

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday March 13, 2025

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: 7:00 PM

Present: Supervisor Black, Councilmen Mesceda, Price, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop, Superintendent McGowan, and Clerk Martin.

Absent: Councilman Bennett

Minutes: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes with changes. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes with changes. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Supervisors' Report: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve the January Supervisor's Report as submitted. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve the February Supervisor's Report as submitted. Second by Councilman Price. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 3. Second by Councilman Price. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Claims: Claims 78-116 in the amount of \$36,768.26 in the General Fund and \$ 29,995.73 in the Highway Fund.

Public Participation: none

Department Reports: Historian: Supervisor Black has spoken to her, she has no issues or concerns at this time. **Building:** Building Inspector will plan to have one hour a week that she will be in the office and will let us know, then it will be posted on the website and at the Town Hall. **Monthly Report:** Continued Supervision: 2, appearance tickets issued: 0, building permits issued 0, inspections 0, Reports and other information : completed 3 annual reports for New York State. She took a class on Plans, Inspections and Executive Law.

DCO: five calls: license 2, missing 1, hang ups 0, Village 1, complaint 1, other 0. all Complaints/Calls complete dogs seized 1, dangerous dog cases 0 Appearance tickets issued 0, Reports/other information all clear. Supervisor Black is going to update the "responsibilities" list for Building Inspector. Councilman Mesceda reports that New York State has a mandatory inspection schedule of every three years of all: businesses, schools, places of public gathering, and multi family units. **Clerk report:** Clerk Martin has the balance report for taxes collected so far at 83%. Clerk submitted a notice from New York State Labor Department Unemployment Division notify us that Kyle J Gates has filed for unemployment and the Town may be responsible for \$ 469.13 for February 2025. Clerk Martin responded that he resigned as of May 17, 2024. Councilman Mesceda states that does not exclude us from paying a share of the unemployment. Highway Superintendent McGowan would love to have him back and will hire him as a seasonal worker during snowstorms. Superintendent McGowan thought that might relieve us of financial responsibility, if there was a job and if the job was refused. Highway Superintendent McGowan wanted to know if the board agreed to have a seasonal worker per diem. The Board agreed to \$ 25.00 per hour with no benefits. Clerk Martin has the Snow and Ice Contract as approved by Broome County Legislature on February 20, 2025. Clerk Martin has the emergency contact list from Sentry Alarms and need to replace the prior Supervisor's name with a new phone number. Supervisor Black agreed to add his name and cell phone number to the list. Clerk Martin copied off the Town Topics pages on AIM (Aid and Incentive to Municipalities) that was part of the 2024-2025 budget passed by the State. AIM Finding includes: CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program) PAVE NY, POP (Pave our Pot Holes) and EWR (Extreme Winter Recovery). Clerk Martin has the Village of Whitney Point Sewer benefit of \$ 584.07 for the properties at 2612 Liberty St. Clerk Martin provided the spreadsheet balancing the accounts for the 2024 year end. Clerk has an e mail from Broome County that the Board of Assessment Review needs one more member added: Phyllis Edwards and Doug Bergold are currently on the board. Board of Assessment meets on the fourth Tuesday of May. Clerk Martin has notice that Town of Fenton Adopts Law for Tobacco Retail Licensing. Town of Barker is adopting a local law for Solar siting. Clerk

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has gotten 2024 balanced and is on step 6 of 20 steps to close out the year, start working on the Annual Financial Report and start with 2025 accounting. Clerk Martin as the reserve account balanced as of December 31, if the Board wants to sign off on that.

Payroll: Clerk Martin reports that Lakeside Legacy has the payroll up to date. Clerk Martin has adjusted the compensated absences and that should show up on the next paycheck.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent McGowan is glad for the reprieve from snowstorms. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the highway department working on Bassett Road cutting down trees. Highway Superintendent McGowan has a message from the Clerk that John Zidzik would like to change the road name to Zidzik. Highway Superintendent McGowan looked it up on the internet: New York State Department of Transportation does not recommend naming a road after people. Highway Superintendent McGowan would also have to notify 911, Post Office, emergency law enforcement. Three of the board members present said no. Highway Superintendent McGowan supplied the Board members with a spreadsheet of Loaders and Pick-Up Truck options. Highway Superintendent McGowan said that both of these are listed on the Office of Government Services (OGS) website as lowest prices. Board members would like time to look this over and set a time to make the decision. Highway Superintendent McGowan provided the spreadsheet as well as the prices.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Black thanked the Highway Department for keeping the roads clear, Supervisor Black has the Snow and Ice Contract back dated to January 1. Supervisor Black reports that Asset Management decisions: Salt Shed grant is moving forward, and the Salt Shed and Guide Rails bids are ready for advertisement. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop suggested calling a special meeting after the board has had a chance to review the Loader and Pick Up information. Supervisor Black would like to advertise the Salt Shed and Guide Rail bid notices in the paper. Supervisor Black to call a special meeting on Thursday March 20, 2025 at 7 PM. Supervisor Black would like to change square foot to linear foot on the Guide Rail bid, and the Salt Shed specifications are what New York State grant specified. Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to post the Salt Shed and the Guide Rail bids in the Press & Sun Bulletin. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Black aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Price aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Councilman Bennett absent. Vote all ayes.

Supervisor Black received the reports from the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department and the check has been issued.

New Business: Supervisor Black would like to schedule a Clean Up day. Highway Superintendent McGowan suggested May 17, 2025 from 9-12 PM. Highway Superintendent McGowan heard that Broome County is requesting the trucks be registered with Broome County and have a permit to drop off waste. Highway Superintendent McGowan said the permits could be pro-rated from April-December. Supervisor Black wanted to know if it would be easier to get a dumpster. Highway Superintendent McGowan said we usually have three trucks full and one dumpster for steel. The Board decided that the cost of a dumpster would be more than the permit. Supervisor Black said we need one more person for BAR (Board of Assessment Review) before April 30. Supervisor Black read Ron Keibel's letter of resignation as Assessor as of September 30, 2025, and Ron is working on a replacement. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop would like to see a standard of Procedures for that position.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 PM.

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk