

NEW YORK STATE
COUNTY OF OTSEGO
TOWN OF MARYLAND

Monday, September 2, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of Monday September 2, 2024, was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Renee Gaston. Present were Deputy Supervisor Renee Gaston, Councilmembers Brian Dierks, Harold Palmer and Jason Knapp, Tim Walke and all per attached sign-in sheet. (See attachment #1).

The minutes of the August 4th Town Board Meeting was read. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Harold, 2nd by Brian. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.

The Flag Salute was recited.

Councilman Brian Dierks was asked if he had successfully downloaded Windows 7 on the old laptop. He explained the old laptop is not worth any new updates. A new laptop is being purchased.

- Dale Eager spoke of the Transfer Station issue, which he is not at all happy about. He got some figures from Allison; specifically, the number of parcels in the town, some privately paid taxes, some in escrow. He came up with some figures he believed would enable the town to continue to run the transfer station and not charge individuals a per bag fee. There was discussion about the pros and cons of the issue and notably, the number of parcels in the township does not actually provide a clear solution to the issue.
- Tim spoke of the costs of the beaver dam repair.
 - He still hasn't heard back from the insurance company about the broom
 - The highway starts making sand on Friday
 - The town may need to borrow a mower to trim back sides of intersections.
- Renee explained Resolution 2024-19; The Town court needs permission from the Town Board to apply for a grant. The grant money will be used for some improvements to the courtroom including new steps. This is not a matching grant. A motion to accept Resolution 2024-19 was made by Harold, 2nd by Brian. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.
- Renee gave an update on the Tannery Street bridge; the grant has been approved for the town, through the Bridge NY program. We will be working with McFarland-Johnson again, as we are already working with them on the Loft Road bridge.
- Jason spoke about how the Loft Road bridge remains complicated and delayed. Now the Railroad is adding more complications due to their concerns about the crane being too close to the tracks, causing a hazard in their opinion. They are claiming they need to have a flagger on hand every day of construction, at a cost to the town of \$1500/day.
- Renee suggested holding two meetings in the months of October and November to provide enough time to discuss the budget for 2025. This would be 1st and 3rd Mondays as in the past. A motion to hold 2 meetings each, October and November, was made by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.
- Renee and Brian talked about possible solutions to the issue of how to reach most townspeople with current information. It was clear at the transfer station meeting that many people were not aware of either the issue or the meeting until the last minute. An email account for the clerk to send out notices – an information only email – to people who wish to receive information that way is possible. There was discussion about ways to sign up for this.

- Kim Cronin is willing to help the Town with its website issues.
- Tonight's sign-in sheet includes an opportunity for townspeople to leave their email addresses for the clerk to use with an information only email account.
- Renee mentioned again the Fall Festival will be held at the school this year.
 - Regarding the Christmas decorating contest; does the Town want to continue this? We'd start notices about it in November, judging on December 21st. No registration will be necessary.
 - The Canoe Regatta had limited participation again. Steve puts a lot of energy into this event.
 - Santa at the Firehouse date yet to be announced

Old Business

- The proposal from Bryan at Hometown Hauling can be terminated but they must have 30 days' notice from the Town. They will give the Town 90 days' notice if they wish to terminate.

A motion to move to executive session at 7:28 was made by Brian, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.

A motion to end executive session at 8:58, motion by Jason, 2nd by Brian. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.

- A motion to appoint Tom Trojanowski to the Planning Board was made by Brian, 2nd by Renee. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.
- A motion to make Allison acting zoning enforcement officer with pay, effective 9/2/2024 until the position is filled was made by Brian, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye; Jason - aye. All opposed - 0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. A motion was made by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. All opposed - 0. This motion was approved unanimously.

Bills were audited and ratified for payment.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Allison Jones
 Maryland Town Clerk
 minutes taken by Kim Cronin