

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

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

Residents Present: Jim and Kathy Decker

Code Enforcement Officer Report given by John Greer: 1 permit for July 2024 was issued for a 16' x22' addition added to existing house 7270 rt. 90 north. Property on rt. 90 clean up is still not complete, John has been dealing with this situation for 21 months and the Court is not doing anything. Are there anymore issues with the other new place on Rt. 90, (black top driveway) per John no permit for black top. But the Pad for the Mobile Home does need a site plan by and Architect.

Historian Report given by Cheryl Longyear: Grant writer Kristy LaManche received an email and needs A signed, stamped plan of Route 31 parking lot site and it needs to be completed by a licensed Engineer or Licensed Landscape Architect. The (SWCD) Sewer Water Conservation Department could prepare the document and then obtain a signature from either of the above Licensed gentlemen. See attached sheet. Vehicle on trail, they went kayaking and Sheriffs were call as no motor vehicles allowed on trails. Can the Town put up signs stating no unauthorized vehicles on any of the Trails, also park hours (dusk to dawn). Can we legally post signs for property that is not owned by the Town. Should be fine to put up signs. National Grids Working Chapman Rd. Can we put a cable across to keep public from going onto work zone.

Highway Superintendent report given by Ken Cook: 2015 Ford F-350 needs rear tires. CAT EXCAVATOR needs to be serviced. 5065 bush hog repaired. Still need 2 water pits installed.

Replaced culvert pipe on Wilsey road today 8/20/24. Ken will file the CHIPS paperwork next week. Ken and staff will be servicing all trucks before next month.

Discussion of Meter Pit Installation: Ken Cook took a look at Craig Cooks house to replace a pit and he will not go under this home as everything is sagging and no space to work. David Corey would like a couple of weeks to work on helping the 2 people that need the pits put in but are unable to purchase their ½ of the installation cost. Ken to do another test run, per Dave Ware just need download so all dots show on roads for the technician to fix on the laptop. Rectified the negative readings also per Dave Ware.

Discussion of Noise Ordinance: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Marvin King to adopt the Noise Ordinance as presented from Lawyer Kevin Cox, Motion carried 4/0. But Per Cheryl Longyear (Historian) The Town would first have to put it in the paper, and have a public hearing so the Town Residents know what is included in the Local Law & decibel charts on back pages, and see if public has any issues with the content of the Local Law. Also could possibly need to be put on the Ballot to vote on this year. David Corey to speak to Kevin Cox Town Lawyer about this.

Discussion of Playground Equipment: Insurance company sent out an agent to inspect the playground equipment (that was donated by Port Byron School) before installation. The agent said they would not insure playground equipment because of its age. David Corey stated appreciated the hard work getting it all off the school property and that maybe we could offer it to Joe Verdi for scrap as he used all of his equipment and gas to take the playground out of the school yard. Motion made by Marvin King second by Tom Fitzsimmons to offer playground equipment to Joe Verdi to scrap. Motion carried 4/0. If Joe Verdi doesn't want the playground equipment then the Town of Montezuma will scrap for ourselves.

Discussion of Thruway Service Area Water Rates: David Corey spoke with the Thruway Authority (Mike Weis and Barry Oakford) and they are willing to pay what everyone in the Town pays for the water, plus EDU'S for 60,000 gallons per each EDU, they will pay the going rate for them also. Only stipulation is it has to be in writing on the Towns website so they (Mike & Barry) can refer their bosses to the website. As long as Town Lawyer Kevin Cox has no problem with this agreement then the Town is fine with it also. And this will only be for the first year of service, to the Thruway Service Area. The Town also needs to make sure that the hook up won't burden the Towns system. This makes it look official if it's on our website. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to put the rates and EDU rates on the Town website for 1 year. Motion carried 4/0. Cheryl Longyear to put this on our Town website. Chris Howard wondering if the Town of Montezuma has heard if the Circle K store is interested in obtaining water as they have signs on their doors stating that they cannot sell coffee or fountain soda because the water is so bad. Grants for the Towns water are moving along well. Letter from Schumers office that the Town is on the list for the Grant for water, 7 million dollars. Town residents sent letters of support to obtain water. No dollar amounts were on the letters. Stan

Longyear stated that the funds are probably being split with other Towns (150 of them on the list).

Approval of Bills: Motion made Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the Bills as presented. Chris Howard asking about NYSEG Bills, (Catalyst Power) supply company they are taking a separate charge, but they are supposed to be saving us money. Locked in rate of .765 cents per kwh, the other company wanted to charge us 10 or 11 cents per kwh. Water bills are only basic service charges per month. Ken Cook, Diesel fuel from Port Byron has not been showing up on the system so next month we may be getting a very high bill. Ken tracks our fuel purchases all the time so they can't over charge us. We haven't been charged since June 2024 on diesel fuel. Cayuga County Garage, the Highway has keys for the fuel there if anything happens where they can't get it from Port Byron.

Approval of Supervisors Report: Motion made by Chris Howard second by Tom Fitzsimmons to approve the Supervisors Report as presented. Motion carried 4/0. NYCLASS earnings July 2024 were \$3,611.00. Need Pat Craine Bookkeeper to change Chris Howards email so he can receive the Supervisors report before meetings to review. David Corey to get email and give to Pat.

Approval of Minutes July 23rd and July 25th, 2024: Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the July 23rd, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the July 25th, 2024 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comments and Concerns: Per David Corey letting the Board know that we need to have Duflo Spray Company do a spraying as Cato has a horse that expired from eastern equine encephalitis. Close to home. Ken Cook hall and pavilion rental this past weekend. Renters should respect the rules and regulations as stated on application. Damage to the Town should not be tolerated by any renters. Raise the clean up fee possibly. The Town shouldn't raise the fee, as other renters shouldn't be punished for actions of some other people.

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