

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM.

Present: Janet M. Lybolt- Supervisor
Eileen Rogers – Deputy Supervisor - Councilwoman
John Lacey – Councilman
James Carney – Councilman
Thomas Morrow – Councilman
Gary Forthoffer - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Robert Hufcut – Highway Superintendent
JoAnn Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent

Absent: John Crudo - Councilman

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. O&R Upgrade Existing and Installation of New Streetlights at Town Park Entrance
2. Participation in 2021 Countywide Roadside Litter Pluck Event
3. Town Court Prosecutor
4. Budget Modification
5. Set up Lease Workshop with Bloomingburg Restoration Foundation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The March 16, 2021 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Thankfully Mother Nature has given us some beautiful weather and the guys have been able to do some early roadwork and ditching, which helps us out tremendously because of Covid-19 last year in 2020.
- We have started widening Echo Road. This is a project that was started 4 years ago before I was Highway Superintendent but I worked with Orange and Rockland to have the utility poles moved so we can do the road correctly all the way through from Roosa Gap Road to Ski Run Road. The only thing we are waiting for now is Frontier Communications to move the phone lines to the new poles that O& R have installed so we can remove the old poles and finish widening the road.
- Red Hill Road Bridge Project-due to Covid 19 last year, this project had to go back out for a re-bid for the new year. I am hoping to be able to do this bridge replacement in June but the weather will dictate a lot on this job.

- Shawanga Lodge Road-We will be re-starting this project in the next 2 weeks and finish what we couldn't last fall because of the weather. I am very pleased on how the gabion basket wall has been working out and how well the guys are working together on this major project.
- Yankee Lake Bridge: We are also going to be replacing the deck on this bridge, so there is definitely going to be some inconvenience to those who live on the other side up to Wolf Lake because it will be closed for at least 4 days. So everyone please keep that in mind and give yourselves some extra time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- With many people having access to vaccination and to coincide with the Governor's lifting of Domestic Travel Quarantine, Town Hall will open to the public on an appointment basis as of April 1st. Masks and contact tracing will still be adhered to. Notification will be on our website and facebook.
- The DEC Burn Ban is in effect as of Today, March 16 through May 14th. According to the DEC, the annual burn ban has decreased spring wildfires nearly 43% since 2009. So, please adhere to the Ban.
- Just an update on the Sidewalks in Bloomingburg: our attorney sent the revisions I suggested and the Town Board approved to Alex Smith, Bloomingburg Village attorney on March 2nd – the day after our last Town Board meeting. At 1pm today, we received a new version of the IMA which myself and the Board will review.
- Please continue to support the Food Hub which is handled by our Mamakating Local Development Corp, details on the Town's website.
- And lastly, but very important, is the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by Congress and Senate last week which will provide direct federal support for local governments across the United States.

Eligible uses of the funds are broad. They include:

1. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality
- 2.To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work
3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency or
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Once signed into law, the Treasury should quickly issue guidance around implementation. The Treasury then has 60 days to send funding to the state. When that happens, municipalities with populations of fewer than 50,000 should receive 50% of their funding from the state within 30 days. States cannot change the allocations or impose additional requirements. The state has a deadline of 30 days to disburse funding; they can request an extension for good reason but no longer than 120 days. A second

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portion of funds would be distributed to all localities 12 months after enactment of the legislation. The funds must be used by December 21, 2024.

I have not yet been notified of the exact amount of funds Mamakating will receive. I do know it is based on the census numbers with the Villages included in that figure. The Federal Government will let us know. But, Unlike the CARES ACT, this bill allows this funding to be used to replace lost revenue.

When I first heard about the American Rescue Plan, I had my staff prepare all the necessary documentation for reimbursement of all we have spent and lost due to the Pandemic to date so that Mamakating is ready when funds are available. If permissible, we will put together a fund for Future Pandemic Relief so we are prepared.

ABSTRACTS

- A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by T. Morrow to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #5 (Voucher #2021398-20210520) in the amount of \$275,473.25. All in favor.
- A motion was made by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Lacey to accept the Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, Appropriations, Revenues and Expenditures. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion to approve O&R Upgrade of 1 Existing and Installation of 1 New Streetlight at Town Park Entrance was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey. All in favor.
- A motion to approve Participation in 2021 Countywide Roadside Litter Pluck Event which takes place April 1st through June 30th was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey. All in favor.
- A motion to ratify the hiring of Edward Bruno as Town Court Prosecutor was made by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Lacey. All in favor.
- A motion by J. Lacey to accept the Budget Modifications was seconded by G. Forthoffer. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey to accept the minutes of March 1, 2021. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E. Rogers gave an update on the events happening at MEEC.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Morrow, seconded by E. Rogers. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk