

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:30p.m. February 10, 2020

Board Members Present: Lynn Bedford, Chris Cannon, Chris Jackson
and Larry Ball
Present Town Supervisor: Ted Wightman, Highway Superintendent: Craig Harrington
and Town Clerk: Wendy Lord

Public Present: Steve Taylor, Chris Wichlacz, Jim Ziemba, Christine
Wightman, Jo Ward (Dunkirk Observer), Doug Fairbanks,
Christopher Skinner, Jamielee Skinner, David Szydlo,
Roger Cardot, Ed Long, Dan Curtain, Ron Curtain, Roy
Harvey, Karen Harvey, Carl Kellerman, Jamie Hebner, Jake
Szumigala, Jill Casey, (If your name is not listed and you
were in attendance it's because it was illegible)

Called to order 7:30 pm.

Pledge to Flag was led by Ted Wightman

Adoption of minutes. Larry Ball made a motion to accept the January 2020 meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Lynn Bedford. All were in favor, motion was carried.

Reports: Town Supervisor commented on the passing of Lena Elliot on January 31, 2019. She was a long time resident of Arkwright'

Larry Ball commented on the passing of Arlene Stockweather also a long time Arkwright resident.

Town Supervisor reported on the Arkwright Summit's Monthly Complain Log by stating there were a total of seven complaint calls for the month of January with which six were noise complaints and one a health related complaint.

Town Supervisor reported that the last sound test completed on the turbines was on April 23, 2019. The sound testing equipment is currently being sought by the Town Supervisor.

He will also make it a priority to pursue a new Code Enforcement Officer.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector report. To date processed Town & County taxes total \$935,560.75 of which \$439,693.64 turned over to the Town to satisfy the tax warrant. I will now begin to remit tax funds to the county.

I have received several tax bills back as undeliverable, I have notified Signe.

For the month of January, 9 dog licenses have been issued. All dogs altered for a total of \$9.00 turned over to the state and \$45 to the town.

A town resident has requested a relinquishment of a cemetery deed wishing to give back two plots purchased back in 2008. What is the process for doing so?

I have received from the Forestville Fire district a current certificate of liability insurance for the board to review.

Town Justice report was submitted by Judge John Potter and read by Town Clerk. There were no court cases handled and no money collected in the month of January.

Superintendent of Highway presented bills in amount of \$36859.97 for the month of January 2019. His focus for February is to look into replacing some current town highway equipment.

Town Dog Control Officer submitted report that was read by the Town Clerk.

010220A 1-2-20 Stray Dog at Lot #3 9778 Center Rd, Fredonia NY 14062 John at 716-467-1109.

Male, Dark Brown w/ some white on chest. Mangy looking or sever allergies. Needs Medical attention about 30 lbs. Transported to Strunk Rd SPCA.

#010620A 1-6-20 Female Jack Russell 4-5 lbs found by passerby at the Corner of Straight Rd and Center. 12:30pm.

1-7-20 No one looking for a Jack Russell. Transported to Strunk Rd. SPCA

1-21-20 Call from Alicia Schinta 716-467-8419 regarding dog described as the dog from #010220A above. Owner states looking since 01-01-20 Directed her to Strunk Rd SPCA. Owner also state dog was not licensed.

Kathie Dean, Town of Arkwright Dog Control Officer

Town Council Member Lynn Bedford read into record a memo from November 21, 2019 by the Chautauqua County Board of Health in regards to the health effects from turbines and human health.

Lynn asked that anyone who may have any suggestions or questions, they can put them in the box next to the Town Hall door.

Chris Cannon reported on the NY Teamsters Contract for employees by stating that the contract is now finished and finalized.

Chris Jackson, reported that he had nothing to report at this time.

Larry Ball, discussed the payment inquiry for the Hodson and Russ bill. He stated that the bill was for the advisement of a Solar Panel Energy project. He asked if the account should be closed and the bill be paid. Town Supervisor went on the record by stating that the budget for legal fees is only \$5000 and that this bill alone exceeds this amount.

Town Assessor, it was reported that Signe Rominger will be at the Town Hall on Saturdays from 10-12 noon.

Town Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; No report at this time.

A motion was made by Chris Jackson and seconded by Chris Cannon to accept the reports. All were in favor, motioned was carried.

Highway Bills. Larry Ball made a motion to accept the highway and general bills and it was seconded by Lynn Bedford to All in favor, motion carried.

Public comments relative to agenda items: John Potter inquired about how the Court Clerk's payroll works. Should she continue to be paid as an Independant Contractor or be considered a town employee.

Old Business: Appointment has been made to make Bahgat & Lurito CPA the Town Bookeeper for \$575 monthly compensation.. Chris Cannon questioned whether or not other bookkeepers and fees had been sought. A motion was made by Chris Jackson and seconded by Lynn Bedford. Motioned carried. Chris Cannon voted nay.

An update was provided from CPL on architectural survey requirements for a new town hall. Supervisor reported that there is a request for a new survey and soil sampling. This request was inquired about as the architects already have our recent survey. A motion was made by Lynn Bedford and seconded by Larry Ball to table this issue at this time. Motion carried.

New Business: Budget for 2020. Resloution regarding housing of Town pick-up truck. Town Supervisor read the previous resolution. Chris Jackson made a motion to superseed the previous resolution and Chris Cannon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lynn Bedford commented that the Highway Supervisor may receive emergency calls where it may be beneficial for the Highway Superintendent to house the pick-up truck at his home.

Craig Harrington appointed Jeff Milliman as his Deputy Highway Superintendent. Larry Ball stated that Jeff will need to be sworn in as Deputy Superintendent.

Public Comments: Jim Redline asked about the requirements for the sound testing position. Paul Gogolak stated that the response time to reported noise complaints is too long. Jake Szumigala asked if the town can promote sound tests quicker. Ruth Nicholos introduced herself to the board and what her role is as the town historian and was thanked by the board for her hard work. Martin Chicocki asked the board if there was a short or long range plan for the roads. Lynn Bedford addressed the issue by stating that there is a new board and it will take time to address the towns

needs including the roads and to just please be patient. The Town Supervisor responded that the Highway Superintendent determines the needs of the roads and then the board approves any long range plans. Jill Casey asked the board if they plan to do an inventory of assets that the town currently has. Chris Wichlacz asked if the CHIPS funding had arrived yet, Chris Cannon stated that yes, it arrived on December 16, 2019. Craig Harrington asked if the highway department could have a credit card for purchases. Larry Ball suggested that the highway have a petty cash fund for purchases. Jake Szumigala asked if there were any credit cards with cash back options. Chris Cannon stated that unauthorized purchases are a risk with credit cards. A current Home Depot account and other in store accounts were discussed. Tracy Whitaker suggested an account with Service Hardware in Irving.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chris Cannon. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting to be held on February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM,

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Town Clerk: Wendy Lord