

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 11th, 2019 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 11th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman: Janet Tyler, Councilman Anthony Bruno, William Smith and Matt Paton. Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Kimberly Sullivan Town Clerk, Stella Gittle Sole Assessor and Town Attorney Robert Kruger. Supervisor Edward Bishop was excused.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 03/14/19 Regular Meeting was made Paton and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Town Correspondence:

1. A Letter from Beacon Insurance informing us of a dividend check in the amount of \$231.30.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$27,189.81

General A: \$7,696.53 Highway: \$19,497.28

The Money Market Account as of 3/31/2019: \$922,359.54

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: \$440,355.84

B- Outside the Village: \$131,688.50

DB Hwy Fund: \$322,546.63

SL- Street Lighting: 27,768.57

The Investment Account Balance as of 03/31/19: \$755,593.22

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The new transfer case has been installed in the 2015 truck. The oil coolers on 3 trucks (#15, #17 and #18) have been moved out of harm's way. The new truck #18 had to be towed to Albany for repairs.
2. Budget update: CHIPS funding has stayed the same for 3 years and extreme winter recovery money has been cut from the budget but Bill is hopeful that it may be restored.
3. There is a culvert program in New York State. Bill would like to get grant money from this to do work on a culvert on Duane Drive within the next couple of years.

4. Gov. Cuomo has passed legislation that anyone operating an excavator needs to be certified to operate around utilities. Bill is going to have training on June 27th, 2019 at a place to be determined at a cost of \$500.
(\$25 per person/20 people) If there are more people attending, they will pay \$25 each.

A motion to front the \$500 for training and get reimbursed by attendees was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported the state is once again making changes to the STAR program.

A motion to renew the 5 year appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals member Wayne Brownell effective April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2024 was made by Paton and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Patrick Clear, Planning Board Chairman gave an update on a large solar project that has been in the works for the last several months.

Conti Solar has submitted an application for two large areas within our township. This is a project that will require approval from many agencies including but not limited to: Army Corp of Engineers, DEC, National Grid, Historical Preservation and Montgomery County Planning Board. One of the main concerns to our planning board is the “Visual Impact” of a project this size. Patrick went on to say that after review of the application, many deficiencies were found and they were forwarded to Conti for clarification.

Many concerned residents spoke in opposition to this project. Some of their concerns were loss of the beautiful view and property values among others. They feel as though they will be “in prison” when looking out their windows. They will not be able to look above, below or through the panels.

The State of the County Address is scheduled for April 25th at a cost of \$25 per person if anyone would like to attend.

Resolution #025 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: \$30,945.37

General A account: \$8,735.98

Highway account: \$17,777.49

General B account: \$2,895.80

Street Lighting: 1,536.10

In further business: Students from FFCS Participation in Government each asked a question to the board.

Janet read a letter of resignation from our Code – Zoning Officer Grant Egelston. This resignation leaves a large void, especially at this time of year. Applications are being accepted for this position and interviews will be conducted.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:05pm was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk