

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 Arkwright Town Hall
 9543 Center Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063
 7:30 PM June 13th, 2022
 Zoom 251 827 4500 Passcode MgW26n, not for voting members

Town Supervisor: Brian McAvoy

Board Members Present: Larry Ball, Chris Jackson, Bruce Gustafson & Lynn Bedford

Highway Superintendent: Lisa Waldron

Town Clerk: Jane Lindquist

Code Enforcement:

Public Present: Barry Bedford, Martin & Sandra Cichocki, Jesse Pitchard and Jeff Milliman

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Brian McAvoy

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Review and Approval of May 9th, 2022. -Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Reports:

Supervisor: Finance Reports General Fund- Financial- Arkwright Summit Wind Monies received. Budget in good shape. Looking to have \$24,000.00 in reserve at end of year. \$1,200,000.00 going towards building. Highway side- \$500,000.00. Overall town in good shape. Starting 2023 6th year for the Wind Farm pilot checks should get 2% increase next year. Got to approve Budget transfer for new trucks.

EDP-Replacement for Blake- Gap in coverage- no replacement. Talk to Alex Gizowski. Asked Alex to reach out to his boss to contact us from Tug Hill.

Highway Superintendent

Spending vs. Budget Update (Monthly) report -Lisa Waldron gave financial report. Spending- Snow removal- 70%, Construction & CHIPS- 2%, Machinery-100%. Good shape everywhere else. Diesel- less than \$6.00 gal.- paid less \$5. -- /gal.

2022 Highway Construction Progress- Weaver- Started

Christy- Drain tile going to be chip sealed and paved. Some grading done

Miller & Tarbox- culvert changed

Chip seal being done in August.

Hall Rd- Ready for Final Offer? Cassadaga Wind offered- \$97,000.00. Would like to get \$100,000.00. Won't cover hard topping. Question is do we give Lisa Waldron approval to except dollar amount ---- or try to get more or get less. Limestone & chip. 1 Culvert does need to be replaced on Hall Rd. Tar & Chip Seal cracking. We will accept no less than \$97,000.00 but will try for \$100,000.00. Motion to Approve Highway Superintendent Accept Hall Road but Out Proposal from Cassadaga Wind Not Less Than \$97,000.00. Motion by Lynn Bedford, Bruce Gustafson 2nd. All in favor.

Report on Highway School- Very good. Very educational, learning about culvert and equipment. Update on Route 83 Project & Town's Involvement- 1 more day of milling. 6 towns involved. Ball Road Closure Plan/Mitigation Ideas- Will give notice 2 weeks ahead of closure. Will only be closed for 1 day. Will have everyone ready to go for the 1 day closure. Will run ad in local newspaper for 1 week prior to closing road. It will be July before we get to the project. The 3rd culvert is the one that we need to close the road for. Will contact County EMS and Medical Emergency to see if they can work with us during the closure. Signs will be posted saying the road will be closing. Fields on both sides of the road are swampy and have ditches, hard to put in temporary road. Maybe check with Cassadaga Fire Company about a pumper to sit for the day, just for backup proposes. People will be informed.

Speed Limits- nothing- weight limit posted year-round.

Balls Gulf- section down to the bridge. Road is in pretty rough shape, Seasonal Road. Says travel at own risk. Took side by sides down it and it was pretty rough going on them. Should grade and get passable. Get open with a bridge and get passable is Plan A and then we can go to Plan B. Lisa Waldron Returned Checks to Jane Lindquist for overpayment on the new trucks purchased. County Emergency Plan Participation- Wednesday get through will check Emergency Plan Participation after that.

Clerk & Tax collector- 10 Dog licenses, 1 marriage cert, 0 genealogy, 2 misc. revenue, 3 building permits and 0 death certificates. Gave town a check for \$1732.50 for the General Fund.

Tax Reconciliation With County- Certification Received

Dog Control- License censes discussed. Do not agree a good idea.

Justice Report- Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of John Potter- The amount of fines \$25.00. and \$0.00 in surcharges and \$0.00 in civil fees. Total of \$25.00 for the Month of May 2022 and was turned over to the Town of Arkwright.

Assessor- 1/3 market value Towns worth \$93,000,000.00. People 41%, down from 41% market values going up 7.56% revalue

Code Enforcement Officer –Jane Lindquist gave Ed Pagano report this month. 4 building permits. 1 demolition Permit to tear down an old trailer.

TCT Ministries Surety Bond- Talked to TCT Ministries regarding bond for Tower on timing of receiving the bond. Said we should have sometime in June. Needed to add Christopher Cannon on as an Additional insured due to his property agreement with TCT Ministries.

New Solar Request Impact Power Solutions,

Brian Keenan- none –

New Filing Requirements for Online Tax Auctions-

Town Council Members

Lynn Bedford- With Prices going up. Would like to start a food bank at Town Hall once a month. Brian McAvoy thought a great idea. Brian will check with Evans Insurance. Give report at Next meeting. Maybe, we can start next month. Great idea.

Chris Jackson- Miller Rd- Falling apart. Needs to be redone. Skid patching and chip sealed.

Bruce Gustafson- none

Larry Ball- none.

Natural Gas Supply- none

Motion to Accept Supervisor, Departments and Councilperson reports- Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to accept Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Lynn Bedford, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in Favor. Motion to Approve June Budget Transfer, \$1310 from Equipment Reserve to Machinery - Motion by Larry Ball, Lynn Bedford 2nd. All in favor.

Old Business

Green Innovation Grant Webinar- Need Participant-Energy Seminar: Lisa Waldron can't go- Interferes with another class. Would like someone to volunteer to go in her place. Bruce Gustafson agreed to attend.

Solar Energy Law- Propose New Setbacks- Stockton Law is good, does small & large scaling. Setbacks for building placements. Side & back yards. Lot coverage. Brian McAvoy likes Stockton Law numbers. Fencing around large scale- no fence. Would rather look at vegetation. Keeps people out. Jeff Passafaro to draft a law for Arkwright. Lynn Bedford, do we want commercial or private? If someone turns, there property into a solar farm we can't say no. So if we can control it. Do our Homework. Motion to proceed to allow large scale solar in the Town of Arkwright greater than 25 kwh subjected to approved zoning Law. Motion by Lynn Bedford, Chris Jackson 2nd.

3 yes, 2 opposed.

Mapping New Section of Christian Meeting Cemetery- no news. Ready to start putting up fence. Where Old cemetery and new cemetery- fence meet would like to put in a gate. West side. On Shumla Rd. Take Lilacs out. Ask lawncare guys\is he can do. Lilac in the Driveway. Stomps also need to be removed. Meyers Tree Service. WE have grant money to use. Gate off Shumla Rd is great idea.

Update Building Plans Project from Committee-

Step 1 Resolution for Architect to Spec & draw plans – Resolution Done – Nordine- Tried contacting heard nothing. Larry Ball stopping by on Wednesday, June 14th.

Step 2- Resolution for Architect to Solicit Bids

Step 3- Sealed bids & Board Awards Contract

Cannabis Zoning- Brian McAvoy attend Zoom Meeting with Town of Pomfret Fredonia- Regulation. Selling T-shirt and giving cannabis- is illegal.

Legal dispensary- only legal weed. Conditional licenses legal hemp. Forego lab testing. How quick would that happen agricultural growing.

Fast track licenses- must have had a past conviction of illegal weed.

Town of Pomfret Cannabis Law & Massachusetts Law- Liked lighting and security.

We opted in- Tax money. If you said no. Then you do not get tax money. Individual cultivators, security and covers. We need to move quickly.

Shed Law- no updates.

General Update on Status of Union Negotiations- Dates & Meeting Plans, etc.- Zimba, waiting for us to send counter proposal.

Primaries June 28 and August 23- Just FYI

New Business

Memorial Day Recap- Thanks & Feedback, Notes for Future- John Potter fixed Flagpole and got Flag up. Lisa Waldron and Jane Lindquist got flowers and redid flowerpots. They look great. Brian McAvoy and Family donated there time and mowed the cemeteries as we were without a mower person at the time. They turned out looking great. Lisa Waldron and the Highway Guys donated their time and entered the new trucks in the Cassadaga Parade. The trucks looked great. Lynn Bedford rode in one of the Trucks . They tossed out candy that was donated. A resident called about the trucks being entered in the parade. There was no board vote, but emailed all members of the board, they said no problem. Contacted Evans Agency they said it is not a problem. It is expected.

County Hazardous Waste Collection 9/17- Information

County payroll Certification for 2022 is complete.

Susan Dilks Resignation- done Motion to accept Resignation of Susan Dilks from Board of Assessment Review. Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Update on Assessor- Signe Rominger will be retiring in September 2022. Brian McAvoy did some research. Have to have someone with education requirements. Someone new coming in need to have education. We could use someone outside of the town. But I would like to put an ad in the paper looking for someone. Maybe, we could hire a junior apprentice local to help train some within the town. Motion for Supervisor to Advertise for an Assessor. Motion by Larry Ball, Lynn Bedford 2nd. All in favor.

Meyers Tree Service Proposal for Mowing- \$425.00 each mow for both cemeteries. Motion to Accept Cemetery Mowing Proposal from Meyers Tree Service of 5/27/2022 for the 2022 Season. Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Highway Crew Clean Up of Christian Meeting Coordinated with Fence job- Petition Regarding Status of Ball and Park Rd Openings (Just a Plan Currently) – Drafting a letter to send tout to open bridge in Balls Gulf, to send with the Petition that Marty and Sandra Cichocki and Jesse Pritchard brought in from the residents of Park Rd and Ball Rd. Arkwright no longer has a right of way to Park Rd. Will craft Letter to send with the Petition to James Feldman (PJ Wendell Assistant). Motion to Support Supervisor's Letter to the County, Petitioning to Repair and Reopen Balls Gulf Bridge. Motion by Chris Jackson, Lynn Bedford 2nd. All in favor.

Public Comment- Marty Cichocki also voiced his concern about the closing of Ball Rd and the safety of the residents. He is concerned about, what if there is an emergency, how will someone get to the residents? Marty also would like to make sure that residents are notified in advance of the closing.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Lynn Bedford, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in Favor.