

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday November 14, 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: 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Jeffrey Black, newly elected Supervisor for 2025

Minutes: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve with changes the minutes of October 10, 2024. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve the revised version of the minutes of October 17, 2024. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp ayes, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop abstain.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the minutes of October 24, 2024 with one change. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Supervisors Report: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the October Supervisor's Report as presented. 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 # 11 with the addition of Voucher # 411 for Rapp Signs for \$ 360.00. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: 373-411 in the amount of \$ 58,937.18 in the General Fund, and \$ 12,319.28 in the Highway Fund.

Public Participation: Guest is here to listen and observe

Public Hearing: Supervisor Manasse opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Triangle 2025 Budget at 7:10 PM.

Highway Superintendent McGowan went to Local Roads School and they suggested setting up a separate account line for signs, 3310.4 in either DA or DB. Board discussed it and decided to consider it next year.

Councilman Mesceda recommend the Supervisor Salary be set at \$ 12,597.00 as per the policy set forth regarding the incoming elected officials salary be set at 85% of the current official. Supervisor Manasse would like to raise Attorney account line A 1420.4 by \$2,223.00. Supervisor closed the public hearing for the budget at 7:28 PM Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution # 28-2024 to adopt the 2025 budget with the change to A 1220.1 Supervisor salary set at \$ 12,597.00 and A 1420.4 \$ 6,223.00 , presented by the Budget Officer. Second by Councilman Bennett. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing for the 2025 fire contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department in the amount of \$ 60,421.00 at 7:29. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing on the 2025 fire contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department at 7:30 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Resolution 29-2024 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2025 contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department in the amount of \$ 60,421.00. Second by Councilman Bennett. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye., and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

Supervisor Manasse opened public hearing for the 2025 Triangle Volunteer Fire Company contract at 7:31 PM, in the amount of \$ 77,160.00. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing at 7:32 PM. Motion by Councilman Bennett to adopt resolution # 30-2024 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Triangle Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$ 77,160.00. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing for the 2025 contract with Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad in the amount of \$ 63,036.00 at 7:33 PM. With no public comment, Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt resolution 31-2024 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2025 contract with Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad in the amount to \$63, 036.00. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Roll call vote:

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Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

Department Reports: Historian: Supervisor has three possible individuals interested in the position. **Building permit:** Board is requesting a monthly report. Councilman Bennet asked the Supervisor to contact the Building Inspector and get an update on classes and set up some communication. Councilman Rapp would like to hear a report from the Assessor and set up communication with Building Inspector. **DCO:** 7 complaints/calls : license 1, missing 2, Court 0, hang-up 0, Village 1, Judge 0, Clerk 0, complaint 3, Dangerous Dog 0, Attorney 0, Other 0, Complaints/calls complete 7, dogs seized 0, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued 0, Reports and other information: working on barking (dog) on Hemlock Hill. **Clerk report:** Clerk announced the Association of Towns meeting in February in New York City, if anyone is interested in attending. Clerk reports that Deputy Burns contacted Smash House and got rid of a printer and the telephones from the shed. Clerk states the Rotary barrels are not getting picked up, the Town can purchase it for \$40 and maintain the barrel. Clerk Martin has paid for and purchased the barrel, so the Town Board could decide to pay her for that. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop read the only report the Assessor is required to file is the final assessment roll. Clerk has filed the RP 425 with the preliminary budget. Clerk Martin has never done this before and Assessor Keibel was helpful finding the information in the roll. Clerk thanked the Highway Superintendent for sanding and painting the back entrance door, and two employees from the Highway power washed the building. Clerk Martin announced that the Town received a notice from the Special Prosecutor asking for information about the Front entrance door damage. Clerk Martin to contact Dave Berger, Attorney to the Town. **Payroll Clerk:** Lakeside Legacy started to do payroll in November. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the new truck is at Binghamton Truck Body waiting to get the tailgate installed. Highway Superintendent McGowan would like to sell the 2021 truck this year instead of the 2019 as the clutch is slipping and it could cost \$ 8-12,000. Highway Superintendent McGowan reviewed the maintenance cost of the 2019 and the 2021. Highway Superintendent McGowan cited a 2020 Western Star sold on Auctions International for \$ 118,000.00 Councilman Mesceda would like the posting to include “pending Board approval at the next meeting”. Councilman Bennett recommends contacting them now and calling them when the new truck arrives, so the pictures and groundwork is done. Highway Superintendent McGowan has an e mail from Justin Puglisi, that Hybrid is a woman owned business and would be a good candidate for the new salt storage barn. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the roller in shop working on removing the rust and getting it painted. Highway Superintendent McGowan still has a problem with several beavers on Harvey Square Road. Highway Superintendent McGowan stated at this point the Highway crew has all three pipes flowing. Highway Department is sprucing up the shop and painting the concrete floor in the breakroom. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to sell Truck #21 on Auctions International, with the bidding to end by December 11, decision to be made at the December 12, 2024 meeting. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: all ayes.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Superintendent McGowan and the workers, including the work on the back door and the Town Hall getting washed. Supervisor Manasse stated the separate LP tank at the Town Hall is hooked up and has been tested. Supervisor Manasses is still working on negotiating the Union Contract for 2025, sent a response to Michael Richardson and is waiting for the reply. Supervisor Manasse has no word on the litigation on the Solar Project assessment. Supervisor Manasse thanked Assessor Keibel and Clerk Martin for handling the school tax exemptions issues. Supervisor Manasse spoke with Mike Reynolds and Whitney Point Fire Department has a washing machine at this point in time.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse reports the results of the election : Jeffrey Black has the Supervisor position and Michael Price and Mary Mesceda-Knoop have the two council seats. 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, or discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. at 8:45 PM. Return at 9:10 PM, let the record show, no decision was made, discussion only. Highway Superintendent McGowan and Jeffrey Black left at 8:45 PM

Correspondence: Broome County Historical Society and Town Topics.

Clerk Martin would like to put it on the record that the money for the Abstract # 11 has been transferred, the prepaids are processed and the checks are written, all has been recorded in the register. Clerk Martin also stated that the bookkeeper should be entering October information and updating the register for General and Trust and Agency accounts. Clerk Martin ordered the W-2's and the 1099's from Williamson Law Books. Clerk Martin will not be in the office Wednesday November 27 or 29 and will check with Deputy Burns to cover part of Wednesday November 27.

Councilman Mesceda stated that the Town Board requests that Councilman Bennett get three quotes for gutter replacement.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:22 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk