Town of Mohawk  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 20th, 2020 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on May 20th, 2020 via Zoom due to COVID 19 restrictions.


A motion to approve the minutes of the 03/09/2020 Regular Meeting was made by Paton and seconded by Murray. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: $33,042.87
  General A: $14,282.40   General B: $4,586.02
  Highway: $10,395.75   General SL: $3,238.70

The Money Market Account as of 04/30/2020: $953,803.78
Fund breakdown as follows:
  General A: 267,232.54      B- Outside the Village: $81,274.69
  DB Hwy Fund: 584,751.87    SL- Street Lighting: 20,544.68

The Investment Account Balance as of 04/30/2020: $765,071.93

A motion to contract with Emminger, Newton, Pigeon and Magyer to review appraisal submitted by CS Solar not to exceed $5,000, was made by Murray and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to renew “UNIT CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION” for an additional 3 years, was made by Tyler and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to appoint Peyton Peterson as Deputy Town Clerk effective 5/21/87 until end of fiscal year 12/31/2020, was made by Tyler and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Spring Cleanup has set new dates as follows: Town of Mohawk 5/16 and 5/23 and the Village of Fonda for 6/6 and 6/13.
Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. They’ve sealed the roads that were paved last year with the help of Gorman and fellow townships.
2. A 24” cross culvert was installed on Getman Rd. to get ready for paving.
3. Bill would like to go out to bid for paving in June and also include the Little League Field for prices as the asphalt prices are down.
4. NYS Highway Association reported Pave NY and Extreme Winter Recovery at $15,000-$16,000.

Supervisor Bishop added that Sales Tax may affect the Highway Budget this year (COVID 19)

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor has some financial information for the team of appraisers that will be working on the solar project. She also stated that the State and County has really messed up Grievance Day this year. She was upset that the Assessors weren’t contacted for their opinions. Stella will be available this year for Grievance Day without the full board present due to COVID 19 restrictions. She will accept applications and then work with the board for decision making.

Stan Waddle, Code/Zoning reported that he has completed and submitted his 2019 report to the state regarding permits issued in the town. So far this year he has issued 16 building permits. He also reported that FMCC project is on hold due to COVID.

Update on CS Solar and moratorium: We will hold a Public Hearing next month to extend the moratorium on any new large solar projects. The Planning Board has not met due to COVID and has scheduled a meeting on June 9th, 2020 as well as their regular June 16th meeting. NYS Dept. of Renewable Energy now wants to be involved in any solar project 10 mgs and above. No updates on CS Solar.

Resoluion #020 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: $15,754.07
- General A account: $8,391.83
- General B account: $4,083.91
- Highway account: $3,278.33
- Street Lighting: -0-

Resolution #021 Order the Town of Mohawk Town Board to terminate the Review of the Proposed Regional Business Park Property Annexation (RBP Annexation) and denying the petition was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.
Resolution #022 the Town Board accepting the contract for grass and brush mowing on county roads beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021 was made by a motion from Murray and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #023 the Town Board establishing a standard workday for all members of the NYS Retirement System was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #024 to hold a Public Hearing on June 11th, 2020 at 7:00pm for Local Law #1 of 2020 Extension of Moratorium on Solar Projects was made by a motion from Bruno and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

In further business; Councilman Bruno questioned the proposed Motocross Track in our town. Janet Tyler also expressed concern with it adding that it is a nonconforming use in an R1 zoned area. Attorney Kruger will draft a legal statement with what needs to be done to proceed with this process.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:08pm was made by Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk