

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING &
Special Notes: 50% capacity & Face Masks Required - Zoom
7:30 PM March 8, 2021

Town Supervisor: Brian McAvoy

Board Members Present: Lynn Bedford, Chris Cannon, Larry Ball & Chris Jackson

Highway Superintendent: Lisa Waldron
Town Clerk: Jane Lindquist
Code Enforcement: Ed Pagano

Public Present: John Potter, Dave Szydlo, Ruth Nichols, Alice Sauder, Andy Houck, Mark Woolley, Robert Nordin and Jim Ziembra

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

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Presentation by Bob Nordin of CPL Architects- Bob went over briefly the requirements needed for a new town hall. Also discussed different building codes, public bidding laws, insurances and bonds. Court & judge restrictions and space. Handicap accessible. New town barns attached would need firewall. Appropriate next step to sit doiw n and figure out how much to spend. Then break sown to must haves and wants. Can do site work and concrete work. Steel studs. General plumbing, heating and electric would need to be licensed contractor. Would like to see a list of building they have done, to be able to do drive by.

Review and Approval of February, 2021 board meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes. Motion by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in favor.

Reports:

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

Transfer of Monies

General Fund

\$404.00 from 1990.4 Contingent
\$404.00 to 1920.4 Municipals Dues

\$1,000.00 from 1990.4 Contingent
\$1,000.00 to 5010.11 Highway Clerk
*to cover Jane Lindquist HWY admin services

Highway Fund

\$808.00 from 9010.8 Employee Benefits – State Retirement
\$808.00 to 9040.8 Employee Benefits – Workers Comp

EDP- No complainants in February

Department Reports

Highway Superintendent- Lisa gave financial report. Bids out for sand. Waiting for the bid from county. Waiting till April for the bids. Road plan presented. Not CHIPS plan.

Rescind Maple Spring Tree service bid of \$2300.00. They did not get back to us to do the work. Motioned by Brian McAvoy, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Resolution to go with Great Lake tree service to take down trees. \$4,000.00. Motion by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Lisa is doing virtual classes with Cornell.

Tax Collector – Reported monies collected for 0 dog licenses. 0 marriage licenses. Taxes coming in. Town is paid in full.

Dog Control- no report

Justice Report- Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of John Potter- The amount of fines \$0.00 and \$80.00 in surcharges. \$80.00 turned over to the town.

Assessor- no report

Code Enforcement Officer – 2 permits issued- 1 house & 1 addition. 2 calls for solar.

New York Stretch Energy Code- a lot of information. More strict building codes, more codes adopted in future. Have to table for now. Keeping attending. Meeting with Town of Portland & Pomfret.

Town Council Members

Lynn Bedford- AOT Meeting- Meetings were great. Classes CHIPS has not been upgraded in 8 years. Budgets & Harassment. Would recommend for everyone. Very informational.

Chris Jackson- none

Chris Cannon- none

Larry Ball- Survey for hall- Survey has an error- needed utilities identified.

Cemetery- Tom coming to talk about expanding Cowden Cemetery

Acceptance of reports Motion by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Cannon. All in Favor.

Motion to accept Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Larry Ball 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in Favor.

Old Business

COVID -19 Policy- Motion to adopt COVID-19 Policy Amendment of March 8, 2021. Motioned by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Purchasing Policy- Motion to Adopt Purchasing Policy Revision of March 8, 2021 with amendment to remove \$2500.00 building maintenance. Motion by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in favor.

New Business

Motion to release Llyods Letter of Credit with Cassadaga Wind in favor of replacement from Landensbank Hessen-Thuringen NY L/C.LBCMNY2020059. Motioned by Chris Cannon, 2nd by Larry Ball. All in favor.

Received Court Grant \$6499.00- 180 days to use- John Potter- security cameras

Website updates- Brian McAvoy going to take care of.

Discussion on Shoolray Family offer to purchase royalty interest- \$37.50 royalty bid. Motion to decline bid. Motioned by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Resolution to Approve Court Audit Dated March 8, 2021. Motioned by Lynn Bedford, 2nd by Chris Cannon. All in favor.

Motion to Approve Highway Superintendent to Accept Bids- need more work. No vote at this time

Motion to Approve Supervisor to establish an Auctions International buyers account- Lisa Waldron would be in charge. Motioned by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Larry Ball. All in favor.

Discussion on process to bid on a replacement truck. Email board members for opinions. Give Lisa Waldron permission to spend up to \$40,000.00. Motion to approve Lisa Waldron to spend upto \$40,000.00 for a new truck. Motion be Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Jackson. 4 aye & 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Review of proposed local law establishing a 6 month moratorium on commercial solar development. There is a 6 month wait for the town to approve. Motion to approve Resolution Setting Date of Public Hearing for Solar Development Moratorium as April 12, 2021. Motioned by Chris Jackson, 2nd by Lynn Bedford. All in favor.

Public Comment-

Ruth Nichols- New building- should have a space for all the town historical stuff , that is know stored at her home.

Andy Houck- Question about 6month moratorium for solar.

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