

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday August 8, 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: Three Residents (adults one child)

Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve the minutes of July 11, 2024. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilmembers: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Supervisors Report: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the July 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 # 8, with the addition of voucher 297, Cook Brothers \$ 98.25 Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: Claims 270-297 in the amount of \$ 5,072.12 in the General Fund, \$ 22,711.93 in the Highway Fund.

Public Participation: Guest requested the speed limit be reduced on Page Brook Road from 55 miles per hour to 35 or 40 miles per hour. Highway Superintendent McGowan read from the Highway Superintendent's Manual that "The Town Board can request the speed limit change, make a resolution, then send it to Broome County Highway/Superintendent to consider, then it would go to New York State Department of Transportation to be considered. Broome County will do a Study of the road and determine what limits have been set by resolution. Highway Superintendent McGowan has a template to submit the resolution.

Andy Johnston, Triangle Volunteer Fire Company arrived at 7:05 PM

Three residents left at 7:15 PM

Andy Johnston, Triangle Volunteer Fire Company, informed the board of OSHA Mandates that are making it difficult to comply. Andy stated that the increase of cost to keep up would be \$14,000. Andy reports the Triangle Volunteer Fire Company does not have a washer/dryer that is recommended, ie: Commercial/industrial machine would cost \$6,000 and handles only one set of gear at a time. Andy reports Triangle Volunteer Fire Company is asking for an \$10,000 increase this year. Councilman Rapp asked about grants, Andy stated that most grants are looking for Fire Departments and Companies that cover three or four districts to be able to help more people, not just one department. Supervisor Manasse asked about consolidation. Andy stated that any one district cannot be more than twenty minutes from the furthest point in the district. Andy says it takes twenty minutes to get personal to the station, grab the gear and vehicles and drive to the call, which would be more than the forty minutes required. Andy Johnston left at 7:40 PM.

Department Reports: Historian: TBD **Building Inspector:** Clerk Martin spoke with Juliette, she finished the first course, and received a 100 on the test. At the Conclusion of the second week/test, she can start doing inspections. Councilman Mesceda wanted to know if the Supervisor could do the inspections in the meantime to keep things moving along. Councilman Rapp suggested taking Juliette and look for grounding rods, safety equipment and decking, look for obvious defects in construction. Supervisor Manasse to talk to Juliette this week. **DCO:** July: 8 calls: 2 License, 1 Missing 1 Village 4 complaints. 8 complaints/Calls compete, 0/0 Dogs seized, 0/0 Dangerous Dog Cases, 0/0 Appearance Tickets issued, Reports/Other information: Carrigan Rd, Dog running Dorchester Park, dog running, Bassett Rd-Loose dog, Stray-neighbors. **Clerk report:** Clerk Martin reports the Brother printer is dead after the last power outage. Clerk Martin did order a new printer off Staples. Clerk Martin did discuss the new licenses issued by New York State Environmental Conservation. Clerk Martin will be off August 18-24. **Payroll Clerk:** Clerk Martin is up to date with the payroll and has July balanced. Clerk Martin has a message from New York State Comptroller's office regarding the Annual Financial Report, there are five issues to resolve. Clerk Martin will work on it next week. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt resolution #21-2024, that the following roads or portions of the following roads are closed from November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025: Gayhead Road, Rathbun Hill Road, Beeman Hill Road, Hinsdale Road, Rogers Hill Road and Fuller Road, Be it further resolved that pursuant to Local Law #3-1999, there is no parking on any Town of Triangle road from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM from November 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025. Second by Councilman Rapp. Said resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor. At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board, Town of Triangle, August 8, 2024 a motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt resolution # 22-2024. Seconded by Councilman Rapp, Directing the County of Broome to pay all sales tax revenue directly to the Town of Triangle, Whereas,

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Subdivision (C) of Section 1262 of the Tax Law of the State of New York permits any Town by local law, ordinance or resolution to provide that the amounts of sales tax revenues imposed by counties which would otherwise be applied to reduce county taxes and general Town taxes levied upon real property in such Town be paid directly to such Town to be used for any Town purpose, and whereas, the County of Broome does impose a sales tax, a portion of the revenues of which are presently applied to reduce county taxes, and, whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Triangle, after deliberation has determined it to be in the interest of the Town, the residents and taxpayers thereof, to use said sales tax revenues for Town purposes rather than to reduce the County Taxes. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan provided the Snow and Ice removal policy to the board. Clerk to post it to the website. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Stone and Oil Roads for CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program) are done. Highway Superintendent McGowan stated the F 550 is at Palmers in Oxford. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Volvo is in transit mode, on its way, maybe next week. Highway Superintendent McGowan will take the certificate of origin for the F 550 and send the vehicle identification number and the weight from Chenango Sales to the insurance company. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution # 26-2024: to post the 2019 F550 on Auctions International. Bidding to end September 11, 2024. To compare the bid against Chenango Sales trade-in price of \$40,000. And take whichever is higher. Highway Superintendent McGowan to verify the trade-in price with Chenango Sales prior to calling Auctions International. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor. Councilman Rapp asked that the truck be parked outside of the Highway Department with a sign that is for sale on Auctions International. Highway Superintendent McGowan says the tractor has had mechanical issues, the front hydraulic pump quit working, pump will cost \$2,000, hoses and repairs will cost \$3,000. The Chipper is at Avon, the valve, solenoid and flow meter are not working, will cost \$3,000, and they will check the knives and safety equipment on the chipper as well. Highway Superintendent McGowan plans on leaving for Wisconsin in the morning, but will not leave until the storm passes, expecting 3-6" of rain and there might be flooding or damage to the roads. Highway Superintendent McGowan will call Auctions International in the morning and the highway crew has work to do. Highway Superintendent McGowan stated the new man is working out well. Highway Superintendent McGowan provided the template for the speed limit resolution. Supervisor Manasse filled in the details. Councilman Mesceda wanted to know if we are changing the speed limit on one person's complaint. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop would suggest a letter to thank him for the research and request a petition of the neighbors/residents living on Page Brook Road and other roads connecting to Page Brook Rd. Clerk Martin To determine how many residents that would represent.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Department. Supervisor Manasse reports the propane tank at the Town Hall would cost another \$ 2,550 to install, as New Dimensions did not bill us for the time and expertise working with Ferrell Gas to install a secondary tank. Councilman Mesceda remembers the original quote included hook up to the original tank, then Ferrell Gas recommended a second tank.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution # 23-2024: set the Public Hearing for the Opening of sealed bids to Replace the Roof on the Town Hall at 2612 Liberty Street, Whitney Point, Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote : Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor. Clerk Martin will post it in the Press and Sun Bulletin and will advertise in the Association of Building Contractors of the Triple Cities website. Supervisor Manasse thinks the parking lot is in great shape.

Supervisor Manasse reports the interest in July \$ 10,300.44. \$ 69,986.26 this year.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt resolution 24-2024 to set the Public Hearing for the Local Law 1-2024 Aged exemption for September 12, 2024 7 PM. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor. Clerk Martin to send the Village of Whitney Point the Local Law, and the legal notice of the Public Hearing.

Councilman Rapp wants the actual interest amount included in the Supervisor's report, and not on the agenda as anyone can see the information. Councilman Rapp suggested the propane line installation will require a permit from the Village of Whitney Point at the very least look for the locator wire, foil tape and make sure it is embedded in sand before closing out the permit. Councilman Rapp will be available if called. Highway Superintendent McGowan heard the gas line would be in conduit.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution 25-2024 Scheduling the Public Hearing for Opening of the sealed bids for Automatic Garage Door Openers at Triangle Highway Department, 5470 State Route 26, Whitney Point, New York. Public Hearing to be Thursday September 12, 2024 at 7 PM. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote unanimous in favor.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse reports Broome County repaved Page Brook Road. Supervisor Manasse stated the negotiations will start soon. Supervisor Manasse will discuss contract options in executive session.

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Supervisor Manasse states the new Court Clerk is working out well: works in Lisle, filling in for Windsor, and one other town. Supervisor Manasse states Generate C& I Warehouse LLC bought N Y Triangle I LLC, from Delaware River Solar (developers) Supervisor Manasse stated that putting a value on Solar fields is beyond the average assessor capabilities,. Supervisor Manasse spoke with Assessor Keibel and was told the Industry, New York State Real Property and Assessors established a value based on megawatts. Supervisor Manasse said that Generate C & I Warehouse LLC attorney has filed a lawsuit because of the decision of the Board of Review in May. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop wants to discuss this in executive session.

Motion by Supervisor Manasse move to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to section 105 paragraph D: proposed, pending or current litigation at 9:22 PM. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Return at 10:03 PM Let the record show no decision was made, discussion only.

Correspondence: Supervisor Manasse made all correspondence available.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 10:04 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk