

The Town of Crown Point held a Regular Town Board meeting Thursday May 13, 2021

Members present: Supervisor Charles Harrington, Councilperson John Wayman, Councilperson Walter Worth, Councilperson Tara Peters, Councilperson Sherlene Barrows

Others present: Tom Peterson Town Attorney, Kevin Woods Highway Superintendent, Clayton Menser Zoning Committee, Bruce Burns, Wally Ross

Supervisor called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

C. Barrows made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of April 8, 2021. C. Worth second. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications

Will Deyo

Patti Harris

Working Draft

Agreement to spend Highway funds

Joe Provoncha

Greg Swart. AES

C. Worth made the motion to accept and place on file all Communications. C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Clayton Menser gave an update on the Zoning Committee progress. An APA representative attended the May 11, 2021 zoning committee meeting. There's 2 map classifications. Acreage from 3.1 acres to 1.3 acres for creek road and proposed areas. The second map is hamlet only. Zoning law only in the brown area when water & sewer is available. Everything outside the hamlet is controlled by the APA.

Discussion of NYSERDA requirements for solar power. The Board wants to make the zoning law very user friendly.

Youth Commission

There will not be a summer program for Crown Point. The Crown Point Central School is doing an educational based schooling program. It will provide meals and busing.

Seniors

Have started taking monthly excursions. They have acquired some funds and are willing to pay for the necessary repairs needed for the van.

Monitor Bay

There are a few campsites available and we have rented more docks this year than last.

Memorial Day

The Official Memorial Day Celebration has been canceled. There will be an unofficial parade forming in Lowes parking lot in Ticonderoga traveling through Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Port Henry returning to Crown Point and ending in Veteran's Park. Any vehicle is welcome to participate.

The Memorial Day Committee has donated \$1,000.00 for updating of Veterans Stones.

The Boy Scouts will be placing flags on all Veteran's graves in the cemeteries.

Library

C. Barrows provided Board with the library schedule.

Highway

The Town Shed has had the 3 year inspection of gas and fuel tanks inside and outside. A used oil placard has to be installed. A leak test was done the insurance company was contacted for coverage in case a leak occurred. We received a quote of \$1,800.00 for leakage coverage.

The new loader has been delivered. The old loader is up for Auctions International with 3 more days to be listed. The bid is up to \$15,000.00.

Paving should begin within a month from Sand Hill to McMurtry Road to Breed Hill. There has been an upgrade from pay New York and Chips.

One of the new trucks is in Watertown for an upgrade from winter to summer.

Water

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 11, 2021 a representative from the Department of Health will be present for a walk through inspection we are hoping for a green lite to proceed.

Wastewater

There are issues with the Engineers proposal.

Supervisor Harrington, Gary Allen and the Essex County Planning Office working together have gone from 4.8 million to 1.74 million. We will also be able to address new water meters. The Engineer may not be happy with the results.

NYS Police

Supervisor Harrington and Councilperson Walter Worth have been in conversation with the NYS Police. Their current lease is going to be up and they are looking for a new location. They cannot be involved with private ownership.

C. Worth has been in contact with S. Gondal on the Town purchasing the old Citgo Station he is willing to sell it to the Town for \$145,000.00 as is with him being able to keep 10 feet for 5 to 11 Store parking lot. S. Harrington will contact the NYS Police for their input then we move forward.

Code Enforcement

Stoney Lonesome resident is considering a series of mini-houses and would like to convert a barn to a home.

Bill feels the Champlain Flyers Club may be starting up again. Town Attorney will look into and get back to the Board.

Code Enforcement concerned about unlicensed junkyard, Supervisor informed him we do have a Junkyard Ordinance.

The Richard King case has a court date of May 15, 2021 5 parcels are in violation. Action can be taken by himself to clean up the parcels or the Town can hire assistance. A hearing to make sure the cost of lien is sufficient. The Town can request proposals and specify what they want it and how to proceed if the property owner does not do it himself.

The Code Enforcement has to determine that nothing has been done by taking pictures to be put the Town's file for backup.

Code Enforcement must be with the contractors with legal documents in hand upon inspection of the properties and what would be entailed. The Town Attorney will provide information on the process of going out for proposals.

Supervisor and Town Clerk Reports

C. Worth made the motion to accept and place on file. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

Comments from the floor

Clayton Menser Republican Committee member recently attended a meeting with Dan Stec NYS Legislator

212 Billion 17 Billion dollars more than last year.

Minutes

C. Worth made the motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills

C. Barrows presented to supervisor for payment:

General Fund \$249,661.96

Highway \$125,424.46

Water I	\$ 2,353.09
Sewer	\$ 8,049.77
NYS EFC	\$31,817.50
Heros	\$ 2,410.56
Lifetime	\$ 89.43

C. Worth second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Worth made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee of the Town. Highway Superintendent to be included. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Time 7:10 PM

C. Worth made the motion to enter into Regular Session at 7:46 PM. C. Wayman Second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Worth made the motion that in light of fact Town Employee has made an allegation that he has been harassed. An Investigative Committee be formed for the purpose of identifying specific incidences of alleged harassment, to determine through investigation the accuracy of allegations if the determination has been made that some or all of the allegations are accurate substantiated, what the appropriate response from the Town should be that report and recommendation to be given to the Town Board. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

C. Worth made the motion to adjourn. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Time

8:02 PM

Attest to:

Linda L. Woods

Town Clerk