

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, State of New York was called to order by Supervisor Tyler J. Allport at 7:00 P. M. on the 14th day of June, 2021.

The following town officials were present:

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

The following individuals were present: 4 Town residents; Dan Strong, Code Enforcement Officer

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

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALBION

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. regarding the fire contract with the Village of Albion. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Lorienda Smith asked what the cost to the taxpayer would be for the increase in fire contract. Supervisor Allport explained the Village needs to maintain this service, but face rising costs, etc. The Village is seeking 5% for 2021 and 3% for 2022. The tax rate will increase for the Fire Protection line item on the tax bill and is based on assessed value of each parcel within the town.

No further questions were asked.

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 P. M. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 – 0621

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2021-2022 FIRE CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALBION AND THE ALBION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Rush to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2021-2022 Fire Contract with the Village of Albion and Albion Fire Department for fire protection for the years 2021 and 2022.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 50 – 0621
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2021 MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 51 – 0621
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported total income of \$1,435.25 for the month of May. Paid \$1,399.25 to the Town Supervisor and \$36.00 to the NYS Ag & Markets for dog licenses. The total paid to the Supervisor included the sale of two plots at Otter Creek Cemetery. The Clerk also wanted to tell the Board that the Highway Superintendent donated the flowers in the front of the Veteran memorial. The Highway Superintendent said we needed to thank his wife. The flowers look nice!

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 52 – 0621
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor included the Supervisor's report in the Board packet, listing all funds and line items with expenses and revenues through May 2021. We appear to be on track year to date. Even though it seems too early to talk about, the 2022 Budget talks have begun. No questions were asked.

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

Ayes 5; Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 53 – 0621
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for the month of May at 239 Gallons of Gas, and 428 gallons of Diesel. At the present time the Highway crew is helping the Town of Carlton with their paving, then will be moving to West Bacon Road to get our project started.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 54 – 0621
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

General	\$ 34,186.30
Highway	\$ 39,128.05
Water	\$ 2,915.86
Fire	\$110,250.00

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Abstain 1, Neilans (arrived too late to audit)

RESOLUTION NO. 55 – 0621
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GAINES ASSESSOR TO UNDERTAKE AND IMPLEMENT A REASSESSMENT OF THE 2022 ASSESSMENT ROLL

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law mandates uniform and equitable assessments; and

WHEREAS, computer-assisted mass appraisal systems, technical advice, and financial assistance are available by cooperative agreement with the New York State Office of Real Property Services and the Orleans County Real Property Tax Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, the last town-wide reassessment of our real property took place in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is convinced that a reassessment is necessary to comply with Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Gaines as follows:

Section 1. That the Assessor of the Town of Gaines is hereby authorized to undertake and implement a reassessment of the 2022 assessment roll.

Section 2. That the Town Board does hereby agree, in conjunction with the New York State Office of Real Property Services, and the Orleans County Real Property Tax Services Agency, to support the Town's assessment staff in this reassessment.

Section 3. That the Town Board and the Assessor are authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to achieve this purpose. Any agreement with a private contractor to provide services for this reassessment shall be entered into only upon review by the Town Supervisor and Assessor. The Gaines Town Board shall approve said agreements that result in an expenditure.

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to authorize the Town of Gaines Assessor to undertake and implement a reassessment of the 2022 assessment roll.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Rush at 7:14 P. M. to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Ayes 5; Nays 0

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Mannella at 7:58 P. M. to return to the Regular meeting. Ayes 5; Nays 0

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0