

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday September 12, 2024

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Triangle was held at 7:00 PM at the Town of Triangle Town Offices, 2612 Liberty Street, Whitney Point, New York.

Order: 7:02 PM

Present: Supervisor Manasse, Councilmen Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop, Superintendent McGowan, and Clerk Martin.

Guests: Representative of ProDor, Representative from Triangle Volunteer Fire Company

Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024, with two changes. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilmembers: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Supervisors Report: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the August Supervisor's Report as submitted. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 9, with the addition of voucher 332, Chenango Sales Inc for \$ 82,893.00. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: Claims 303-332 in the amount of \$ 5923.04 in the General Fund, \$ 165,472.29 in the Highway Fund.

Councilman Mesceda recognizes the sale of the 2019 Ford 550 on Auctions International for \$43,200 which is more than was offered for trade in from Chenango Sales.

Public Participation: Andy Johnston, Triangle Volunteer Fire Company wanted the Board to know of the mistakes on the 2025 budget request submitted earlier. Andy wanted the Board to see a 7.2% increase not the 10 % increase from the current year. Andy left at 7:25 PM

Public Hearing: Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing on bid opening of Roof Replacement: Clerk Martin opened eight bids. Supervisor Manasse threw out incomplete bid packages or bids without the check for 10 % included. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing for the bid opening of Roof Replacement at 7:53 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to award the Roof Replacement project to Clapper Construction in Otego New York. For \$ 44, 649.00. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote; all ayes.

Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing of the Local Law 1-2024 Aged Exemption at 7:55 PM. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing for the Local Law 1-2024 at 7: 56 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Local Law 1-2024, Aged Exemption. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote; all ayes

Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing for the bid opening for the Automatic Garage Door Openers at 8:00 PM. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing on the Automatic Garage Door openers at 8:05 PM. Clerk Martin opened three bids. No check stipulation in the bid notice. Chris Smith, ProDor wanted to know what the warranty was on the other bidders. Clerk Martin was unable to find any warranty information. Chris pointed out that Overhead Door will not "wire" it in, that would be a separate contractor. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to award the bid to ProDor. For \$ 11,245.00. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote; all ayes.. Chris Smith left at 8:10 PM.

Department Reports: Historian: Councilman Mesceda-Knoop recommends posting the job opening on Facebook with the notation of resident of Triangle. **Building Inspector:** Supervisor did not get to the Swimming Pool inspection; Robert Wagner is the new Building Inspector for the Village of Whitney Point. Clerk Martin has had calls from software companies about Code Enforcement programs available. Board remembers the last one was \$5,000 per year, and the Town does not have that many permits. Board recognizes that it would simplify the process of issuance and enforcement. **DCO:** August 10 calls: 2 License, 2 Missing, 1 Village, 3 complaints, 2 Hang up. 10 complaints/Calls compete, 1 Dog seized, 0/0 Dangerous Dog Cases, 0/0 Appearance Tickets issued, Reports/Other information all clear. **Clerk report:** Clerk Martin will participate in Broome County's "Chalk the Walk", an awareness campaign in observance of World Suicide Prevention Month. Town Clerk reports Whitney Point Middle School Counselor picked up last year's chalk, and Broome County dropped off more this week. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop wanted to know if the custodian has called about starting up again. Clerk Martin has not heard from her and is not sure it is our responsibility to contact her. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop recommends a letter to her, and if she does not respond, consider the job as "open". The board would like it on the record that we contact her we

