

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Special Notes: 50% capacity & Face Masks Required if not fully vaccinated

7:30 PM September 13th, 2021

Zoom 251 827 4500 Passcode MgW26n, not for voting members

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: Dave Szydlo, Barry Bedford, John Potter, Steve Hansen

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

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence- In remembrance of 911
Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Motion to adjourn regular Meeting and Open public Hearing- Motion by Lynn Bedford, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor

Public Hearing on Local Law Proposing 6-month Extension on Commercial Solar Development Proof of Publication- September 2,2021 in the Dunkirk Observer.

Review of any written comments received- there were none received.

Public and Board comments- three-minute limit, in person and Zoom- Larry Ball- Has any progress on revision of the law?

Brian McAvoy- need to define the zoning. Revised & size. No public comments.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing and continue Regular meeting- Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Discussion on phones & voice Mail enhancements with DFT- Steve Hansen from DFT presented 3 options for a new phone system. Option #2 was the one everyone seemed to like. DFT would lease us equipment & be responsible for repairs. Need to talk to Custis to get WIFI over to the Highway barns. We will vote on the Option 2 in Octobers regular board meeting.

Review and Approval of August 9th, 2021, Regular board meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes. Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Reports:

Supervisor: Finance Reports & Budget Review – revenues \$15,000.00 over sales tax.
ARPA money Limitations.
CHIPS- revenue next quarter. CHIPS in Lisa Waldron- max out- have left over with rollover.
\$60,000.00 more in CHIPS.
Building funds- less than budgeted for.
Need Preliminary budget done by the end of the Month.
Union contracts up in 2022
Growth rate .008%- ½ percent- Inflation 3%. Inflation out growth- Healthy fiscal position.
Look at budget closely.
New truck- cut maintenance expenses.
Handle on Teamster amount- Jeff to get numbers
Highway equipment- Maintenances
Expenses- Uniforms- quote out for next year.
Dumpster- garbage- see if can get cheaper.
Department heads- salary increases- John Potter recommended Town Clerk.
Operating Budget- Town is in good shape
Tax base is not just residential.
EDP-2 noise complaints.

Highway Superintendent

Financial report –We are within budget for the highway.
Spending vs Budget Update (monthly). Highway in good shape.
Update on Highway Plan Progress- Ball Rd. ditching done. Trenching will be done this year.
Brainard Rd- graveled
Livermore – done.

Sand Shed- Hybrid quote- warranted for 25 years. Precast walls vs poured walls with concrete.
\$50,000.00 grant. Quote for other bids. October comes back with other bids.

EDP Straight Rd Crane Moving In & One-time Blade Moves- Crane coming in brining 3 loads up.
Old 1 got taken out the old route. New 1 coming up Straight Rd. Crane- engineer come out &
checked Road. 1 time agreement to move going down Straight Rd. Has to be done by October.2
overweight coming in & 3 overweight going out. \$250,000.00. Replacing a blade on 1 windmill.

Balls Gulf- trench going down. Full of trees. Closed road for maintenance. Bigger question is it
worth keeping road open?

Counties responsibility to fix bridge. Seasonal limited maintenance Rd. Residence Rice, Cash &
Gustafson. DPW- mind set couldn't justify spending money to repair bridge.

Highway doing repairs. Need to fill in trench. Concrete shop. Grant to get Riprap from county,
Lisa checking with the county about Bridge. Look for minutes from past years on this discussion
of the bridge.

Hall Rd- Cassadaga wind done. Talk to Sandy- Engineering on it better than before. \$200,000.00
for Straight Rd. \$156,000.00 to pave it. Brian will contact Sandra to settle with Cassadaga Wind
before snow flies.

Surplus- Truck #10 has been stripped. Would like to get rid of. Motion to declare truck #10 surplus. Motion by Chris Jackson, Lynn Bedford 2nd. All in favor.

Truck #8- need a turbo- has a bad frame. Not going to pass inspection. Motion to put on Auction International- see what we can get for it. Revisit at the October meeting. Motion to surplus truck #8. Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk & Tax collector- 3 Dog licenses, 0 marriage, 1 genealogy, 3 misc. revenues, 2 building permits and 0 death certificates. Gave town a check for \$1,027.00 for the General Fund. Also, Arkwright Summit sent a check and deposited into the general fund.

