

The Town of Crown Point held a Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday September 21, 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, Dorothy Hammond, Steve Mackay, Roxanne Burns

Supervisor called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor informed Board that the Town of Crown Point has lost 2 prestigious citizens of our Town Truman Barrows and Rory Gibbs. Supervisor has ordered the Flag in the Veteran's Park Lower to half-staff until Monday and ordered 2 Plaques through Essex County Board of Supervisors honoring these citizens. C. Wayman made the motion approving actions. C. Worth second. Unanimous approval.

Minutes

C. Peters made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of August 24, 2023. C. Worth second. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications

Letter from Tara Celotti Superintendent of Crown Point Central School addressed to NYS DOT requesting a crosswalk.

Letter from Senator Dan Stec's Office announcing a state grant program by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that will provide support towards the control and prevention of invasive species by allocation funds toward decontamination and management.

Letter from Essex County Fair.

Report from Colin Mangan Code Enforcement Officer of Building permits issued from January 1, 2023 thru September 18, 2023.

Letter from Attorney Stefanie DiLallo Bitter concerning the Patrick Strack Property.

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

Order of Business

C. Worth made the motion to adopt the 2024 Monitor Bay Park Rules and Regulations. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Barrows made the motion to provide Essex County Fair with \$1000.00 in exchange for 100 free day tickets which will be provided to the Youth Commission and Senior Citizens. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Peters made the motion to increase the rental fee at the Miller Building from \$600.00 to \$800.00 effective January 1, 2024 or until end of lease. C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications

Water

The Water Project is 99.9 % complete. The request for new water meters will go out to bid in 2024. The Engineer will be here to answer any questions the Board may have.

Sewer

Currently 2 pumps are functioning correctly with the assistance of the County Engineer. By-passing the effluent line when UV section comes into work less construction.

Code Enforcement

Colin has provided a print out of Permits issued to date. Supervisor feels the Town should be obligated to pay ¼ of his health insurance all Towns he is working for will also pay. Newcomb, Essex, Minerva and Crown Point. The Cost would be approximately \$5000.00. Fines have been issued to the Residence at the Pearl Street Creek Road intersection. Colin is requesting mileage when he is needed to appear court at a rate of .65 a mile. He does not know if he can complete all the work needed in Crown Point. The County is looking into taking over Code Enforcement for all Towns in the County.

Youth Commission

September 30th a Soccer Tournament is scheduled and they are looking for someone to run concessions. It is believed that the CPCS owns a hot dog machine.

Monitor Bay

Nothing at this time.

A Grant is being investigated for the Water quality for the Town of Crown Point. The Main Street Improvement Committee has met they have received 62 project interests they will be having a Public Report.

Animal Control Officer Jim Marshall is staying on top of his job he has been to court in the past 2 months.

Supervisor and Town Clerk Report

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

Any Other Business

C. Worth question on units being reduced and what a unit consists of. Question on Sewer District clarity will be available next month AES, Greg Swart, Supervisor Harrington, Gary Allen, Councilperson John Wayman the Sewer Committee. A presentation will be made to the Board on fees and units.

Minutes

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

Payment of the Bills

C. Peters presented to Supervisor for payment:

General Fund	\$17,474.70
Highway	\$15,847.04
Water	7,889.21
Sewer	7,762.14
Youth Commission	1,092.00
EFC	104,171.56

C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor informed the Board that the County has proposed giving all employees a \$2.00 an hour increase. Supervisor will present to the Board at budget time to consider following the County increase the town may lose employees if increase is not considered.

Highway

Highway Superintendent and Supervisor have met with Fema reviewing the damage done at the Landfill, Buck Mountain, Furnace Road and Letsonville Rd.

Dudley Road and the Knob Pond Road would like to see them armored. Fema would like the Box Culvert replaced it is unsafe at this time. Questioned if DEC had

issued approval, this was considered an emergency DEC not involved. The Landfill and Buck Mountain are the most important at this Point.

Question on the drainage between Supervisor Harrington's home and Tom Neddo's property to the north pictures are available how it was before and how it is now. Bruce will bring up to FEMA.

Question if FEMA has any funding for snowmobile trails.

We're still hauling sand so far we have hauled 6500 yards.

The Firetruck, 04 Van and the 04 International Dump Truck are on Auction now.

County Highway Departments are looking into expanding Highway Superintendents Term from 2 years to 4 years.

Bruce would like the Board to consider allowing him to hire another person for the Highway Crew for the 2024 Budget.

Highway Superintendent plus 4 employees have always worked in the past and with the upgrades in new equipment should provide a positive working Crew.

C. Worth made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 PM. The purpose of Lawyer Client consultation. C. Peters made the motion to enter back into Regular Session at 7:09 PM.

Discussion on Crosswalks. In order to have a crosswalk there has to be a sidewalk on each side of the highway. Town Attorney feels that would be a liability for the Town.

Adjournment

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

Time

7:20 PM

Attest to:

Linda L. Woods

Town Clerk