

Official – Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes
For May 21st, 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. (ABSENT)
Councilman: Chris Howard
Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Marvin King

Other Members Present:

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

Residents Present: Ben Ware, Kathy & Jim Decker.

Code Enforcement Officer John Greer gave Report: No permits were issued for the Month of April 2024. John completed 24 hours of in-service training at annual conference April 10th – April 12th, 2024. Total hours of training for the past 29 years is 696 hours. John has also spoken to the District Attorney (Brittany Grome Antonacci) and Sheriff (Brian Schenck) about the Dispensary (Pipekeepers), they cannot do anything to them, because the Federal Government recognizes the original Reservation that existed in 1790 (Native American), and they pay their property taxes and get permits for work that needs to be done at the place of business. But it is an illegal dispensary. John is also working with Dustin Parker, he just purchased 4 acres of land by the river off of 15 Clark St. John contacted the DEC and the Army Core of Engineers and the DEC stated that Dustin will have to have it surveyed and elevation of the land 387.5 feet. Also trying to make sure it's not considered wetland. Burt Lewis contacted John Greer about his property at the old marina on rt. 31 Montezuma on the River. 3 to 4 times the Planning Board has told him of the things that need to be done, but he never follows through and he stated to John that he gave up on the Planning Board.

Planning Board Minutes for April 2024. Minutes were approved and Supervisor David Corey gave report to the Board on them. See attached minutes.

Historian Report given by Cheryl Longyear: See attached report. Old Heritage Center bylaws have been approved. A copy was given to the Town of Montezuma Clerk Marie Cronin, of the Montezuma Heritage Park Agency Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 that is being set up. Marie will keep this copy on file in her office. The Puppet show was a wonderful production per David Corey. Marie Cronin asking if Cheryl had been in contact with Debbie Dennis the new Youth Director to see if she could come to a meeting and let us know what it involves. Per Cheryl Longyear, Debbie had surgery and she will come to a meeting at a later date.

Highway Superintendent Report given by Ken Cook: See attached report. Ken would like to pave Wilsey and Dwyer Roads Ken went with (Seneca Stone) for this (cost for all around \$75,000.00). Ken says he has enough in CHIPS, POR, DWR and Pave NY to do this. Repair Fox ridge so it's usable. Mowing accident today 5/21/2024, Thomas Young while mowing Prospect Hill Cemetery rolled the mower over and he landed in the ditch and the mower landed on him, he had to have help getting the mower off of him, then he was transported to the hospital by ambulance, no serious injuries thank goodness. Need to discuss with the Board, the possible purchase of a new mower that will be safe to use at this site and other sites that are dangerous. The highway will not mow this area again until safe equipment. Ken has a couple of quotes for a mower, Bobcat and Ventrac. David Corey very concerned on safety of employees mowing. Per David we will table until June meeting and all Board Members are present. Special trash went well and free dump, but surcharge on fuel and containers from Robinsons to be brought in and taken out. A little over \$2,000.00. Next year asking for no building materials at all, (overwhelming amounts). Tree service as we need trees taken down still in Town that highway can't take care of. Advertise plots available, but unsure as unable to get ahold of the Surveyor James Marin. David to try again to reach him. Marvin King are you looking into a purchase of a new mower.

Tree Service Quotes: Ken Cook has 3 quotes for a tree service, Arborcare, Cranebrook and Dillenburgh Brothers. David Corey asking which company do you prefer (Ken Cook), all prices are around the same \$3,700.00 and Arborcare seems to be the better of the 3 companies. Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Fitzsimmons to go with Arborcare Tree Service. Motion carried 4/0.

Indian Court: Final Court dates are Wednesday 5/22/24 and Thursday 5/23/24. Office will be closed these 2 days.

Mosquito Spraying: Duflo: Will be spraying at dusk, 1st spraying possibly June and another possibly July. But will notify us when and if he will be doing. Then David Corey will notify Cheryl Longyear to notify residents on our Town Facebook Account.

Budget Modification: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Marvin King to approve the budget modification as stated. Motion carried 4/0.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4/0. The Light for the court is not fixed properly yet so Marie Cronin Town Clerk will hold the check for Matteson electric until the work is completed, David Corey has spoken with them. Some of the wiring for the new phones has been installed.

Supervisors Report: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Fitzsimmons to approve the supervisors report as amended. Motion carried 4/0. Tom Fitzsimmons asking about a few accounts. Account A1330.4 Tax Collectors Contractual acct. is wrong. Computer Company, are they only getting paid twice a year, A1620.44 acct. \$2,000.00 for the year. Anything been turned in for Mowing acct. #A7140.1, per Ken Cook there should be something out of the next report. Workers Compensation acct. A9040.8 need to have Pat Cranie Bookkeeper check on this acct. also. David Corey will speak to Bookkeeper Pat Craine on all of this.

Approval of the Minutes, April 16th, 2024: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the April 16th, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

State Bill S7834: Please review this as presented to the Board and will discuss at a later date.

Public comments & Concerns: Dave Ware (Deputy Highway Superintendent) would like to know if it is possible for the Highway Dept. employees to redo the triangle at the entrance of the Town Hall to make it more presentable, they will get prices and bring it to the Board. Okay with the Board Members. Chris Ellingwood would like to start working on the ball field at stop 69 next week. Chris Howard on the playground equipment from the Port Byron School District. Waiting until graduation week to dismantle the playground. Friday night and Saturday morning June 21st. Joe Verdi will donate machinery to help dig up the equipment, but will need volunteers to assist in taking everything wanted down and hauled away. Chris trying to assemble volunteers asap. Just wondering where to put equipment. Cheryl Longyear bioblitz, environment club to get some of the school kids out of the classroom and into the park to learn and identify things in nature. (naming plants, species and other things).

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Chris Howard second by David Corey to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin