

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Meeting – April 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans, State of New York was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Grube at 7:00 P.M. on the 8th day of April, 2019.

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
James Kirby	Councilperson
Corey Black	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town

Excused: Tyler Allport, Councilperson; Ronald Mannella, Highway Superintendent

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 14 Town residents; Gary Katsanis, Village of Albion representative

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 – 0419
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11TH MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Black to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 minutes.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 – 0419
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported March as a slow month, with \$469.30 paid to the Town Supervisor; and \$36.00 paid to the NYS Ag & Markets. Reported tax collection has also slowed and advised the County Treasurer we would forward as much tax money as we receive.

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to accept the monthly report of the Town Clerk.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO 47 – 0419
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

PowerPoint presentation by the Town Supervisor listing the Balance sheet for each fund; General Fund, Highway Funds and Water District accounts.

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to accept the monthly report of the Town Supervisor.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 48 – 0419
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to approve the abstracts, as follows:

General	\$35,645.41
Highway	\$ 5,137.11
Water	\$ 1,561.10

The Town Clerk noted the increased amount in the General Fund was for the new Court Room chairs and the 1st Quarter Assessor contract. Supervisor Grube reminded that the majority of the chair expense was covered by the Justice Court grant; as well as half the cost of the new generator which is being worked on.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

WATER ALLOCATION AUDIT was discussed. No action at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 49 – 0419
APPROVAL TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board recently passed Resolution No. 27-0219 authorizing the participation in the National Grid LED Street Light Conversion Program, and would like to add additional street lights to this agreement with National Grid.

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to request National Grid to install additional street lights to the following locations, per the request of the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor. Said street lights being requested to enhance visibility at intersections and improve conditions for maneuvering town highway equipment during adverse weather conditions, as well as for public safety.

- Kenyonville Road/Eagle Harbor Knowlesville Road
- Kenyonville Road/Howlett Road
- Ridge Road/Allens Bridge Road
- Transit Road/West Transit Church Road
- Densmore Road/West Transit Church Road
- Lattin Road/West Transit Church Road
- Zig Zag Road/Densmore Road

Zig Zag Road/Lattin Road
East Bacon Road/Brown Road
West Bacon Road/Gaines Basin Road

Ayes 4; Nays 0

PRESENTATION BY PERSONS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Jim Navarra spoke to the Town Board regarding his interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. As a life-long resident of Gaines, having served on various committees at the Town, as well as an alternate ZBA member for years, he knows what is required. He is interested in “keeping things positive in Gaines.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 50 – 0419
APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Black to appoint Vincent J. Navarra III (known as Jim Navarra) to the Town of Gaines Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacant term that expires December 31, 2021.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Supervisor Grube was contacted by LaBella Associates regarding the pending Solar Law, following a presentation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their input. ZBA Chairman Gerard Morrisey said some of the delay in moving this forward was the State making changes to the “battery” rules.

Attorney Heath reminded the Board this would need to be presented to the County Planning Board, which meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Therefore, the Town would need to get this to the County one week prior to the meeting for inclusion on their agenda. The Town would then be able to introduce the Local Law at the May meeting; with a proposed Public Hearing in June.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Gerard Morrisey spoke regarding recent Election laws implemented by New York State. Changing the hours from 6 AM to 9 PM for Primary (versus 12 Noon to 9 PM), with the possibility of more than one Primary day, and the extra cost the Town would incur for the hourly Election Inspector salary. The Town pays two inspectors for each district, as well as a couple extras as runners. The Town might like to consider consolidating election districts from four to three to save money, having one district for Village residents; and two districts for the rest of the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

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