

**Official – Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes
For June 18th, 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
Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: Dave Ware
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Water Operator: Stan Longyear
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer

Residents & Speakers Present: Ben Ware, Gary Penird, Kathy & Jim Decker, Marisa Mancini and Dalton from the Cayuga County Health Dept.

Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer gave report: Issued 1 permit for May 2024. John received a letter from John Gallander (solar researcher from solar Paces a company collecting solar law data across the country to aid solar developers in finding optimal land parcels to build large solar projects on) inquiring about the 2019 zoning code for the solar laws is up to date (yes), current moratoriums on solar or battery energy storage systems (no). And is there a zoning map from 2019 that is up to date and how to access it. John Greer let him know that everything is up to date for our Town. Cheryl Longyear asking if this solar battery system should be addressed by the Planning Board and the County should be contacted and John would also be involved in any of the planning.

Speaker Marisa Mancini and Dalton of the Cayuga County Health Dept.: Marisa spoke to the Board on the Healthy Neighborhood program they have available for residents that is free (no income or age requirement to participate), home safety tests, check for hazards, child proofing, cleaning supplies, smoke detectors etc. Flyers left with Town Clerk Marie Cronin to put out for Town residents.

Historian report given by Cheryl Longyear: See attached sheet, Rt. 31 parking lot grant project, tables, benches, bike rack and receptacles are expected to be delivered June 23rd, 2024 and all

the wiring has been done. We are in need of more volunteers to help weed eat in park. Purchase offer has been put in to buy the Port Byron Shopping Guide Building for the new location of the Old-Mentz Heritage Center, and put the 73 Pine St. Property in Real Estate to fund the purchase. Tom Hitchcock Jr. asking is anyone has seen the new Sterling nature center, it's really nice.

Vote on Lawnmower for the Highway Department: Required to get 3 bids but can only get 2 bids. 1st bid was from MTE company at \$38,750.40. The 2nd bid is from Bobcat at \$31,738.35. Motion made by David Corey second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to purchase the Bobcat Lawnmower. Motion carried 5/0.

Highway Superintendent Report given by Ken Cook: See attached. The 590 John Deerne mower is back after the accident and seems to be doing well so far. (CHIPS REPORT) Ken will be filling out the paperwork as soon as Ken gets the canceled checks in August 2024. County salt contract: we were over on plow runs this past winter and will be receiving a check for \$10,812.93 dollars in the next week or so. What are we going to do about the 2 water pits that still need to be put in. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to put in the water pits (whole job) and split the cost with the homeowners. Motion carried 5/0. But first David Corey and Ken Cook to speak with the homeowners about this.

Discussion of c2ae Proposal: Per David Corey, a \$5,000.00 or less estimate to do all of the lead pipe assessment, time, materials etc. to do this for our Town instead of someone from the Town trying to figure all of this out ourselves. See attached for full list of what they'll do instead of us doing. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to pass a resolution to sign the contract not to exceed the \$5,000.00 do the assessment things for us. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of Greater Tompkins Resolution: Needed a new resolution yearly instead of the every 3 years. Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Fitzsimmons to pass this resolution as stated by Greater Tompkins Health Consortium. Motion carried 5/0. See attached in minutes.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve the Bills as presented. Motion carried 5/0. Tom Fitzsimmons stating that the new lawnmower purchase should come out of the General Fund not the Highway Fund. David Corey to speak with Bookkeeper Pat Craine on this.

Supervisors Report: Explanation of Highway fund money given to the Board by David Corey and the Bookkeeper Pat Craines reasoning of the moving of funds. Street lighting will be shorted before end of year, will do Budget Modification per David Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve the Supervisors report as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the May 21st, 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Marvin King to approve the May 21st, 2024 as amended. Motion carried 4/0. Tom Hitchcock Jr. abstained as he was absent on this day.

Supervisor News: Dufflo Mosquito spraying company is unable to spray until the FAA approves him to fly again.

Playground equipment donation, do we have enough volunteers to help dismantle and transport to the Highway garage. Per Chris Howard, we have at least 8 guys and now have an extra day to do this (8am till ? Sat. June 21st & Sun. 22nd) 5 others on standby and \$100.00 donation for pizza. Highway to help unload and keep at Highway garage until we know where to put the equipment. Water quality report given to the Town Clerk Marie Cronin to show the Board Members.

Next water meter reading to be don on July 1st, 2024 and will do readings in between readings to check for leaks, maybe every 2 ½ weeks in the middle of the 3 month readings. David Corey needing to switch the July meeting from the 16th to the 23rd, 2024 at 6pm. Tom Hitchcock Jr. is there anyway to put something on the water Tower to read for us, cost is too much (\$40,000). Motion made by Marvin King second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to switch meeting to the 23rd, 2024. Motion carried 5/0.

Public comments & concerns: Gary Penird asking if the Town of Montezuma has a noise ordinance in place and would like a copy of it. Town Clerk Marie Cronin to look into this and provide to Gary. Per David Corey the County has one he thinks that it's 9pm. Sheriff said they can't do anything if it's decipals. County is 9pm to 7am. Cheryl Longyear stated that there is one on the website.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Chris Howard second by David Corey to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin