

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday February 12, 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, Bennett, Price, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop, Superintendent McGowan, and Clerk Martin.

Guests: Jason Hewitt, Triangle Volunteer Fire Company, and Nick Sculley, Whitney Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Minutes: tabled until next regular meeting.

Supervisors' Report: tabled until the next regular meeting.

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 2. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Black, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Price, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: Claims 30-74 in the amount of \$13,907.12 in the General Fund and \$ 37,318.008 in the Highway Fund and \$ 34,395.24 in the Fire Districts Fund \$63,036.00 in the Ambulance fund.

Public Participation: Nick Sculley, Whitney Point Fire Department was here to inform the Town Board that the digital radio system that Broome County has installed and is providing access for emergency fire and law enforcement. Nick reports that unfortunately the pagers are still using VHF (Very High Frequency) or analog frequencies and the new system is digital frequency and the two systems are not compatible. Broome County has informed Nick that the pagers and the dispatch to communicate each fire department/company would have to purchase new radios and a hub. Nick has spoken with Vestal Emergency, and they will allow Whitney Point to use an old frequency. All this helps, but Town of Triangle owns the repeater on Pease Hill Road Tower. Nick is requesting the Town either relinquish the repeater or allow Whitney Point and Triangle to use that repeater. Jason also stepped up with similar questions. Jason has found out that pagers cost \$1,000 each. Motion by Councilman Mesceda that we set up a Shared Services agreement that relinquish the use of the repeater to Whitney Point Fire Department and Triangle Volunteer Fire Company allowing access to all other Fire Departments as needed. Also included in the agreement that the Village of Whitney Point would be responsible for cost and repairs to the repeater. When it is decided what fire departments might benefit then divide the cost between them all. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: all ayes. Nick Sculley left at 7:16 PM. Jason Hewitt wanted to know about building codes, he is planning on building a training center and purchasing shipping containers and pallets to "build" a site for search and rescue and fire training in northern Broome County. Jason also would like to create dry hydrants- to create a water supply where it is rural and difficult to have water available during a fire. Jason and Highway Superintendent McGowan to work together on County Line Road to start. Jason left at 7:20 PM.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to appoint Juliette Sinclair as Building Inspector and Code Enforcement on a probationary period until March 13 meeting. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Black, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Price, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes. Vote: all ayes.

Department Reports: **Historian:** none. **Building:** Supervisor Black is planning on meeting with her tomorrow. **DCO:** five calls: license 1, missing 2, hang ups 0, Village 10, complaint 2, other 0. all Complaints/Calls complete dogs seized 0, dangerous dog cases 0 Appearance tickets issued 0, Reports/other information all clear. **Clerk report:** Clerk provided the sewer assessment from the Village of Whitney Point. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution #20-2025 acknowledging completion of examination of the Justice Court Records. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Black, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Price, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes. The Town financial records have been audited except for the Reserve account, since the accounting software is not in balance. **Payroll:** Clerk Martin reports that Lakeside Legacy has the payroll is up to date. There have been some mistakes, and we think we have resolved them. Clerk Martin is having trouble getting October to balance and has called Williamson Law books. Clerk is waiting for a response, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop offered to look them over. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan reports there is a salt shortage, two loads arrived today, and will save salt for the Village, there is no salt at the local supplier, trying to stretch the supply with sand. Highway Superintendent McGowan states Governor Hochul made it that we will have to purchase salt from United States suppliers. Highway Superintendent McGowan spoke with Justin Puglisi, the grant will be moving forward. Highway Superintendent McGowan scheduled Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class on Tuesday at 9 AM at Glen Aubrey Fire Station. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the Wheeled Loader bid packet ready, and the specifications for the Pickup. Highway Superintendent McGowan has looked at the Office of Government Services and Source well bids are available. Councilman Bennett prefers to use State bid prices. Supervisor Black would rather go with the State bids. Highway

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Superintendent McGowan found prices for CAT, John Deere, Case, and Volvo on the Office of Government Services (OGS) website. Councilman Bennett asked for an updated pricing. Highway Superintendent McGowan wanted to know if ½ ton or ¾ ton was preferred. Board agreed with the ½ ton Pick Up. Highway Superintendent McGowan plans on replacing the guide rail on Bassett Road: new is \$29,000, used from Chemung Supply is \$ 18,142 and Guide Right \$21,277. Highway Superintendent McGowan will use CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program monies to pay for it. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop found the procurement policy, any purchases over \$10,000 requires competitive bid process. Clerk to set up the bid packet for “Guard rails on Bassett Road”.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Black thanked the Highway Department for keeping the roads clear, even with the salt shortage. Supervisor Black reports that the County Legislature will vote on the Snow and Ice Contract at the February 20 th meeting. Supervisor Black reports that Amy Beck will work with Clerk Martin on the accounting side of the books after income tax season mid-April.

New Business: Supervisor Black states the Western Star broke down but is back on the road. Supervisor Black wanted to discuss the salt and sand mixture that used to be available to taxpayers. Supervisor Black would like to establish an area for taxpayers. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop states that there have been abuses in the past, where in people have loaded up pick up trucks or trailers with salt and then used it on driveways they were hired to plow. The board is concerned that the abuse will continue and there is no way to monitor with cameras and staff to check. Highway Superintendent McGowan has a sign, and the door is shut, and a lock on the door.

Motion by Supervisor Black to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph f of the Public Officers Law to discuss 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 7:57 PM Second by Councilman Mesceda. Board returned at 8:36 PM, Let the record show discussion only no decision made.

Councilman Mesceda stated we need an incident report from the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department prior to the release of the quarterly payment.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 PM.

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk