

**TOWN OF GAINES**  
**REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 8, 2021**

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 Tyler James Allport at 7:00 P. M. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

The following Town Officials were present:

Tyler Allport	Supervisor
James Kirby	Deputy Supervisor/Councilperson
Ronald Mannella	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Kenneth Rush	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Mark Radzinski	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town of Gaines

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 1 Town resident; Dan Strong, Code Enforcement Officer

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27 – 0321**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting. The Clerk noted she added the moment of silence for Judge Leigh to the minutes, but it may not have been on the copy the Board received.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 – 0321**  
**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported the February income; \$28.00 paid to NYS Ag & Markets and \$644.45 paid to the Town Supervisor. Mentioned 87% of the County/Town taxes have been collected; the Town Supervisor has been paid in full, the County Treasurer has been paid \$1,205,000 for taxes and \$213,300 for recycling fees to date.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 29 – 0321  
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

The Supervisor handed out the monthly report showing all funds, accounts and balances for the month of February. Noted all Water Districts are in the black.

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to accept the monthly report of the Town Supervisor.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 – 0321  
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for February as 848 gallons of Diesel and 190 gallons of Gas. As the weather has become milder, the crew will start cutting and trimming trees soon.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 31 – 0321  
APPROVAL TO RELEASE BID FOR MOWING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to release a bid package for lawn mowing services for the 2021 season, with the intention to award the bid at the April meeting. Further authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids.

Reminder: The bid includes trimming around the Town Hall, Highway Garage and the various cemeteries to keep a clean appearance.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 32 – 0321  
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

General	\$14,887.79
Highway	\$ 7,230.02
Water	\$14,639.29

Ayes 5; Nays 0

## **OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD**

Councilperson Rush mentioned he has been asked by the Highway employees if they would be able to start negotiations with the Town for a contract for the coming years. The Union contract expires at the end of 2021. The Supervisor appointed Councilpersons Mannella and Rush to serve on a negotiations committee.

Attorney Heath mentioned he would be meeting with the Village to discuss the Fire contract on Thursday.

Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Strong, discussed the Solar projects and whether the Board would like to assign fixed or flat fees for future clean up costs. He said the town has amounts in place for the Engineering and Attorney fees but has not addressed some of the other costs associated with these projects. He will share information from other municipalities with the Board, to help them determine what costs should be addressed.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Lorienda Smith asked how many employees are involved in the Highway contract. The Highway Superintendent indicated two full time employees and two seasonal employees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0