

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 14th, 2019 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on March 14th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Edward Bishop, Councilmen: Matt Paton, Bill Smith, Janet Tyler and Tony Bruno. Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk, Town Attorney Robert Kruger and Sole Assessor Stella Gittle.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 014/19 Regular Meeting was made Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Steve Helmin, Secretary for CALL, Inc. read a letter from his organization as well as Assemblyman Santabarbara, in support of saving T.O.M.'s efforts to block the annexation of our farmland.

Clark Subik thanked Steve Helmin for his letter and wanted to reinforce his opposition to the annexation as well as the connector from Fonda to Johnstown.

Town Correspondence:

1. Frothingham Free Library sent their 2018 Annual report to the community.

The Money Market Account as of 02/28/19: \$913,150.65

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 427,026.28	B- Outside the Village: \$135,878.45
DB Hwy Fund: 320,839.54	SL- Street Lighting: 29,406.38

The Capital Reserve Account Balance as of 02/28/2019: \$754,068.12

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. Bill attended Advocacy Day on March 6th in Albany with fellow Highway Superintendents. They were lobbying for CHIPS, Pave NY and Extreme Winter Recovery support.
2. The men attended a 2 hour Chainsaw Safety Course sponsored by Emergency Management.

3. Work needs to be done on a Transfer Case in the 2015 Truck. Bill has been struggling with finding someone to do it locally.
4. Governor Cuomo is now requiring operators to be certified. His men will attend a class when one is available.
5. Bill would like to go out to bid for paving next month.

A motion to allow Hwy. Supt. Holvig to move forward with the repair of the Transfer Case on the 2015 truck was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor has had a number of enhanced STAR applicants bringing paperwork to her that should be mailed directly to the state. She's concerned that in the confusion, they will lose their exemption.

A motion to approve Spring Cleanup dates for the town April 13th and 20th and the Village of Fonda April 27th and May 4th, 2019 was made by Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to renew the 5 year appointments of Planning Board members Patrick Clear and Mark Hoffman effective April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2024 was made by Smith and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor motion passed.

Discussion was held on the possible resolution regarding the review letter of the DEIS and the town's next steps.

Claudia Braymer Esq. spoke at length to try and better explain the completeness review, she explained that the DEIS had many items missing including: the effects of losing 260 Acres of Agricultural Land. They claimed it would have no impact. There was no proposed project description or details, wetlands that would be impacted to name just a few. Chazen Companies reported it to be incomplete, deficient and poorly written, adding that it is not an easy read for the public and may not be physically feasible or permissible. Board members reiterated that the document needs to be very clear for the public to read. The Incompleteness determination will be sent to Jason Brott, Esq.

A motion to accept Resolution #024 Regarding the Determination of Incompleteness of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the proposed Regional Business Park Property Annexation was made Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #023 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$53,121.33

General A account: \$10,007.58 Highway account: \$38,690.71

General B account: \$2,785.23 Street Lighting: \$1,637.81

In further business, Councilman Bruno said there would be another chainsaw class next week at the Sheriff's Dept. Bill Holvig had the Trip Tickets and appropriation analysis. There will need to be more money for the Sand/Salt Budget.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:00pm was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 024 for 2019

Resolution Passed

Resolution by: Smith

Seconded by: Paton

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF INCOMPLETENESS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED REGIONAL BUSINESS PARK PROPERTY ANNEXATION (RBP ANNEXATION)

WHEREAS, the Town Board received a petition for the annexation of 260 acres in the Town of Mohawk;

WHEREAS, the department of Environmental Conservation established the town board as the lead agency for the environmental review of the RBP Annexation project;

WHEREAS, the Town Board issued a positive declaration and adopted a Scoping Document for the preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);

WHEREAS, the project sponsors of the RBP Annexation project submitted a draft EIS to the Town Board;

WHEREAS, the Town Board and its consultant reviewed the draft EIS;

WHEREAS, the Town Board's consultant has prepared a table identifying the deficiencies in the draft EIS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD:

1. The Town Board has determined that the draft EIS is incomplete for public review;
2. The Town Board agrees with and adopts the table of deficiencies prepared by the Town Boards consultant.
3. A copy of this resolution and the consultant's table of deficiencies related to the draft EIS shall be provided to the project sponsors.