

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday December 12, 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, Michael Price and Mallory Price

Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve with one change the minutes of November 14, 2024. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

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

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve Abstract # 12. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: 415-452 in the amount of \$ 20,334.68 in the General Fund, and \$ 32,867.14 in the Highway Fund.

Public Participation: Guests are here to listen and observe

Department Reports: **Historian:** Supervisor Manasse has appointed Donna Baker as historian. **Building permit:** none
DCO: 6 complaints/calls : license 1, missing 1, Court 0, hang-up 0, Village 1, Judge 0, Clerk 0, complaint 3, Dangerous Dog 0, Attorney 0, Other 0, Complaints/calls complete 6, dogs seized 2, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued 0, Reports and other information: none. **Clerk report:** Clerk reports that Red Barn has installed Sophos router in the utility room. Clerk got a message from the State Police that the parking light out back is not working. Clerk called Diekow Electric to come and check on it. Clerk states Diekow was here, found no power to the pole, found the breaker switch had been turned off. Clerk states that Diekow then turned it on, checked the sensor for the poles and the lights are on and working at this time. Clerk reports the State Police called about the toilet running constantly, Walt Bailey came and fixed that. Clerk states the next day in the State Police left a note that the shut off valve was leaking. Walt came back and tightened the screws and it is not leaking now. Clerk got a call from Gerald Leahy wanting to know if the Town has requested grants from DHCR (Department of Home and Community Renewal) for sidewalk improvements, condemned buildings or deteriorated signs. Clerk explained to Gerald that we have no sidewalks, condemned buildings are probably under tax foreclosure and that I am not aware of signs that need to be replaced. Clerk Martin read a letter from the Village of Whitney Point Mayor Somers requesting the Secretary's door be split like the Treasurer's door. Board discussed options and decided that David Rapp would find time to assess the door and submit a proposal to the Village Board for approval. Clerk Martin received a message from Barker Supervisor Dilworth about the single lane bridge in the Town of Barker that is getting replaced.

Payroll Clerk: Lakeside Legacy has been in to do payroll. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the highway department is in winter mode. Highway Superintendent McGowan has been working with Nicholes learning to plow. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the highway department cleaning the shop, working on roller and Cleaning wheels and mounting tires. Highway Superintendent went out on Thanksgiving day to test out the new truck, and the spinner fell off the truck. Highway Superintendent McGowan called Binghamton Truck and Body and spoke with the salesman from Volvo. Highway Superintendent McGowan took the truck to Binghamton Truck Body and got the spinner installed, and the hydraulic leaks fixed. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports that Chris Smith, ProDoor has been sick and unable to start garage door system. Highway Superintendent McGowan to work on the 284-Highway Expenditure of Monies.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Superintendent McGowan and the workers. Supervisor Manasse has had no news regarding the Salt Shed Grant. Supervisor spoke briefly about the 40'x80' storage barn to be in the plans for next year. Supervisor Manasse reports the new Volvo is in service. Supervisor Manasse expected to have the union contract tonight to approve and sign off on, but it has not arrived from Michael Richardson yet. Supervisor Manasse discussed the one change was the insurance went from composite to component, saving the Town \$2,000 per month on insurance premiums. Supervisor Manasse reports the 2021 Western Star bids on Auctions International are \$155,100.00. more discussion at the executive session later. Supervisor Manasse scheduled the year end meeting on December 30 at 7 PM to process last minute bills and swear in newly elected Supervisor and Councilman. Supervisor Manasse spoke about the Village request of splitting the Secretaries door. Supervisor Manasse thought that Walt did it last time to the Treasurers door, and that David Rapp came in to adjust the door to get it to hang straight. Councilman Rapp will clear sometime later in the

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month to assess the door and send the Village of Whitney Point the estimate for approval. Clerk announced she will be travelling to Michigan for the week of December 22-28th. Clerk Martin asked if Jeff and Michael plan on being here for the Year end meeting, and yes they are planning on being here. Jeffrey Black, Michael Price and Mallory Price left at 7:48 PM. Motion by Supervisor Manasse at 7:48 PM move to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph h of the Public Officers Law to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities,, or sale or exchange of securities held by this Board when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Second by Councilman Mesceda. The Board requested Highway Superintendent McGowan to stay for the executive session that includes the discussion of the Truck. Board returned at 9:25 PM. Supervisor Manasse reports the final bid on the 2021 Western Star is \$ 155,100. Motion by Councilman Mesceda authorizing Highway Superintendent McGowan to finish negotiations to Auctions International . Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Roll vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Vote: all ayes. Supervisor Manasse would like the record to show that it was intended that the Board would review the Union contract, and the contract will be tabled and discussed at the year-end meeting December 30.

Correspondence: Broome County Historical Society and other miscellaneous correspondence

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:27 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk