

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Meeting – February 10, 2020

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 7:02 P.M. on the 10th of February, 2020.

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
James Kirby	Councilperson
Ron Mannella	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Tyler Allport	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Mark Radzinski	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 12 Town Residents/Interested Persons; Caitlin Meives & Larry Francer of the Landmark Society of WNY; Tom Rivers, Orleans Hub

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

The Supervisor asked the Landmark Society members if they would like to make a presentation to the Board prior to the agenda items.

Both Caitlin Meives and Larry Francer spoke. The Landmark Society of WNY is a regional, non-profit organization; based in Rochester, New York. Their goal is to re-invest, revive, and partner with businesses and homeowners. The hamlet of Childs was named as “Five to Revive” recently and they appreciate the historic character of the hamlet; it’s time to “make it shine”. The Landmark Society would like to work with the Town officials. They are not asking for a budget line item, but asking for help with ideas, support of the ideas, working to get grants. They are very impressed with the Cobblestone Society and the work they are doing. They would like to conduct an Open House type of meeting, early this spring, perhaps having different stations, ideas, round table discussions to find out what folks are interested in.

Most state grants would be paid to a Town or Village, or a non-profit organization. Councilperson Kirby asked if the grants would require to 50/50 match. Each grant is different, and matches vary.

Doug Farley asked if there was a benefit to the homeowner to have their house in the National Register? They responded there is a homeowner tax credit someone might be eligible for. Chris Sartwell asked about parking. The Preservation League could fund a study.

The Landmark Society of WNY will work to get a few dates and times to coordinate a meeting with Town officials, historians, interested parties, etc.

Supervisor Grube thanked Caitlin and Larry for their presentation.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 – 0220
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 13TH MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 22 – 0220
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported the January revenues paid to the Town Supervisor of \$453.73; NYS Ag & Markets of \$33.00; and NYS Environmental Conservation of \$375.82. Paid the total tax levy to the Town Supervisor of \$625,499.99 (incl. water relevely) and has paid the County Treasurer \$900,000 for taxes and \$196,842.00 for recycling fees to date.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 23 – 0220
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor presented the Supervisor's report on a PowerPoint presentation listing all Town Funds and accounts through January, 2020.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0220
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for the month of January as 784 gallons of Diesel fuel and 180 gallons of Gas.

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to accept the report of the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0220
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

General	\$10,445.79
Highway	\$ 8,229.37
Water	\$58,896.75

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 0220
AUDIT REPORT

The criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justice for 2019 having been duly examined with the monthly cash summary being viewed and the fines and fees have been turned over to the proper officials;

The records of the Town Clerk for 2019 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials;

The records of the Tax Collector for 2019 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials.

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to declare all books for 2019 have been reviewed and audited by said Town Board.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Abstain 1, Allport
(Mr. Allport failed to arrive at designated time to audit books, therefore, abstained his vote on said resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 27 – 0220
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve an agreement with the Superintendent of Highways for expenditure of highway funds for improvements to Brown Road.

Fiscal Impact: \$130,000 Budgeted Funds

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 28 – 0220
APPROVAL TO RELEASE BID FOR MOWING SERVICES

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to release a bid package for lawn mowing services for the 2020 season, with the intention to award bid at the March meeting.

Discussion: Add changes needed into specs: reminder to trim Town Hall and various cemeteries

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 29 -0220
SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALBION AND ALBION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to hold a public hearing relating to the contract for fire protection services with the Village of Albion and Albion Fire Department for March 9, 2020 at 7:00 P. M. Town Clerk to publish legal notice.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Town representative (Councilperson Mannella) attended a meeting with COVA (Ambulance Service) regarding their needs for financial assistance, they are reaching out to all municipalities they serve. Preliminary discussion, early stages. No action needed at this time.

Councilperson Neilans asked about the Audit (2017 Audit) and Water charges. Supervisor Grube stated the CPA has been asked numerous times and has not responded. On the plus side, the Town has not paid any money to them. The water numbers have been turned over to the bookkeeper for review.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to adjourn the meeting a 7:35 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

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