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are not responsible, and she is considered “self-terminated”. Clerk Martin reports Deputy Clerk Burns has been out of town this past week. **Payroll Clerk:** Clerk Martin is up to date with the payroll and has August balanced, with a call to Williamson Law Books about a carry-over from June. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan announced the new F550 is in and will get it registered Friday. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Volvo is in at Binghamton Truck and in the line for assembly. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Highway Department has been busy helping other Towns, building the Shed will be the next project. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the roads are paved, CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program) is ready to be submitted to New York State, waiting on another cancelled check. Highway Superintendent McGowan states that the highway is working on cleaning out ditches and cutting brush and putting down gravel on Fuller Road (seasonal end) off Penelope. Highway Superintendent McGowan got a call asking if we could bring one of the Trucks down to “Touch A Truck” scheduled for September 21, 2024, at the Fairgrounds 10 AM- 2 PM. Highway Superintendent McGowan needs a couple more decals for the new vehicles. Highway Superintendent McGowan had a call from a citizen reporting the theft of a stop sign on corner of Hemingway and Kales Hill Road. Highway Superintendent McGowan thought at first, no big deal, but then we took the time to put a warning sticker on the signs in the Town of \$1,000 for theft of a sign. The Town Board agreed to file a report with State Police, since we have a specific description of the occupants and the vehicle make, model and plate number. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the highway department cleaning up the shop, and plans on working on the roller this winter. Highway Superintendent McGowan did get a call from Justin about the Grant, if we award the contract to a company that is owned by women or veterans there would be an additional incentive (30 %) i.e. more available.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Department. Supervisor Manasse states as previously discussed: Shed grant, F 550 is in, and the Volvo is in, and the 2019 F 550 sold on Auctions International for \$ 43200.00 Supervisor Manasse would like to send a thank you note to Byron Miller at Chenango Sales for honoring the trade in suggested based on last year’s information. Supervisor Manasse reports New Dimensions Contracting has installed the conduit for the propane lines into the Town Hall generator. Highway Superintendent McGowan overheard that Ferrellgas would be here at the same time to install the propane lines into the conduit, but that did not happen. Supervisor Manasse started Union contract negotiations with the Highway Department. Supervisor Manasse reports the new Court Clerk is working out well. Supervisor Manasse has not heard from Attorney Berger about the litigation filed by Generate C&I LLC (Delaware River Solar/ NY Triangle I LLC) against Ron Keibel, contesting the assessment of the solar field, and the lack of a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Clerk Martin is concerned that there is a deadline of September 17, 2024, to answer the summons. The board requested that Clerk Martin copy the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) and send it back to Generate C&I Warehouse LLC and the Attorney that filed the original summons (Walter Garigliano) certified mail. Board requested that a cover letter correcting the address to send all correspondence to: Supervisor , Town of Triangle P.O. Box 289, Whitney Point, New York, and that 2023 PILOT payment was made, but the 2024 payment has not been made. Supervisor Manasse believes that the developers are taking advantage of the fact that there is no case history or process laid out for solar fields yet. Supervisor Manasse approached Broome County and Whitney Point School in the setting up of the PILOT with Delaware River Solar, both decided not to be included. Supervisor Manasse states that the New York State Office of Real Property requires the developer to file an exemption, that has not been done. Assessor Keibel has worked with Broome County on separating the solar field from the land assessment and created a tax bill for the field as well as for the property under the field. The Board requests Clerk Martin to respond prior to the September 17 deadline. Supervisor Manasse does not see anyone here, nor does he have any correspondence regarding the request for the speed limit change on Page Brook Rd. Supervisor Manasse sent a letter to Timothy Shedd outlining what the Board would like to have prior to setting this in motion.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse reports the New York State Office of Real Property has changed the filing for and receiving of Aged Exemption. Clerk Martin also reports that the school taxes were printed without the Enhanced or the Agriculture Exemptions. Assessor Keibel has been in touch with Broome County and has no news.

Motion by Supervisor Manasse move to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to section 105 paragraph F: the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. at 9:18 PM. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Return at 11:06 PM Let the record show no decision was made, discussion only. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop did want Clerk Martin to know that the Board is addressing her concerns and will discuss it at the next meeting, as it is late and needs some time to be dealt with.

Correspondence: Supervisor Manasse made all correspondence available.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 11:07 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk