

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF DAYTON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.

- PRESENT: Angie Mardino-Miller, Supervisor, Bruce Drajem, Dennis Ackley, Jake Hansen-Ivett, Paul Luce, Town Council, Ruth Bennett, Town Clerk, Tom Chupa, Highway Superintendent, Frank Watson, CEO, Arnold Andolsek, Tina Chupa, Debi Anderson, Kerry Luce, Linda Frost, Town Justice, Carrie Tomczak, Katie Harrington, Assessors, Michael Karlson
- CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Mardino-Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood and said the Pledge to the Flag.
- Clerk Bennett read resignations from Tom Chupa resigning his Council seat and from Sue Taber resigning from her Planning Board Seat, and a letter from John Grennell asking to be reappointed as Town Attorney and Prosecutor.
- A motion was made by Councilman Luce, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to close the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. to open the Reorganizational meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Ackley seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to return to the regular Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m.
- MINUTES: Clerk Bennett gave each member of the Board a copy of the minutes to be read before the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.
- HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Chupa reported that before he took over we had two problems, the Ford F-450 was not charging and the plow on truck 7 caught the railroad tracks in Dayton on December 23rd and bent the front plow enough so that it could not be repaired. I called the insurance company, they said we have a \$500 deductible and now we are waiting to hear back from them to see if it is covered. A new plow is between \$6,000 and \$10,000.
- I rode with all three drivers on their routes and we changed a couple of them to be more efficient and to save time, we then prioritized the routes to plow the high volume roads first.
- Three of the trucks had poor tires on them, when I rode with them they had problems making the hills, so we put new tires on them. We have been working on getting the new sander in the truck.
- We have been working in the shop taking inventory to see what we have and need. Everything will be documented in the new computer that also had to be replaced.
- I received a call about White Road, I went to South Dayton and met with the homeowners.
- CLERK: Clerk Bennett reported the Court heard 22 Vehicle and Traffic, 1 Family Court for a total of 23 cases and collected \$1311.00.
- Read letter from the Comptroller's Office about – what do you do now for newly elected officials, there is a school in Henrietta on Jan 8-10 and Albany on Jan. 15-17, 2020.
- Read a notice from Southern Tier West they are hosting a Powers & Duties Training on February 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. there is a \$10 fee.
- Also read a letter from Monica Guhr regarding her property. Attorney Grennell said he would respond to her letter.
- ASSESSOR: Kate Herrington, Assessor, and Carrie Tomczak reported that their recent data

collection resulted in the follow structures being added to the tax roll, 98 Sheds, 26 garages, 22 porches, 21 barns, 13 canopy/lean to, 9 houses, 4 in-ground pools, 4 carports, 3 additions, 3 cabins, and 1 above ground pool, additionally, square footage was changed on 15 structures. It is important to note that not all structures bring value to the roll (e.g. sheds less than 120 square feet and above ground pools). They are added to the roll regardless, so that future data collection is more efficient.

These structures were all overlooked by your previous Assessor. She also did not follow up on many building permits given to her by Code Enforcement Officer, Frank Watson. Furthermore, permits filed by previous Code Enforcement Officer and current Village Code Enforcement Officer, Gary Brecker, have largely not been accounted for on the tax roll. After reaching out to Mr. Brecker several times over many months with no success, we collected what permits we could from village Clerk, Lisa Rizzo and Town Clerk, Ruth Bennett. Regardless, large structures with high values such as garages, barns, houses, and cabins should have never been missed. We will go back one year to collect taxes on appropriate structures.

We mailed renewal notices for the Senior Citizen Exemption and Agricultural Assessment. These renewals are due by March 1st. Property owners should contact our office with any questions about these exemptions or the application process. The Assessing Office corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.

We had four property transfers were added for the month of November.

CEO:

I have given the Board a letter on three properties for the Board to give me direction as to what they want me to do. There have been no names, addresses or anything to identify these properties only to the Board and me. Supervisorardino-Miller asked the Board what they wanted to do. Councilman Drajem responded Frank do his job and keep the Board informed of what is going on with the three properties, seconded by Councilman Ackley. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

I am also turning in a report of all the classes I have taken in 2018. I am also turning in my annual report for 2019. I have enjoyed the third year of this appointed position and a total of 11 years as the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Angie Mardino-Miller told the Board that with the cable franchise a SEQR needs to be done and the Town needs to be the lead agency. A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to submit the SEQR letter to be the lead agency. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Because the State requires the SEQR we need to do another Public Hearing on the Franchise Agreement. This will have no impact on the buildout plans for the Town, as it is going on along Route 62. A motion was made by Councilman Luce, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to have a Public Hearing before the next meeting for the franchise. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Each Board member was given financial audit papers and beginning February, 2020 the Board is going to audit the finances for one year and then quarterly after that. A class is scheduled for January 29th at Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat in Fredonia at 6 p.m. for a class on doing this audit.

A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, seconded by Councilman Luce to accept the appointments for 2020. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Drajem to pay General Funds claims #1-14 in the amount of \$6,493.16 as set forth in

Abstract #1, dated January 1, 2020, Highway Fund claims #1-9, in the amount of \$29,420.25 as set forth in Abstract #1 dated January 1, 2020. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

The Town Clerk, Supervisor and Historical Society reports for December, 2019 was received by the Board.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Luce, seconded by Councilman Ackley, at 6:40 p.m., Carried. The next meeting will be February 12,2020 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Drajem to reopen the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Drajem to spend Highway funds. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Bennett, Town Clerk

The Justice Linda Frost then swore in all the Elected and Appointed Officials to their respective offices.