

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:30 PM December 14, 2020

Town Supervisor: Brian McAvoy

Board Members Present: Lynn Bedford via zoom, Chris Cannon, Larry Ball and Chris Jackson

Deputy Highway Superintendent: Jeff Milliman

Town Clerk: Jane Lindquist

Code Enforcement: Ed Pagano

Public Present: John Potter, Dave Szydlo, James Ziemba and Jamie Hebner, Lois Jackson via zoom and Dorothy Frogiel via zoom

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Brian McAvoy

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Review and Approval of November 4th, 2020 Special Board meeting and November 9th, 2020 regular board meeting. Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Reports:

Supervisor: Finance Reports & Budget Review – General and Highway-

Highway side- All in all O.K. Highway did O.K. put extra funds in reserve.

General side- account setup better. We should have less transfers.

AIM Relates Payment- \$5,000+ based on population.

FOIL requests- sent out Arkwright Summit host agreement and other correspondence. They are going to send someone to look at the binder information and see what they want. See if they can have a bonded 3rd party to copy information.

EDP updates- Month of November –10 noise complaints- 2 individuals

Community Bank Account Closed- Ted Wightman closed account.

Accountant Requires Copy of Storm Clean up Grant- Jane need to send a copy.

October Budget Transfers

General Fund

\$200.00 from 1620.4 – Building – Contractual
\$200.00 to 1410.4 – Town Clerk – Contractual

Highway Fund

\$15,000.00 from 5130.1 – Machinery – personal
\$15,000.00 to 5110.1 – General Repairs – personal

Motion to approve October budget transfers motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

November Budget Transfers

General Fund

\$200.00 from 1990.4 Special items – contingent
\$200.00 to 1910.4 Special items – unallocated insurance

\$1000.00 from 1990.4 Special items – contingent
\$1000.00 to 9060.8 Employee Benefits – Medical

\$1000.00 from 1990.4 Special items – Contingent
\$1000.00 to 8810.4 Cemetery – contractual

Highway Fund

\$3000.00 from 5130.1 Machinery – personal services
\$3000.00 to 5110.1 General Repairs – personal services

\$4000.00 from 5130.1 Machinery – personal services
\$4000.00 to 5142.1 Snow Removal – personal services

\$6000.00 from 9060.8 HW Medical Insurance
\$6000.00 to 5142.1 Snow Removal – personal services

\$350.00 from 9060.8 Employee benefits – medical
\$350.00 to 9089.8 Employee benefits – drug testing

Motion to approve November budget transfers motion by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Cannon. All in favor.

Deputy Highway Superintendent

Financial report –Jeff Milliman gave Highway report. List Gradall with Auction International. Sold surplus scrap- \$1002.00. He will check with Mom & Pop's to see how much gradall would bring for scrap.

Hall Rd- Sandy from Cassadaga Wind project contacted him about plowing extra if needed. They would be willing to pay \$250/hr to plow snow extra for the sand. Jeff said to write up a contract for approval by town board. Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Larry Ball. All in favor.

Motion to Approve 2020 Budget Revision for CHIPS adjustment

Highway Fund

We resolve to increase the Highway Fund 2020 expenditure budget by \$53,455.00 which represents additional monies available through the CHIPS program. This will increase the revenue account DA3501.1- State Aid- CHIPS and the expense account DA5112.2 – Capital Outlay – Contractual.

Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Chris Cannon. All in favor.

Tax Collector – Reported monies collected for November. Chaut. Co. Human Resources sent letter- happy we are up to date. Played message on answering machine from Ms. Griswald Simpson she had been at the Christian cemetery recently and was very pleased with how well kept it was.

Dog Control- No Report

Justice Report- Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of John Potter- The amount of fines 1085.00, \$125.00 in surcharges- totaling \$1210.00 was collected and turned over to the town for the month of November 2020.

Assessor- no report

Code Enforcement Officer - 1 building permit and 2 new applications. 22 permits this year in total.

Town Council Members

Lynn Bedford-Thank You for a good year. Merry Christmas to all. Happy New Year.

Chris Jackson- none

Chris Cannon- none

Larry Ball- Corner markers up. Adding to Cowden cemetery; how much property do we want to buy? East side there is 50ft available with 50ft road frontage on 83.

Fence around Christian cemetery needs to include additional partial. Have highway guys work on the fence on down time. Price the new fence. Also checking into fencing for the Cowden cemetery. Larry writing up something for the newspaper for the month of January 2021.

Acceptance of reports Motion by Larry Ball motioned, Chis Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to accept Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Brian McAvoy. All in favor.

Old Business

Spectrum Cable – No update yet.

Highway Superintendent Back Fill Discussion- Passafaro- Deputy O.K. for now. But Sometime in future we are going to have someone come in to help out. Someone temporary until election.

New Business

Price of Saturday Burial- Change from \$800.00 to \$500.00.

Motion to adopt Credit Card Policy- Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Resolution for Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat to move year end budget surplus to reserve accounts. Motion by Chris Cannon, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in favor.

Non- Exclusive contract with Auctions International- Motion to approve contract. Motion by Lynn Bedford, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in favor.

Seasonal Worker Board Policy- 80% pay rate based on current rate of full-time worker, including winter premium.

Overtime to start after 32 hours when a statutory holiday falls in the Monday to Friday work week. Motion to start worker overtime after 32 hours when a statutory holiday falls in the Monday to Friday work week. Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

COVID Protocol for Town Buildings- Masks will be required in both town hall and town barns and vehicles. All visitors must wear masks and sign in on log sheet.

Mask will be provided to all employees. Signage regarding visitor requirements will be posted on entry doors. Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Larry Ball. 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

Equipment Plan- Discuss at the next meeting

Association of Towns Meeting- Lynn Bedford would like to attend. Will get set up.

Public Comment-

Jim Ziembra- He would be interested in coming back as highway superintendent. Larry Ball commented on responsibilities.

Plan in January for Highway superintendent.

Budget overview & town hall & repairs to towns barns.

Carry Babcock- commented on Solar farm concerns. Brian McAvoy said we will be looking into it more closely before it goes anywhere.

Dorothy Frogiel- also commented on concerns about solar farm

Larry Ball would like to authorize John Potter to purchase a new sign for the Town Court.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in Favor.