

Town of Diana Regular Board Meeting - August 9, 2022 - 6:00pm

Supervisor Smith called meeting to order at: 6:03pm

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Ritz: here

Supervisor Smith: here

Councilman Taylor: here

Councilman Bango: here

Councilman Malbeuf: here

Motion to accept or amend minutes from the previous meeting

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Malbeuf

All in favor.

Supervisor's report & motion to accept

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Malbeuf

All in favor.

Town Clerk's report & motion to accept

Motion by: Councilman Bango

Seconded by: Councilwoman Ritz

All in favor.

Water Report & motion to accept

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Bango

All in favor.

Audit Bills & motion to pay

General: approved with correction of Rubbercycle to \$896.00

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Bango

All in favor.

Highway: approved with removal of Rubbercycle from Abstract

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Malbeuf

All in favor.

Reports of invited guests:

The privilege of the floor to the public: (A motion to limit debate could be in order)

- Russel came here to speak about Pickleball. Gouverneur has had 3 pickleball courts installed at Mills Park.
- The hockey rink is adequate to play on, until a more permanent solution could be agreed upon within long-term planning for the Town of Diana.
- Portable nets were talked about, Councilman Taylor would like to get portable nets but worried about vandalism. Nets are about \$150 each, wanted to get two of them.
- Possibility of looking at grants to create a couple new courts for the Town.

Capital Water Project:

- EDR-Railroad permits
 - EMail from Charles about RELtek agreement.
 - Larry is currently reviewing all of this on the legal end of the agreement
 - He suggested that the Board accept the agreement contingent on his approval.
 - Three new payments to different vendors for the water project, [get info from the email from Zach](#)

Motion to accept agreement (not necessarily money) with RELtek, contingent on Larry Hasseler's review and approval.

Motion by Councilman Malbeuf

Seconded by: Councilman Taylor

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Ritz: yes

Supervisor Smith: yes

Councilman Taylor: yes

Councilman Bango: no

Councilman Malbeuf: yes

Medical Center Updates:

- Waiting on 2 interior doors to complete order
- Can't do testing and balancing until all the doors are in.

Old Business

- The Town Policy folder was found-Supervisor currently reviewing previous policies

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- Food Pantry - Discussion
 - Totals from Deputy Bookkeeper Uta Parow, split cost of renovating the DPW into thirds with Pitcairn paying for one-third, Diana paying for one-third and then split the last third.
 - Cheaper to do the renovation in-house, rather than outsourcing it. September would be the time for the HWY guys to start the concrete pouring.
 - Discussion followed regarding different renovation timelines.

- Vote on lewis county tax program for 2023 / vote on assessor computer

Motion to move forward and have a public hearing for coordinating with Lewis County to allow for tax installment payments beginning in 2023.

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Malbeuf

Roll call:

Councilwoman Ritz: yes

Supervisor Smith: yes

Councilman Taylor: yes

Councilman Bango:yes

Councilman Malbeuf: yes

Public Hearing to be held on September 13th at 5:30pm before the regularly scheduled board meeting

- Review votes of logo votes - Vote on logo design

Motion to accept new Town of Diana logo to be concept #2, the logo with the most votes on the Town of Diana website

Motion by Councilman Malbeuf

Seconded by: Councilman Bango

Roll call:

Councilwoman Ritz: yes

Supervisor Smith: yes

Councilman Taylor: yes

Councilman Bango:yes

Councilman Malbeuf: yes

- Hometown hero flags are installed in time for the community fest
 - Next order will be set in March 2023
 - Hung the flags on the opposite side of the pole so that they wouldn't get ripped down by trucks coming through.
 - Did not have time to hang flags in front of particular houses, if people would like more say in flag placement, please come to the Hometown Heroes Committee meetings.

- Update of resumes for clerk and assessor
 - Advertised to accept resumes until August 15th.
 - There is one assessor who is NYS certified who is interested in the assessor position.

Board will meet on Tuesday August 16th at 6pm for a Special Board Meeting to review resumes.

New Business:

- Resolution for public events that require town roads to be closed for a specific amount of time. The organizer would need to submit a plan to the HWY supervisor 50 days ahead of the event and posted 30 days ahead of the event.

Motion to approve Permission for Supervisor to coordinate with Larry Hasseler to create a resolution

Motion by:Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilwoman Ritz

All in favor.

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Resolution #10-2022 to limit public access in the town of Diana offices due to files regarding money, IT, record security and personnel files.

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by: Councilman Bango

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Councilman Bango: yes
Councilman Malbeuf: yes

- Road Rally Cancellation - Discussion on next year 2023 for 2nd or 3rd weekend in September rather than with Community Fest weekend.

Resolution #11-2022 of approving issuance of Tax Exempt Note for the Natural Bridge Fire Department, INC.

Motion by: Councilman Malbeuf

Seconded by: Councilman Taylor

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Ritz: yes
Supervisor Smith: yes
Councilman Taylor: yes
Councilman Bango: yes
Councilman Malbeuf: yes

-Long Pond Snowmobile Club, need town to give approval to talk to landowners, DOT, utilities etc for snowmobile access

Motion to allow Supervisor to sign and return Grant Aid application to Long Pond Snow Club

Motion by Councilman Malbeuf

Seconded By councilman Bango

All in favor.

Motion to send letter to American Fireworks by

Motion by: Councilman Taylor

Seconded by Councilman Bango

All in favor.

Communication:

Budget Update:

- Initial conversation with fire depart & teamsters
- Budget packets need back to Supervisor by mid-September
- Concerns on fuel, propane, kerosene, gas, and power for 2023
 - \$31,000 in diesel in 2021 vs \$55,000 in 2022
 - All the localities are struggling with the cost of these utilities

Highway update:

- Review CHIPS budget for 2022
- HWY Superintendent Chuck Langs is getting updated pricing on oil for paving
- Front end Loader is coming up out of warranty in September—discussion followed
- Kimballs Mills bridge is going to need a deck on it. Talked with Bernier-Carr and suggested doing some kind of work to last another 50-75 years. Bernier-Carr will be here next Town Board Meeting to discuss.
- NYPA is going to stone gravel from here to Indian River Road to Croghan, damage done to a lot of other roads—HWY Superintendent Chuck Langs has taken photographs where pavement has been broke that was just put down last year.

Reports of Committees:

Councilman /Town Clerk / Bookkeeper time:

Councilman Taylor wanted to get pricing on a loader—put it out for Bid.

Paving North Shore Road week of August 15th, 2022.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Malbeuf at 7:44pm:

All in favor.

Submitted By:

Karley Wake
Diana Town Clerk