

Official-Town of Montezuma

Board Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2024

At 6pm.

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

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr.
Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Chris Howard
Councilman: Marvin King

Other Members Present: Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: Dave Ware
Water Operator: Stan Longyear

Residents and Speakers Present: Jason Meyers from HELPRA Inc. (Human Services Advocate & Consultant), Ben Ware, Kathy & James Decker, Nancy Kratz.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: John Greer, Informed the Supervisor David Corey that he has no report on permits given out for the month of January. John did give the Board an update on the Smoke shop on rt. 90 by the Circle K in Montezuma. John was on the phone today (2/20/24) with the District Attorney (Brittany Grome Antonacci), 2yrs ago when the Smoke shop opened he called Fingerlakes Drug & Task Force to come out to the Smoke shop. John will also speak with Sheriff Brian Schenck to see if they can enforce permits that the Smoke shop never applied for. They have been allowed to make a lot of money with no permits. John has had them in Court for a Year and ½ about this and nothing happens.

Jason Meyers from HELPRA inc. To speak to the Town about Drug overdoses and Narcan. Jason works with Cayuga County on the Healing Cayuga Team. His Job is to let people of the Towns and Villages the

opportunities available with regards to Narcan distribution in rural areas 3yr. life span the Narcan is good for. Jason started that 5yrs. ago Cayuga County got a 5.2 million grant to work on

opioid epidemic, we are one of 16 counties in New York that worked on the epidemic to reduce opioid overdoses by 43%. 16 counties in Massachusetts, 16 in Kentucky, 16 in Ohio that have all worked on this study. After the first year of us doing this work, our overdoses started going down and our overdose deaths started going down. Cayuga County became the leader in the State and the end of year 4 we have become the leader in the Nation for this program. Nalox box, numerous boxes around our county to aid the public whom may need Narcan. Put in bathrooms so public can take them with no questions or judgements for taking them. Town Board and Town Supervisor agrees that this service would benefit the Town of Montezuma. Town Hall bathrooms and Court Bathrooms will have them installed Thursday 2/22/24, Town Highway garage also will have one installed and the Route 31 park will have one installed. Jason left packages for each Board member, Town employee and public that attended the Board meeting. Jason also left test strips for testing Fentanyl and Xylazine drugs. Motion made by Tom Hitchcock Jr. second by Tom Fitzsimmons to install the Narcan boxes. Motion carried 5/0.

Planning Board Minutes from Leah Corey: David Corey read the minutes to the Town of Montezuma Board and Public. See attached sheet.

Historian report given by Cheryl Longyear: see attached sheet. Also Cheryl submitted her Historian Annual Report which is attached.

Highway Superintendent Ken Cook gave report: see attached sheet. Ken also let the Town Board know the days scheduled for Town clean up. (seniors 4/18/2024 and Town 4/19 & 4/20/2024) and a list of what cannot be taken at the Town barn. Dave Ware gave report on the Meter reading of water. See attached report. Also Dave had the Town Board look at the sign maintenance book they created to keep track of the road signs in our Town. Superintendent Ken Cook stated that he has been checking on new cameras for the route 31 park, cellular price to have on phone is \$10.00 per month. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to have Ken Cook purchase cameras and the cellular plan to go with it. Motion carried 5/0.

John Horigan letter: See attached letter. Motion made by David Corey second by Tom Fitzsimmons to send the letter David has written on Mr. Horigans behalf. Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion of the Savion Battery Storage Project. David Corey gave packets to the Town Board to review this project for the March 2024 meeting and will also have the Planning Board look into this project. Will discuss/vote at meeting in March.

Dates for the last of the Indian trial court case will be May 22nd, 2024 and May 23rd, 2024. The Town Office will be closed for those dates.

Progress on the water project: see attached report.

Tax Collector Donna Burleton gave a report on what taxes were collected as of February 15th, 2024 for the Town of Montezuma. See attached report.

Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to have Supervisor David Corey hire electrician to put a plug in the Town Hall and a Light outside the Courthouse front door. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the Bills: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the bills as amended. Motion carried 4/0, 1 abstained.

Supervisors Report: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve the Supervisors report as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Executive Session: Motion made by David Corey at 7:24pm to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried 5/0. Ken Cook invited into executive session at 7:39pm. Ken Cook exited executive session at 7:55pm. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons at 7:59pm second by Chris Howard To end executive session and decision to allow Ken Cook access to the Water Clerks (Heather Tanner) computer. Motion carried 5/0. Motion made by Tom Hitchcock Jr. at 8:00pm second by David Corey to reopen Board Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

David Corey appointed Tom Hitchcock Jr. as his Deputy Supervisor with the authority to sign checks in this position and the Town Board all agreed. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to approve the appointment. Motion carried 5/0. Workplace violence and sexual harassment training is scheduled for March 28th, 2024 at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Public comments and concerns: Cheryl Longyear submitted her Annual Historian's report to the State for 2023.

Adjourn meeting: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin