

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

Present: Janet M. Lybolt- Supervisor
Eileen Rogers – Deputy Supervisor - Councilwoman
John Lacey – Councilman
James Carney – Councilman
John Crudo - 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
Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator
JoAnn Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Jackie Broder – Director MEEC

Absent:

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Bloomingburg Restoration Foundation Lease Workshop moved to April 20, 2021
2. Expenditure of Highway Moneys – CHIPS Agreement, Section 284
3. Tax Receiver Audit for 2020
4. MLDC Vacancy
5. MEEC Days of Operation
6. MEEC DASNY Bid
7. Sullivan Renaissance Municipal Partnership Grant 2021 for Town Park Basketball Court
8. Employee Charles Smithem – Separation from Service
9. Charter Communications Extension of Cable Service to 320 Tempaloni Rd.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The April 6, 2021 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- We have been busy doing ditching, road repair from last fall’s storm, pothole repairs, roadside mowing of brush and tree limbs. Road sweeping is also being done.
- Today we started Shawanga Lodge Road project that had been shut down since last December. If everything goes well with the weather that project should be done by April 22, 2021.
- Preventative maintenance on all our snow removal equipment is underway. This is a very timely and expensive process but it is extremely important.

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- We are trying out treating all our trucks and snow equipment with a salt neutralizer to help prevent or slow down the rust and wear on the equipment.
- Next week Monday, April 12, 2021, Orange & Rockland is going to be doing extensive tree removal that I have asked them to do for us, also the Town of Walkkill will be doing the remainder of what O&R can't do for us.
- Our Capital Repair Project on Echo Road is still waiting for Frontier Communications to move their phone lines and remove the old poles. We have sent emails and they have a work order in to do the work but will not give us a date. Ben maybe could contact them as well to help move along this process.
- We started our (4) 10 hour work days. Our hours are 6 AM -4:30 PM, Monday –Thursday, until after Labor Day
- We will be requesting permission to place (1) snow plow and (2) old sanders for bid on Auctions International.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- With the new Covid-19 Variants raising Covid-19 cases up in Sullivan County, I have extended Mamakating's Local State of Emergency through May 2nd.
- Reminder: The DEC Burn Ban is in effect March 16 through May 14th. We had a ridge fire in Westbrookville yesterday due to people burning, so, please, adhere to the Ban.
- Senator Schumer held a press briefing last week in Emma Chase Elementary school regarding the American Rescue Plan and the money that will be put into expanding and providing broadband throughout New York.
- A reminder that the K-Line Bridge Road over Rt 17 will be replaced. Full closure to begin this week through mid-July.
- Mamakating Trails Walk Schedule, in conjunction with the Mamakating Library, will be posted on our website & fb page.

ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #6 (Voucher #20210521-20210622) in the amount of \$147,882.46. All in favor.

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey to approve the statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Encumbrances & Appropriations. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo to accept the minutes of March 16, 2021. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion to approve the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – CHIPS Agreement, Section 284 was made by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion to accept the audit of the Tax Receiver was made by J. Crudo, seconded by E. Rogers. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (J. Lacey and G. Forthoffer).
- A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lybolt to approve Kelly Teacher to fill MLDC vacancy for term ending 3/13/2023. All in favor.
- A motion to approve MEEC Days of Operation to remain at Wednesday through Sunday through 8/31/21 was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Carney. All in favor.
- A motion to award MEEC DASNY Bid to M&P Builders in the amount of \$41,182.00 was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion ratifying Charles Smithem's separation from Service effective 3/31/2021 pursuant to CSL 71 was made by J. Carney, seconded by E. Rogers. All in favor.
- A motion to approve pay-out from Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund in the amount of \$19,737.62 was made by T. Morrow and seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion was made by J. Crudo, seconded by T. Morrow to approve the withdrawal of \$21,896.90 from Cable Construction Fund (held by Charter Communications) to extend Cable Service to 320 Tempaloni Rd.

PARKS & RECREATION – As transcribed by Donna Consolo, Director

4/3/21 – Town's Annual Easter Event – This event was a great success. Thank you Dave & Janet & my maintenance crew! Dave was the best bunny we ever had!

5/18/21 – Planning a charter fishing trip! Aboard the Queen Mary, Pt. Pleasant, NJ! Social distant bus with just our group of 26 on board! Buy on get one free! Encouraging introducing children to deep sea fishing!

6/28 – 8/20 – Town of Mamakating 8 week summer camp! Limit camp to 100 children! Registration will open on May 3rd! The small numbers will give us the ability to seek shelter if inclement weather should arise! I have secured two EMT's to provide first aid for the children! Leo & Barb are on board!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- J. Carney - Ward meeting tomorrow at Town Hall
- J. Lybolt announced a Shredding Event sponsored by the Mamakating Lions Club on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Mamakating Town Hall parking lot.
- J. Lybolt also added that Sullivan County is hosting a Countywide Litterpluck from April 1st through June 30th. Info and “sticker” pick up at the highway department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss an employee issue and a legal matter. All in favor.
- A motion was made at 7:41 p.m. by J. Crudo, seconded by E. Rogers to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.
- A motion was then made by J. Lacey to return vehicle to the building inspector o take home. Following a discussion regarding same, the Supervisor stated, and agreed by the Deputy Supervisor that it was their understanding that the issue was going to be discussed following the result of the Short Term Rental proposed local law results. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

J. Lybolt – Abstain

E. Rogers – Abstain

J. Carney – yay

G. Forthoffer – yay

T. Morrow – yay

J. Crudo – nay

J. Lacey – yay

Motion carries 4 yeses, 2 abstentions and 1 no (J. Crudo)

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. was made by J. Lacey, seconded by T. Morrow. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk