

**Official - Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes
March 21st, 2023
At 6pm**

Town Supervisor David Corey opened the meeting, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Councilman/Deputy Supervisor: Lee Brew
Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr.
Councilman: Joel Glimpse

Others Present:

Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook
Deputy Hwy Superintendent: Dave Ware
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Assessor: Jeff Lowe
Lydia & Bruce Ruffini, Ben Ware, Jim & Kathleen Decker, Eric & Ann Marie Dawkins, c2ae company, Ian Yeardon, Melissa Shavlin & Marcie Waldroup, Rick Davies, Dawn Bisgrove, Kelly Thurston, Nancy Kratz, Barbara & Lawrence Culotti.

Lydia Ruffini (Rep. CC Legislature) gave report on what's going on in Cayuga County. The County finished the Budget and is looking for more help in this dept. The County is doing a part 2 of the small business grant as we still have \$200,000 left. We need help obtaining a list of small businesses in the area so we can see if they will apply for the grant. The County is also looking for volunteers the help with the Youth Bureau (2 or 3 more people needed), Debbie Dennis is the Director and is doing a great job.

Code Enforcement Officer, John Greer gave report: see attached. 1 permit issued.

Assessor, Jeff Lowe gave report: see attached report for details. It will be up to the Town Board to decide if they want to do a Re-Assessment this year. If the Town does the re-assessment then the Town Clerk will write up a Resolution for the Re-Assessment and the Board can vote on it. The Town Board will discuss this and will decide by the April 2023 Board Meeting if this is what they want to do.

C2AE Civil Engineer, Ian Yeardon gave report: c2ae sent out 376 mailers to see how many residents are interested in getting the water. 170 responses have come back 45%, 122 yes they want water which equals 72% and that is good and a favorable amount to possibly start this project. 44 no they don't want the water and 4 unsure. Ian has left a map with the Town to see where the yes, no and unsure area's in the Town are. (On map, green- yes, red- no, yellow -unsure). If the Town of Montezuma

decides to continue with this water project, there will be steps to be done first to proceed. See list on attached report. Joel Glimpse concerned that all the yes's are spread out all over Town. Ian assured him that when they get into the water project further they will know more. Kathleen Decker stated that most of the red area's on the map are farms. The map is misleading due to the amount farms in her area. Ian informed the residents that it will take approximately 3 years to complete the water project. The 1st step would be the hydraulic model to see how much pressure the Town has to move the water. If there's not enough pressure then a water tank would need to be installed, that is expensive. Next is determining a project area. Also Funding is important to give as many residents the water they want. The Town of Montezuma's current Project with the Village of Port Byron was done on 2015 and it will not be affected by this new water project. Ian Yeardon needs results from residents about their well contamination which will help when trying to obtain a Grant. Also a income survey from residents will help with funding. The c2ae comp. needs to sit down with the water committee to plan area or area's to possibly receive water. There is State and Federal Funding available for water projects. The Port Byron Thruway also wants to hook up to the Montezuma water which will be discussed further with c2ae (Ian Yeardon).

Highway Superintendent Ken Cook gave report on what's going on in Town. See attached report. Ken Cook attended the Supervisors meeting at the Hollywood restaurant Thursday 3/16/23, they spoke about the Snow Plow contract. As it stands now the County decided to keep the same contract as last year 2022, but are trying to raise the amount a bit because of the increasing cost of things(salt,stone,fuel) going up so much. Spring Clean up is scheduled Thursday April 20th, 2023 for the seniors pick up (call for appt). Friday April 21st hours to drop off things at the highway garage is 6am to 6pm and Saturday April 22nd from 6am to 2pm. The highway dept. is still working on the salt barn grant, also working on grant a to pave chapman rd. that leads into the refuge land. Ken Cook, Dave Ware and Tom Young will all be attending a class on Thursday 03/23/2023 in Big Flats to learn how to do infrastructure (Repair roads). It's an all day class.

Cheryl Longyear-Historian absent, Dave Corey reading the report. See attached.

Leah Corey-Planning Board Clerk absent, Dave Corey reading the report. See attached.

Purchases of the AED'S cardiac life defibrillators. Motion made by Joel Glimpse second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to purchase 2 of the refurbished semi-automatic AED'S, one for the Town Hall/Court and one for the Highway Garage. The cost of the refurbished AED's is \$675.00 per unit. CPR masks are needed as well as a pad replacement policy. The pads should be changed every 3 years. Motion carried 5/0. The cost of the AED'S could be taken out of Highway equipment A5132.2 acct. and Buildings equipment A1620.2 acct. Dave Ware (HWY staff) is concerned that we may need one for the pavilion when it's rented out. The only concern with one being out at the pavilion is

the vandalism of the AED. AED'S needs to be accessible 24/7. No purchase for pavilion at this time, research first.

Resolution #2023-6 Court Audit: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Joel Glimpse to Adopt the Court Audit Resolution. Motion carried 5/0.

Donna Burleton (Tax collector) would like to attend schooling for the Tax Collectors and renew her membership the cost is \$125.00 which Donna will pay for and then have the Town reimburse her for that amount. Motion made by Joel Glimpse second by Dave Corey to let Donna attend the training seminar in Ithaca in June of 2023 and renew her membership. Motion carried 5/0.

The Port Byron School Budget meeting will be held at the Montezuma Town Hall on May 9th, 2023 at 6pm. Please try to attend.

Bill Street will be conducting the sexual harassment and workplace violence seminar on Thursday April 20th, 2023 at the Town Hall 6pm, Bill would like the Fire Department to attend, but per Kelly Thurston the Fire Dept. is doing an OSHA class so they should have this included in their training. Anyone that works for the Town should be at the seminar per Dave Corey.

Approval of the Bills: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Fitzsimmons to approve the bills. Motion carried 5/0.

Computer North company, new comp. the Town Hired last month Feb. has been in and fix may things and also straightened up the back room where wires were hanging all over. They have hooked us up to have everything backed up off site every night so we'll have no lost files.

Approval of the Supervisors Report: The Town has earned \$2,911.18 in interest for this month from the NYCLASS account. The repairs for the Highway garage acct. DA5110.4, were changed on abstract #2 Feb., but Pat Craine (bookkeeper) never changed this on the Supervisors report, Dave Corey will speak with Pat. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Joel Glimpse to approve the Supervisors report. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0 Joel Glimpse abstained as he was absent last month.

Dave Corey thanking Joel Glimpse for his service at the Town (21yrs). Joel Glimpse stating that he was happy being a part of getting the new Town Clerk Marie Cronin, Supervisor Dave Corey & Highway Superintendent Ken Cook, our Town has moved 100% in the right direction since they have taken office.

Public comments & concerns: Kathleen Decker wondering when the Town may take the next step with the water engineer. Dave Corey explained that by April 2023 he'll know more. Dave Ware (HWY staff), stated they have moved forward with the grant written with water and soil on the salt barn.

Adjourned Meeting: Motion made by Joel Glimspe second by Lee Brew to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted minutes by:
Town of Montezuma Clerk Marie L. Cronin