

The Town of Crown Point held a Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday October 19, 2023.

Members present: Supervisor Charles Harrington, Councilperson John Wayman, Councilperson Walter Worth

Members Absent: Councilperson Tara Peters, Councilperson Sherlene Barrows

Others present: Tom Peterson Town Attorney, Bruce Burn Highway Superintendent, Roxanne Burns, Clayton Menser, Mary Jane Weld, David Cheney, Christian Mullenax

Supervisor called Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

#### Minutes

C. Worth made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of September 21, 2023. C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

#### Communications

Letter from NYS DEC informing Town the Wastewater Treatment Permit expires in July 2024.

Letter from Soil and Water to Supervisor assessing the situation on Middle Rd.

Letter from Supervisor to Stephanie Lemieux inform tenants that the rent will increase in 2024.

Letter Harry Gough working with the NYS DEC on the landfill situation on Middle Road.

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

#### Order of Business

The Board has their copy of the 2024 Tentative Budget.

There will be a Budget Workshop on October 26, 2023 at 6:00PM.

There will be a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget at 6:00 PM

Board word will adopt 2024 Budget November 16, 2024.

There will be a Special Meeting October 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM for AES presentation on where the Town stands with Water and Sewer Projects.

#### Committee Reports

Water

Gary had an inspection with Ms. Martin of New York State Health Department. Resulting in fences being down and in need of repair at the Fish Hatchery and trees leaning towards the structure.

#### Wastewater

The work going on here in Monitor Bay should be finished this year and then then work will begin at pump stations at Champlain Shores, Station Street and Port Henry Rd. Plan has been accepted by DEC.

#### Code Enforcement

Supervisor has spoken to Colin and a meeting with Highway exploring correcting the King Property Situation. Highway Superintendent will meet with Colin on Monday to discuss the approach to Mr. King's property. Supervisor Harrington will make Mr. King aware of the situation taking place. Colin and Bruce should set up a date to start project with Law Enforcement present. Space is a concern bringing is a dumpster will be necessary and possible dumpster may be required due to space. The Court ordering cleaning out everything Highway will proceed with outside contact only. Colin now works for 4 Towns in Essex County and is requesting that his family health insurance be divided between the 4 and be paid. Town of Essex is looking into.

#### Monitor Bay

We are closed for the season it was a very cooperative season. The Town is waiting on Grant from NYS on their decision on the plan for upgrading Monitor Bay.

#### Senior Citizens

Having their monthly lunch meetings and going on trips.

C. Worth deems that the Stoney lonesome Road from the School Bus turn around and the Ben Hunter Road to Flemings Pond be made seasonal. There are a few seasonal cabins on the Road. C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

FEMA Concern SRA Engineering hired will access and give their report in April. This time frame is not acceptable. Supervisor provided information that has been passed onto Homeland Security. Another firm may have to be hired. The Landfill is the main concern of FEMA very concerned. We may have to change laboratories from Phoenix to another.

Three meetings have been setup with FEMA this week with another scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> concerning the landfill.

Clayton Menser would like to have residents get out and vote for election as it reflects on the Crown Point Republican Committee. Chelsea Merrihew is the incumbent running for Essex County Clerk.

Highway Superintendent has received questions on the repair of Bradford Hill. The County does not want to repair the road until the resloping of the hill is complete. FEMA has accepted responsibility for landfill Sloping. Highway feels filling the hole where warning barrel device is placed.

Highway Superintendent provided Budget and would like the Board to review. Request being able to hire another man.

Will be discussed at the Budget Workshop.

James Taylor is trapping beavers for the Highway.

FEMA is GPSing all culverts.

Snowmobile Club Road on Hogback and furnace Roads for trail grooming. This is a NYS Trail. It is hard for 2 cars to pass as there is no shoulder.

Highway Superintendent looking into working with Soil and Water to have a tire day. Proof of Residency would be required.

Spot paving on the Burdick Road Peckham will be filling in the holes. Highway Superintendent has requested Peckham repave the Lake Road at their expense next year.

Highway has not received the Inspection Machine to date. Pat has called for arrival update. We have already paid for it.

LED lights installed Bruce would like to use rebate monies for purchases of Chain Saws.

Talks on Crosswalks Supervisor has spoken to Rob Wick of Community Services he feels he may have a way where Crosswalk would not cost the Town much. Should have more info for the Board next month as no hurry is needed as action would not be taken until next year.

Highway plans on milling Station Street in 2024. If considering replacing the sidewalk it would be the time to do it. Highway would remove current sidewalk before milling.

#### Supervisor and Town Clerk Reports

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

**Any Other Business**

**Comments from the floor**

**Minutes**

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

**Payment of Bills**

C. Worth presented to Supervisor for Payment:

General Fund \$ 27,202.66

Highway 21,105.58

Water 2,223.16

Sewer 4,108.39

C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

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

**Time**

6:55 PM

Attest to:

Linda L. Woods

Town Clerk