this would be a topic for an executive session and the board would take it into consideration.

H. WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Karl Rindfleisch reported that the last 2 hook ups in Cayuga Shores were complete. The crew will start to watch for leaks as the ground starts to thaw. Mr. Rindfleisch asked Tim Snyder his opinion on the Grandview Beach Co-Op drainage situation. Tim replied that there are drainage laws and the flow of water cannot be changed. However, it is extremely difficult to provide documentation on the flow of water before the changes occurred. The DEC enforces these types of issues and the Co-Op president should contact the Syracuse DEC office.

Supervisor Schenck gave an update on the Cayuga County Master Plan. All the county legislatures had been copied on the Town's opposing resolution, along with the Town's of Fleming and Owasco. At this time there has been no movement forward. It would be better for Aurora to hook up to the Town's SW2 lines, and the Town could charge tolling fees to Aurora, the same as Auburn does for that district.

I. FINANCIALS:

1) Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to pay the following bills: General fund (A) vouchers #24-26, 28-32, 35-36, 44, 48-49, 56-58, 60-61, 63-64, 67 totaling \$231,924.36, General Fund-Outside Village (B) Vouchers #34, 67 totaling \$204.18, Highway Fund (DA) Town wide Vouchers# 54 totaling \$175.00, Highway fund (DB) vouchers #35, 37-46, 65-66 totaling \$7793.91, Water District #1 vouchers #35, 47, 50, 53 totaling \$1993.70, Sewer District #1 vouchers# 27-28, 35, 47, 51-52, 59 totaling \$74,822.89, Water District #2 vouchers # 27, 29, 33, 35, 47, 53, 55, 62 totaling \$268,635.44, Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, all with no discussion.

J. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the following communications:

- 1) NYS Comptroller newsletter
 - 2) John Katko newsletter
 - 3) CLWIO funding opportunities, education & resources
 - 4) Letter from John Lemondes Jr.
 - 5) Tompkins Health Consortium, information on Blue4U program
 - 6) Regional Water Project Steering Committee Information
 - 7) Annual Report of Code Enforcement Activities for Town
- Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye all with no discussion.

K. ADJOURN:

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye all with no discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

Jennifer Schenck

Town Clerk