Activity on Westfall FOIL Request- still waiting for them to contact me to have copies made.

Dog Control- none

Justice Report- Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of John Potter- The amount of fines \$150.00. and \$93.00 in surcharges and \$0.00 in civil fees. Total of \$243.00 for the Month of August 2021 and was turned over to the Town of Arkwright.

Assessor- none

Code Enforcement Officer – 2 permits – 3 applications- waiting on call back.

Got a call they want to come audit zoning books. Will need to purchase new ones. Cost is \$600.00. Borrowing books right now.

Town Council Members

Lynn Bedford- Catt Co.- will uphold the constitution of the USA. Would like to present to the Town of Arkwright. Lynn meeting with a lawyer- to get paper together. All for it. We could learn from it.

Chris Jackson- none

Chris Cannon- none

Larry Ball- Land Purchase- - Survey sent to Passafaro

Fence for Christian Meeting- materials all in. Starting assembly. Installation ready to go when fence is ready. Plenty of cemetery land for future. Maintenance price for upcoming year- increasing.

Abandoned cemetery- on Rt 83. Johnson maintained. Ask the owners to donate property to town and we will maintain. Zoning in place no more burials in this cemetery.

Motion to Accept Supervisor, Departments and Councilperson reports- Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Cannon 2nd. All in favor.

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

Motion to Approve August Budget Transfer- Court Grant- Motion to Approve \$6499.00 Budget increase to Justice Court Grant Expense Account. Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Old Business

Security System has been installed- Done. Town helped with some expense.

Solar Energy Law- Update on Scoping/Scaling? - still need to scope & scale of the projects.

Building- Footprint Study and Location for the Sand Shed-architect was here today to look where a good site would be for the Town Hall and the Sand Shed. West of gas line there is enough room for the town hall and highway barns. Money for green energy in future. Sand Shed- where the sand is now. Old building turn into possible pavilion & playground. Pay as we go. No mortgage. Hoping to have plan together to bring to October Town Board meeting.

Evans Insurance Renewal- 3% increase in premium. need to get renewal done. NYMIR- always been good insurance. Need to start looking in March for different options. Motion to approve Supervisor to Extend coverage with Evans for One more year. Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Marijuana opt out discussion- Voted not to opt out.

- Doubt anyone would open a dispensary
- - Stop illegal trade
- - Zoning around it & advertising it
- - Borrello extended time 1 year.
- - Zoning for marijuana- to control

Need to get Zoning, Planning and Assessment of reviews Board.

New Business

Mandatory Harassment training- NYMIR online – Thursday Sept 16, 2021 9am- organize training for everyone.

2022 Budget- First Cut Due End of September- help to get together.

Mark Peebles- Cemetery records Update- Mark has offered to bring all our cemetery info in one place. Electronic form. We should offer him some money to help administer the town. \$500.00 from the town to give to Mark.

Rural Development Grant- Pays for lots of things. Chris Cannon went about grants. No we would not qualify.

Investment on Bank Accounts- Should we move money to CD's or something else. Talk to Laura & see if we can make out better in other investment routes. See if we can get better results for our investments. Talk to Evans Bank also.

Snowmobile Signs on Town Roads- Look for law. Arkwright passed a law in the 70's but Chris Cannon thinks it was changed in the 80's. What's the Town's liability? If the club put the signs up. Town can remove.

Public Comment-

John Potter- We got a \$50,000.00 grant for sand shed. Why can't we get one to help with the Town Hall & Highway barns? Money is out there. A Grant writer knows how to search for the grants. Aren't there enough laws on snowmobilers. If signs make us liable. We can remove them.

Grant proposing for playground. Ball Rd. Contact property owners to see if we can get them to put in a park. Grant writer would be good for this too.

Covid 19 shots. – Biden requiring shot. We are under 100 employees. Lisa not able to ask if vaccinated due to HIPPA laws.

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