

The Town of Crown Point held a Monthly Town Board Meeting and a Public Hearing Thursday March 16, 2023

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

Others present: Tom Peterson Town Attorney, Bruce Burns Highway Superintendent, Kevin Gadway Maintenance, Dorothy Hammond, Francis Cook, Mikel Bennett, Richard King, Clayton Menser

Supervisor called Public Hearing to order at 5:45 PM.

Supervisor explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to adopt Local Law #1 providing a property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

In order to qualify members must have had attended 25% calls in 2 years .

Supervisor Adjourned Public Hearing at 5:47 PM.

Supervisor called Regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

C. Peters made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of February 9, 2023. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications

Adirondack Conservation Council.

Municipal Expenditures of Essex County Occupancy Tax Revenues.

National Grid-Energy Storage.

State Comptroller-Annual Required Financial.

Nancy Bernstein- Funding for highway garage insulation.

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

Order of Business

C. Wayman made the motion to sign agreement to spend Town Highway Funds. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Peters made the motion to increase Town Clerk Salary from \$24,715.56 to \$29,503.92 which is an increase of \$4,788.00. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Barrows made the motion to endorse Local Law #1 2023 providing tax reduction for volunteer Firefighters and EMTs. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Peters made the motion to increase fees for Camping and Docking at Monitor Bay by 8% for 2023 Season. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### Water

The Water project has taken 10 years and should be completed this year. Funding should allow for new water meters. When project is completed each household will receive a copy of the revised by-laws.

##### Wastewater

Bids have gone out for UV and Pump Station only. There's a meeting set for April 19, 2023.

##### Youth Commission

Summer Program is back on track. The Director Kayli Stone and Assistant Director Joe LaPeter have been rehired for the 2023 program. They will have program setup requiring each child have all necessary requirements and immunization records.

##### Highway

A truck was on its side Tuesday due to the side of the road gave out. Whitney Tuthill used his equipment to bring back onto road. Which saved the Town about \$7,500.00.

Bruce would like to thank the town of Moriah for lending the Town a truck. Christian Mullenax should be able to return to work in April. He has a Dr. appointment the end of this month.

Soil and Water have monies available through the Upper Hudson Water Shed for use on Stoney Lonesome Road and Letsonville Road. The area will be looked at after the snow has gone.

##### Seniors

Are meeting monthly and going on trips.

##### Library

There seems to be more anticipation. There is no fees for overdue books.

##### Code Enforcement

Colin has recently attended training conference. He is doing an excellent job. He is currently working on several structures.

Last month the Board spoke to Mr. King on his plan to address concerns in regards to his properties. Mr. King has sent a tractor trailer out and is awaiting another truck and a dumpster to come back to fill. It has been maybe a month since the last dumpster was sent away. April 20 is the next Town Board meeting and it is expected that another dumpster be in place and a commitment has been made to continue with the removal of debris. Mr. King must comply with the court order. The Code Officer will be in charge and report back to the Board. If work has not been completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> bids will go out. The Code Officer will have direct control. Board wants to see real progress they have worked with Mr. King for 5 years and progress has been shown. The Code Enforcement Officer will make an appointment with Mr. King for reviewing the situation.

#### Animal Control

Animal Control and Essex County Sheriff Department have been involved with a neglected animal resulting in death. All remaining animals have been removed and tickets have been issued. Animal Control Officer has been very diligent in his job.

#### Parks

Ads have been published in the Sun Community News regarding the position of Manager for Monitor Bay Park. Resumes are to be in the Town Clerk's Office by March 30. The committee for Parks Kevin Gadway and John Wayman will review resumes and conduct interviews then come back to the Board with their suggestions. The position will be filled by one person this year. One campsite will be available for short term campers. A written list of expectations for manager will be provided.

#### Town Clerk and Supervisor Report

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

#### Any Other Business

Clayton Menser head of the Republican Committee informed Board that he has acquired 20 signatures for each candidate he is carrying petitions for. Candidates can file their petitions at the County Board of Elections of Clayton of Republican committee will collect and file on their behalf. Republican Committee consists of Clayton Menser, Roxanne Burns and Michael Rice. If there is no competition for positions there will not be a primary.

The No Parking Signs on Main Street list no parking from 2 AM till 6 AM. If the vehicles have not been moved it is hard to plow the sidewalks. New York State should inform Law Enforcement to enforce the posted signage.

#### Minutes

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

#### Payment of Bills

C. Peters presented to Supervisor for payment:

General Fund	\$ 345,276.60
Highway	41,781.39
Water	6,428.47
Sewer	5,479.10
EFC	21,387.81

C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

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

Time

6:51 PM

Attest to:

Linda L. Woods

Town Clerk