

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday December 14, 2023

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 Manasse, Councilmen Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop, Highway Superintendent McGowan and Clerk Martin.

Guests: James Marshall, E& V Energy

Minutes: Tabled until Year End Meeting

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

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 12 with the addition of \$34.45 to voucher # 418. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: 413-448 in the amount of \$ 10,622.77 in the General Fund, and \$ 18,280.92 in the Highway Fund.

Supervisor Manasse expressed our sympathies to the family of Eddie Maslin who served on the Board of Assessment Review.

Public Participation: James Marshall, E& V Energy is here to answer any questions the board has regarding the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) submitted. Councilman Rapp wanted to know what kind of facility was going to be utilized. James stated there was some alterations to the building and bulk tanks for liquid propane and propane will be installed onsite. Councilman Rapp wanted to know if the Fire Departments were informed. James assured the Board that the Fire Departments will be informed prior to gas arriving. Councilman Rapp wanted to know what kind of truck traffic will be involved. James stated that one 18 (eighteen) wheeler per day, seven six wheel delivery trucks per day and one 18(eighteen) wheeler every other day as well as customers- estimate 10/ day . James reports that the yard will have a six foot high fence, and secured with a gate around the perimeter with a lock. Board reviewed the SEQR for a driveway permit requested by E&V Energy for 3056 Route 11, Whitney Point, and agreed with no or less impact on all areas. Board authorizes Supervisor to sign the SEQR. James left at 7:25 PM .

Department Reports: **Historian:** none. **Building permit:** Supervisor Manasse has checked on a garage going in at Kales Hill Road and a shed on County Line Road with no electricity/water /sewer. Supervisor has had no prospects for the Building Inspector Position. Supervisor will chat with Doug Bergold this week. Supervisor Manasse has not seen the actual Building size or construction value for the Green Conveyor Building. **DCO:** complaints/calls 5: license 0, missing 1, Court 0, hang-up 1, Village 0, Judge 0, Clerk 0, complaint 2, Dangerous Dog 0, Attorney 0, Other 1, Complaints/calls complete 5, dogs seized 0, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued 0, Reports and other information: all clear. **Clerk report:** Clerk wanted to thank the Highway Superintendent for getting the tools and supplies to fix the front door after a defendant pushed the glass out of the frame onto the floor. Troopers charged the individual with \$1,500 worth of damage to the building. Clerk has filled out the tax bill information sheet for 2024 tax bills. Clerk states that at the bottom the tax rate and warrant were requested. Clerk returned it without that information, as it is not included on this fact sheet, it is usually sent to the Supervisor. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution # 29-2023 Contract with Broome County Humane Society to adopt changes to page 4 paragraph 4 section c: Effective 12/14/2023 the redemption fee to be paid by the owner of any dog brought by the Town Dog Control Officer, Police, etc., to the Society's shelter shall be one hundred (\$100.00) per dog, seventy dollars (\$70.00) of which shall be returned /credited to the Town by the Society at the time of the Quarterly Billing Cycle. The second impoundment within one year of first impoundment will be one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) one hundred twenty of which shall be returned/credited to the Town by the Society at the time of the Quarterly Billing Cycle. The third and subsequent impoundments increase by \$50 each occurrence within one year of the first impoundment (3rd=\$200, 4th=\$250, etc.) The Society only retains \$30 of each redemption fee. Clerk reports the New York State Association of Towns and Villages will hold a Newly Elected Town Officials School in Rochester and Albany next year. Councilman Rapp mentioned a new law considered by New York State legislature that will allow the payments for Ambulance service to go directly to the Ambulance Service provider. Supervisor Manasse reports that Broome County Real Property Department usually sends us the form with some information filled in. Supervisor received the last ten pages of the assessment with no explanation that the extensions would have to be figured out. Michael Giovino was here Friday December 1 and said the Town of Fenton had the same set of circumstances and found out the Supervisor needs to use the final assessment roll to then figure out the tax rate. Clerk would like the Board to consider what we can do for John's retirement, as the publicity has been very negative and I do not want this to be the final word on his tenure here. **Payroll Clerk:** Payroll is up to date. Clerk Martin

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has October and November balanced. Michael Giovinnazzo was here from 9:30 AM to 3:45 PM and could not explain the \$5,000 difference between NBT statements and Williamson Law Books. Michael decided it must be the interest going from M&T to NBT that is showing up twice. Michael adjusted the interest to the savings and put his initials on it.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the well test on the second well at 5470 State Route 26 was better than the first and will not help us to get a grant. Highway Superintendent McGowan has signed the Snow and Ice Control Contract for 2024 at \$ 5,600.00 per center line mile. With an allotment of 160 us Ton per centerline mile at a cost of \$29.29 per U S ton picked up by the Town. Highway Superintendent McGowan apologized to the Board for the misunderstanding about the ordering of the F550. Highway Superintendent McGowan sent the letter of intent and then ordered the truck. Highway Superintendent McGowan offered to cancel the order but the overwhelming opinion was that the price would only increase if it was put off. Highway Superintendent McGowan will be sure the next time a truck is ordered, triple check to see if the board decides to move forward. Councilman Mesceda would like it to be policy that e mail is not an effective form of communication between board members between meetings. Councilman Mesceda recommends the Supervisor call a meeting and notify each member of the board either by e mail, if no response than by phone call, if no answer or no response than by text to each member of the board. . Motion by Councilman Mesceda to purchase the F 550 dump truck at Chenango Sales with body and sander to be installed by Palmers Body Shop to include the sale of the old dump truck on Auctions International of trade in at Chenango Ford, whichever is higher. Total price \$89,000. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes. Highway Superintendent McGowan presented the Graders found on Machinery Trader: 2008 John Deere, 2016 John Deere, 2017 John Deere, 2016 CAT, and 2012 John Deere all four-wheel drive/ all wheel drive and 2016 CAT, 2014 John Deere, 2017 CAT, 2008 CAT, 2012 CAT, 2017 CAT, 2009 CAT, and 2011 CAT rear wheel drive. Supervisor Manasse compiled a suggested guide of equipment requirements for Grader purchase. Supervisor Manasse said the 1985 Grader that we currently have is 40 years old, rear wheel driven and not working. Supervisor Manasse believes the Town is in a good position financially to spend the money to replace this equipment. Supervisor reports the last sales tax check was \$ 133,000 in excess of budgeted expectations. Councilman Mesceda considering the four-wheel drive options the 2017 John Deere is the best option. Councilman Rapp does not think the four-wheel drive is required. Board agreed that the 2008 CAT is also a strong possibility. Highway Superintendent McGowan has seen both rear wheel and all-wheel drive and thinks anything reasonable priced go with the all-wheel drive. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop recommends look at the one in Towanda and Waverly to compare.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse read Judge Orzel's resignation letter dated December 2, 2023 due to health concerns. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution #30-2023 Tax Levy Options for 2024: Deficits \$ 588.16, Workers Compensation \$ 13,262.00 and Election costs \$ 7,478 with no sales tax to be applied to the 2024 Tax Levy and no additional cash to reduce the levy totally \$ 21,328.16 to be paid to the County by January 2, 2024. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes. Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Superintendent McGowan and the workers.

Asset Management decisions ongoing, Highway Superintendent ordered new tires for the Pick Up. Supervisor Manasse since the well tested "good" that it will not help in the grant process with Broome County Soil and Water. Supervisor Manasse wanted to know what the decision on the boom mower would be. The Board decided to rent this year since we repaired the mower we have. Councilman Mesceda thinks the two new trucks and the grader is enough for this year, that the mower should wait until next budget year. Councilman Mesceda mentioned that several local merchants have had problems logging into the online business website and been hacked. Councilman Mesceda asked the Clerk to check with local bank. Supervisor Manasse saw that register #1 at Greggs had a skimmer reader on the credit card machine and the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Medicare food assistance accounts were drained. Councilman Bennett report that Dollar store had a skimmer as well.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse has submitted the tax extensions for 2024 Town of Triangle to Broome County and the rate is slightly higher due to Fire Districts increase. Supervisor Manasse scheduled a year end meeting to handle the last bills of 2023 on Thursday December 28, 2023 at 7 PM.

Motion by Supervisor Manasse to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph F of 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 8:45 PM. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Let the record show that the board returned from executive session at 9:09 PM and no decision was made.

Correspondence: Broome County Historical Society and Town Topics.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:16 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk