

## **TOWN OF GAINES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

The Regular Meeting 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

The following town officials were present:

Tyler Allport Supervisor  
Ron Mannella Councilperson  
Rick Ebbs Councilperson, By phone (non-voting)  
Ken Rush Councilperson  
Janet Cheverie Town Clerk  
Mark Radzinski Highway Superintendent  
Douglas Heath Attorney for the Town

Absent: James Kirby Deputy Supervisor

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Tony Navarra, Jim Navarra and Adam Rush

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-0224**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 08<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING AND RECESSED MEETING FROM JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Organizational and Regular Meeting, including the Recessed Meeting from January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Discussion

Ayes 3; Nays 0

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-0224**

#### **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Discussion

Ayes 3; Nays 0

### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-0224**

#### **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

Discussion  
Ayes 3; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-0224**  
**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Discussion: 355 gallons of gas were used and 1143 gallons of Diesel were used in January. Approximately 1/3 of the lead surveys are in. There is no new information on the truck.

Ayes 3; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-0224**  
**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

General \$	143,383.26
Highway \$	11,177.14
Water \$	88,206.36

Discussion

Ayes 3; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-0224**  
**AUTHORIZE TYLER J ALLPORT, TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY MONEY FOR KENYONVILLE ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000.00**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Rush to authorize Tyler J Allport, Town Supervisor to sign agreement to expend the highway money for the Kenyonville Road in the amount of \$130,000.00

Discussion

Ayes 3; Nays 0

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Town Attorney Douglas Heath updated on the Joint Fire District. There needs to be a resolution authorizing a joint meeting between the 3 boards to view the power point presentation that will be presented at the public hearing. This will be held in the Town of Gaines and will be a closed meeting. On April 24, 2024, there will be a public hearing in the Albion High School LGI which will be open to the public to share information.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 27-0224**

### **AUTHORIZE A JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ALBION, TOWN OF ALBION AND TOWN OF GAINES BOARDS TO GET TOGETHER TO REVIEW A POWER POINT REGARDING INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED JOINT FIRE DISTRICT. THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF GAINES.**

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to authorize a joint meeting between the Village of Albion, Town of Albion and Town of Gaines Boards to get together to review a power point regarding information on the proposed Joint Fire District. The meeting will be held in the Town of Gaines.

Aye 3; Nay 0

Adam Rush from the Village of Albion provided information on the fluoride treatment being added to the water. They stopped adding it to the water a few years ago due to the storage and handling facility being sub-par. At that time, most of the boards were in favor of discontinuing it. He is here to get thoughts on adding fluoride to the water again. The purpose is that the Health Department says that it is for dental health. Anecdotally, Adam's wife is a dental hygienist and even without it being added for the last 2 ½ years, she has not seen an uptick in cavities. Councilperson Rush believes it is better not to add it since it is manmade fluoride and it reacts with other things, there are additives that are not healthy and there is added cost. Supervisor Allport asked if it is definitely being added. Adam Rush indicated that there is a \$305,000.00 grant that is being finalized which has to be used. Resident Tony Navarra asked how it affects pipes. Adam Rush indicated it could make them brittle, however there have not been any definite studies that he is aware of. Supervisor Allport asked what we can do. Adam suggested a short memo be sent to the Village Board with the concerns of the Town.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Tony Navarra inquired if the Town has codes about "stuff" collecting around people's houses. Supervisor Allport will talk with Codes officer Gifaldi. Mr. Navarra is specifically referring to the blue house just east of Gaines Basin Rd. Supervisor Allport will ask Codes Officer Gifaldi to come to the next meeting.

Jim Navarra stated that 2 years ago he asked for water to go from Eagle Harbor Knowlesville Rd to Allens Bridge Rd. He would do the digging himself. He has been unable to reach Attorney Doug Heath, no return phone calls. He wants to build a recreation area on his property but needs water to do it. The costs continue to rise the longer he waits for approval. He also asked if Highway/Water Superintendent Radzinski could get new quotes for the cost of things needed for the project. Attorney Heath said it would be an Agreement with the Town and he will take care of it right away. He apologized, but this is the first time he has heard about it & he will address that with his office staff. Highway/Water Superintendent Radzinski will get the updated costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Rush to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet K. Cheverie

Gaines Town Clerk