

Official – Town of Montezuma

Board Meeting Minutes

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

At 6pm

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

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Lee Brew

Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons

Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr. (ABSENT)

Councilman: Chris Howard

Others Present: Town Clerk: Marie Cronin

Deputy Clerk: Candis Cook

Historian: Cheryl Longyear

Water Operator: Stan Longyear

Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer ABSENT (had to leave report given by Supervisor David Corey)

Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook

Deputy Highway Superintendent: Dave Ware

Public attended: Lydia Ruffini (CC Leg. Rep), Bruce Ruffini, Marvin King, Kelly Thurston, Ben Ware, Jim and Kathy Decker.

Lydia Ruffini gave report on what's going on in Cayuga County. Per Lydia, the radios for an upgrade for the 911 system that Dave Ware asked about, Lydia said that the 911 system said they will handle the grant for the new radios and inform the Towns about the upgrade. Lydia recommends that the Highway Dept. staff attend a meeting (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am) to discuss this and Lydia will also let the Highway Superintendent of Cayuga County (Brian Soper) know to attend.

Code Enforcement Officer John Greer report: report given by David Corey as John had to leave. No permits issued for September 2023. John is trying to set a court date for the individuals that reside on rt. 90 that has all the junk around their home. Possibly in November 2023.

Historian Cheryl Longyear gave report: see attached report.

Planning Board Report Leah Corey: Report given by Supervisor David Corey. See attached report. Lee Brew asking if there is a house being built behind the Smoke Shop by the Circle K gas station. David Corey said that they have permits to put 2 storage sheds in.

Highway Superintendent Report Ken Cook: see attached report. Ken would like to update the computer at the Highway Dept. as it is very old and slow. David Corey informed Ken to call the Computer Outlet North, INC. that we've hired for all our computer needs. Motion made by David Corey second by Lee Brew to order a new computer. Motion carried 4/0. Ken would like to sell the 345 mower as they haven't used this machine and it's 20yrs. Old. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Fitzsimmons to put the mower on Auctions international for sale (early in the spring). Motion carried 4/0. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to allow Ken Cook to purchase the 2 rear tires needed for the loader and put the one good tire on Auctions international for sale. Motion carried 4/0.

Tompkins County Health Consortium Contract: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to go with (Standard Resolution - Sample A), (letting the Supervisor David Corey sign this agreement for 3 years instead of yearly). Motion carried 4/0.

Budget Modifications: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to pass the Budget Modifications attached. Motion carried 4/0.

Approval of the Bills: motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Lee Brew to pay the bills as amended, Port Byron School Fuel bill from DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual. Motion carried 4/0.

David Corey stating that he hasn't heard anything about a new Dog Warden yet. David asked Lydia Ruffini (CC Leg. Rep.) if she's heard anything. Lydia said no and it's a County wide problem right now. Problem not having a facility to hold the dogs. Lydia to see what she can find out on it. Carl Collier stopped by and spoke with Town Clerk Marie Cronin and he has a meeting with city of Auburn on Monday the 10/30/23 and will inform Marie if he has any other information after the meeting. Lydia to get a phone number of a new girl that moved here from out of town. Lee Brew asked Lydia if it's a county wide problem why isn't the county doing anything. Lydia stated that no one has asked her for help. Lee Brew asking her for help at this time. Lydia agreed.

Approval of Supervisors Report: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Chris Howard to approve the Supervisor report. Motion carried 4/0.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Chris Howard second by David Corey to approve the September. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

Motion made by Chris Howard second by Lee Brew to approve the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Fitzsimmons to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as amended.

Lee Brew stating stamps are going up again and Town Clerk Marie Cronin to check with all departments to see if she can order some for each of them and herself before the increase.

Lee Brew made motion to sell the old water meters be included on Auction International or scrap them instead, parts washer, mower, tire from loader and 2 other tires from old truck that's been sold, chainsaws, and any other things not being used, second by Chris Howard to allow Ken Cook Highway Superintendent to sell or scrap all the above. Motion carried 4/0.

Water refuge paper given to Town Board to review. They want to set up meeting in November 2023 with the Town of Montezuma. Will invite Town Lawyer (Kevin Cox) C2ae company and Stan Longyear to attend this meeting.

No public comments or concerns at this time.

Standard Workday & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Fitzsimmons to approve this Resolution. Motion carried 4/0.

Adjourn meeting: Motion made by Lee Brew second by Tom Fitzsimmons to adjourn meeting and reconvene for the final budget meeting on 10/19/2023. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk

Marie L. Cronin

