

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 8th, 2019 at 7:00pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on August 8th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the 07/11/19 Regular Meeting was made Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Public to speak: Wes Jones, resident of Westminister Drive voiced his concerns with the possible commercial solar project which will be in his backyard.

Alan Buck had concerns with the barrels that are on Hickory Hill Rd. Adding that they could cause an accident.

Town Correspondence:

1. Wes and Diane Jones submitted a letter "The individual reality of Solar farms/Green Energy" This project will cover the entire width of his backyard: "all 1,350' wide"
2. A letter from NYS Parks and Rec stating that Danascara Place at 662 Mohawk Drive Fonda will be considered for the National and State Registers of Historic Places at their September 5th meeting.
3. Two letters from Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara
 - a. A letter in opposition of the proposal that will allow the annexation of 260 acres of farmland from the Town of Mohawk for industrial use in the City of Johnstown.
 - b. A letter announcing that the Town of Mohawk will receive funding in the amount of \$102,647.14 from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program and PAVE-NY program.
4. A letter from Judith N. Kelly, President of the Board of Trustees of the Frothingham Free Library notifying us of the retirement of Sherri Kirschman on August 16th, 2019 after 12 years of service.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$2,901.17

General A: \$2,791.17 General B: \$110.00

The Money Market Account as of 7/31/2019: \$834,829.35

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 324,249.04

B- Outside the Village: \$143,057.84

DB Hwy Fund: 351,790.79

SL- Street Lighting: 15,731.68

The Investment Account Balance as of 7/31/19: \$758,599.53

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The men have completed shoulder work with the help of Ephratah, Town of Johnstown, Town of Palatine and Town of Charleston
2. Bill would like to install a slab outback of his barn to store tanks for the mag chloride.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported she was having issues with the Basic and Enhanced STAR program.

A brief discussion was held on Partners in Education with the Recorder. We discovered that FFCS never received papers for our students. We will not be donating this year.

Update on the DEIS: Claudia Braymer Esq. will be meeting with Sterling and Chazen on 8/15. We sent a letter to Fulton County on August 1st, 2019 with a bill for \$19,115.75

Update on C.S. Solar project:

Approximately 150 residents have been notified via certified letters of the two proposed sites. The Planning and Town Boards will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday August 15th, 2019 at 6:30pm. Our Planning Board will make their decision and then we will move it on to the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Our current vendor for our payroll and bookkeeping (BAS) has sold to Edmunds Gov. Tech. Inc. They will be increasing the cost of this program considerably and we will be looking into alternatives for our needs.

Resolution #030 Town Board authorizes the Town Justice and Supervisor to apply for a 2019-2020 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #031 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Paton and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$107,379.26

General A account: \$7,869.27	Highway account: \$94,412.76
General B account: \$3,740.53	Street Lighting: 1,356.70

In further business: Bill Holvig suggested contacting Association of Towns for help with accounting vendors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk