

**Town of Waterloo
Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 26, 2022**

Present:

Town Supervisor Don Trout, Councilman Pfeiffer, Councilman Lotz, Councilman Strader and Councilman Thomas.

Absent:

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Joe Mull, Assessor James Cleere, Town Attorney D. Benjamin, MRB Representative Pat Nicoletta, Gary Robson, Ken & Rita Cook, John Morabito Jr., Jason Rearick, Ed Lerkins, Kevin Lightfoote, Suzanne Redonnett, Joe & Rachel Fairman, Parthenia Excell and William Excell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Exits:

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

Presentation:

Public Safety – North Seneca Ambulance representatives Kevin Lightfoote and Suzanne Redonnett gave a presentation. It was about the need for donors/funds and contracts regarding the sustainability/operations of this vital Emergency Medical Service. The North Seneca Ambulance service area encompasses nearly 200 miles which includes the Towns of: Fayette, Junius, Seneca Falls, Tyre, Varick and Waterloo as well as the Village of Waterloo. Last year they received around 3,000 calls and this coming year it is anticipated to rise to approximately 3,700.

2022-086

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:
Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes – August 22, August 29, September 12 and September 19, 2022

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE	\$ 4,627.65
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$ 6,591.84
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	\$ 75,196.85
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	\$ 3,601.77
5 & 20 SEWER DISTRICT	\$ 219.80
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	\$ 20,286.14
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	\$ 13,194.44
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	\$ 864.68
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	\$ 3,286.00

RTE 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, KINGS WD5	\$ 3,422.05
PRE-EMPTION WATER DIST 6	\$ 39.69
TOTAL	\$131,330.91

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Strader
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Lotz

The motion carried

2022-087

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve the increase of 12.5% of the Employee Contribution towards their Health Insurance Premium. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Strader
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Lotz

The motion carried.

Supervisor Trout announced that the Tax Rate will be the same as 2022, therefore there will be no increase in taxes.

2022-088

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to approve the 2023 Tentative Budget. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Strader
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Lotz

The motion carried.

2022-089

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve setting the date for the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget at the October 24th, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Pfeiffer
 Councilman Strader
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Lotz

The motion carried.

2022-090

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve the transfer back of \$10,262.50 (Abstract 8-Voucher 6-Account SW5-9710.700) FROM Community Bank Account X6106 (Disbursement Account) back into the (Water/Sewer) X1270(Savannah Bank). The USDA loan payment was made directly from the SB Account X1270 on 08/25/2022. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

2022-091

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve the transfer from X1260 (Public Funds) to X1270 (Water/Sewer) Savannah Bank for a Total of \$2,015.18. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

2022-092

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve moving forward with the Pre-Emption Water District Project. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

MRB representative – Pat Nicoletta updated everyone on the status of the USDA grant that is to be received for \$294,000. Project cost is at \$589,000. This will leave us with a balance of \$295,000 @ a 2% interest rate that will stand until October 1, 2022. This is subject to approval at the national office. Call will need to be made to the USDA by Friday September 30, 2022. To move to the next step, the Town will have various options on how to proceed, one being a Permissive Referendum. If this is the route to be taken, we would need to establish an order and publication prepared by the town attorney, D. Benjamin.

2022-093

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve the process of Permissive Referendum regarding the Pre-Emption Water District. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

2022-094

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve the scheduling of a Public Hearing at the next Town Board Meeting on October 24, 2022, for the Pre-Emption Road Water District. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

2022-095

Councilman Strader made the motion to approve the Annual Mobile Home Park Licenses contingent on received payment. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

Planner Jason Rearick from Seneca County spoke about the Agricultural District #6 Program. He stated that Seneca County along with NY State Ag & Markets delayed their re-certification until they could view the Seneca County Agricultural and Farmland Enhancement Plan. This Plan proposes to add, keep, and remove within District #6 which includes the areas of: Junius, Tyre, Northern Seneca Falls and Waterloo. He presented a map of the area which was a draft from April 2021 and stated that at this point in the year, no one in the Waterloo area will be removed, but that could change. He is asking for input from the area Town Boards to petition to see if we can bring more properties into the Ag district #6 or if you know of any properties that are going out of Agricultural production. They will need to know this.

Assessor James Cleere stated that from looking at the map provided, he could tell there were white areas shown that should already be in the Ag production district #6. Mr. Rearick stated that he believed there was a certain threshold that must have needed to be met.

In addition, Mr. Cleere asked if the Town Board would have to approve or take any action regarding this presentation in addition to the yearly re-up that the Town of Waterloo approves annually. Mr. Rearick stated no, and that people can come to the Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing and petition to come into the district #6 or to come out of it. They may also contact: agplan@co.seneca.ny.us as well.

2022-096

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve a \$25.00 donation to the Waterloo Booster's Club to help fund special programming for our student athletes in grades 7-12. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Lotz talked with Pat Nicoletta about the meters for the various campgrounds that will be prioritized first. Councilman Lotz will be setting up meetings with the Traylor Park owners in the area as well as a few other places including Quiet Country Estates. Monitoring the extra flow is needed. Appropriate testing will be getting done. Meters will be coming in. The County Health Dept. is looking at approving the requirements for sump pumps. Either solar or electric. Solar may be the cheapest way to go.

Councilman Thomas stated that he had a conversation with Don Northrop from the Waterloo Village about the status of the Village Court which is currently being housed at the Waterloo Town Hall Court. He stated that their end game is to dissolve their court. Councilman Thomas stated that we would have to have some serious conversations about what the ramifications would be for the Town financially, our Court Clerk and Judge. Councilman Lotz asked why the Village did not want to have court there anymore? Councilman Thomas said that they can't keep a Village Court Clerk. Councilman Pfeiffer stated they do not want to pay for a Village Court Clerk. Councilman Thomas said in his conversations with the Village, that he wanted the Village to figure out what the proper compensation would be for the Town Court Clerk, Robin LaBour for doing the Village Court Work. Councilman Lotz stated that it was supposed to be a temporary situation until the Village Court area was remodeled. That work has been done for a while. Questions arose concerning what the new space was being used for? Councilman Thomas stated that the process of changing compensation for the Town Court Clerk, needs to go to Town and Village Attorney Dennis Benjamin so he can work out the details of an agreement. Mr. Benjamin stated that the Village was agreeable to have more conversation regarding this matter and providing extra assistance to Robin so that she would be able to do both jobs. Councilman Lotz stated that Robin has been doing the two jobs and she should be compensated very well. Councilman Thomas agreed. Councilman Lotz wanted to know the number of court cases there were for the Village and Town combined. Attorney Dennis Benjamin said that the Judge would know this. Robin has already been doing the Village Court work going on three years now because the Village has never had a long-term part-time Court Clerk. When there has been a Village Court Clerk, Robin must spend additional time training the new person all the while

keeping up with the Village and Town Court. Robin is getting compensated to help but she ends up doing the whole job herself for big blocks of time, especially when there is no Village Clerk. This has been a huge problem. Councilman Thomas said it needs to be resolved.

Councilman Strader has had talks with MRB representative Pat Nicoletta about the sewer and the water meters. He asked Highway Superintendent Joe Mull if he would provide the Napa receipts each month for reference. Joe will provide those receipts. Councilman Strader stated that the Border City Fire Department will be signing a 1-year contract with the Town, and they are eventually willing to sign a 4- year contract in the near future.

Superintendent Joe Mull spoke about the pipes that the town has been putting into the ditches. It is going to stop at the end of this year. Under the driveways we will do - but no more ditch filling. Homeowners will have to hire their own contractor to do it. The town will inspect it and tell the homeowner what they can use. The county will have a part in this as well.

2022-097

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve a 3% increase in salary for the Town Tax Collector. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

There was discussion about the dental insurance rate for Board Members and the Town Clerk. The decision was made that they will be at the full rate which is the same as Highway Superintendent Joe Mull.

Pat Nicoletta spoke about Evoqua and the bioxide. MRB is going to come and do water testing. Councilman Lotz stated that Pat Nicoletta has reached out to Todd and has not received an answer. He also said that he has reached out to Todd at Evoqua as well and has not gotten an answer. There was discussion and it was decided Councilman Lotz will call Todd at Evoqua this week and let him know he is in breach of contract. Supervisor Trout and the Town Board agreed that would be the plan.

Pat Nicoletta asked if we were going to pursue the solar meters. The Board agreed that that was the way to go.

2022-098

Councilman Lotz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Pfeiffer
Councilman Strader
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Lotz

NAE

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie A. Marsh
Waterloo Town Clerk