

March Town of Diana Meeting Agenda

Date: 3/8/2022

Roll Call:

Supervisor Smith: here

DS Taylor: here

Councilman Bango:here

Councilman Malbeuf: here

Uta presented her report to the Board as well as provided a copy of the Annual Report

4 different accounts were reviewed with Board members

Karley presented Town Clerk and Water District books

Supervisor Book audit began at: 6:30pm

Clerk Book audit began at: 6:50pm

Book audit adjourned at:7:02

Motion by: Malbeuf

Seconded by: Bango

All in favor.

Supervisor smith called meeting to order at 7:04pm

Roll Call:

Supervisor Smith: here

DS Taylor: here

Councilman Bango:here

Councilman Malbeuf: here

Motion to accept or amend minutes from the previous meeting

Motion by: Taylor

Seconded by: Smith.

All in favor

Supervisor's report & motion to accept

Motion by: Bango

Seconded by: Taylor

All in favor.

Town Clerk's report & motion to accept

Motion by: Taylor

Seconded by: Bango

All in favor.

Audit Bills & motion to pay

Motion by: Taylor

Seconded by: Malbeuf

All in favor.

Water Report: No report for months of January and February

Reports of invited guests: Matt Cervin - GYMO- **no show**

Barb Baker - Elavon - Online Payments- **no show**

Alexia Lamb - Joule Community Solar outreach

- Administrator of community solar and aggregation for electricity supply
- Lewis County reviewed all administrators and put their support behind Joule

- Programs can't be passed by the county, but it has to be passed by the locality
- Sustainable Lewis website
- Vision is to develop affordable, clean energy for as many people as possible with also a focus on saving people money—focus on local scale, not county scale
- 2 components: Community choice electricity supply (community choice aggregation)
- Community Solar on an opt out basis
- Residents are given ample time to opt out of the program if they don't want anything to do with solar power, essentially adding another option
- 24-36 month contracts with the Town of Diana, residents can opt out or in at any time they want.
- Community Choice Solar is just solar—maybe a solar field down the road from your house within the community itself. All of the energy is within the community itself
- CCA is a policy that has been around since 2016, Joule has been around a lot longer than that.
- Making a more localized decision vs a monopoly like National Grid
- 150 communities that have enabled CCA. First step is to pass a local law allowing CCA, does not commit the community in anyway, just lets Joule know that the community is interested
- 45 communities that Joule is actively working with—all sizes of communities; from residents of towns with 1000 to the whole city of Rochester
- A lot of untapped potential because there is so much available land in the North Country
- Bidders will determine what electricity rate will be for the next few years
- Earn credit on their energy bills: about 10% saved on bills
- No sign up/cancellation fees; no credit checks, can opt in or out at anytime
- Prioritized bill credits to low-moderate income earners. The hope is to have enough solar energy for everyone in the community
- There is an option that you could terminate the solar program

- Mostly energy for residential, not commercial businesses or the school. But Joule is starting MUSH (municipal, universities, schools and hospitals). Megan Prim
- Municipality and residents do not pay Joule

Supervisor to address the public:

Supervisor noted that he printed out laws regarding office hours of clerk.

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

- Kelly Ritz
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Old Business:

- Board Position - One Still vacant spot.
- Quick update on water project
 - Letters may be coming from Larry Hassler
 - EDR
- Requested 2 youth summer positions from Lewis County
 - Sent Lewis County the job description, mowing, painting, pick up the trash
 - Pay the youth, reimbursed from the county
 - Uta said that disability, unemployment, etc the Town would have to pay, but Zach doesn't think that's the case--will send information to Uta
- New website updates - Need information from departments
 - Hoping to have draft of website for April meeting
- Playground committee / Recreation committee
 - Larry Hassler is reviewing the playground stuff from the village dissolution
- Update on little league-Town of Pitcairn giving **\$1,500.00**
 - Town of Diana is donating \$1000
- Chris Stowell looking at former dump property to give estimates on timber
 - Long-vision is to create income for the Town maybe via solar
- Jacob Lewis with Symphony wireless called about purchase of cell tower lease
 - No proposal yet, will cover it
- Update on medical center construction.
 - GYMO 3/9 Meeting with Chuck with a rep from Hyde-Stone.
 - GYMO came back with a design for the septic systems at HWY garage and the med center, designs for these were about 9000 total
 - Zach has reached out to another engineer, who is estimating 1200-1300 for each
 - Motion to accept design for septic for medical center and hwy garage to not exceed 3000
 - Motion by Bango, seconded by Taylor
 - Roll Call:

- Sup Smith: yes
- DS Taylor: yes
- C Bango: yes
- C Malbeuf: yes
- Netto Construction Windows / Bid results
 - Now using Netto Construction for Windows since BHR forgot a window in their bid. Netto was the lowest bidder once the new estimate came in from BHR
 - 3 weeks out, mid-end of April up to the Med Center putting in the windows
- Windows on order, HVAC on order, doors have been measured

New Business:

- Resolution #6-2021 -Motion to DOT Annual Work Permit, which gives Town of Diana insurance agency the right to automatically renew every year the ACORD 25 and ACORD 855 Highway insurance DOT Perm 32
- Motion by: Taylor Seconded by: Bango
 - **Roll Call:**
 - **Supervisor Smith: yes**
 - **DS Taylor: yes**
 - **Councilman Bango: yes**
 - **Councilman Malbeuf: yes**
- ARBORCARE quote for tree removal - medical center
 - Tabled until April meeting
- DOH- Water Report
 - Annual Water Report is submitted to the state DOH by DANC
- GYMO septic design price
- Food Pantry - looking for more room - Village DPW cold storage (29 families from Pitcairn, 24 families from Diana 2 families from Jeff county)
 - possibly looking at renovating the DPW building, county threw out the idea of a big storage shed for the food pantry
- Grant funding news letter from county; supervisor passed it onto Board members to review. Sup smith let public know that they could access the packet on the Lewis County website
- Combined ZBA with Croghan and New Bremen. Thoughts?
 - A member from each community. Currently Croghan and New Bremen do not have anyone on their ZBA.
 - We don't have to act on it tonight
- Larry Hassler working with GYMO on a Developer's agreement
 - Working on easements and bond council since **some guy left**
 - NRCIL is an agency out of watertown that can help with ADA funding to redo some of the sidewalks, particularly in the areas with elderly or people with disabilities
 - NRCIL may come to do a presentation
- Motion to remove zach smith from building/grounds committee
 - Made by DS Taylor, seconded by C Bango

- Roll call
 - Supervisor Smith: yes
 - DS Taylor: yes
 - Councilman Bango: yes
 - Councilman Malbeuf: yes
- Can taxpayers request an audit to be done with the change of supervisor? Sup Smith said he is unsure. The report was sent to the state by end of February—we should hear back if the state has questions by May/June

Communication:

Do we want to transfer money for a machinery purchase of a wheeled excavator? If we ordered sooner, we could see it by September or later

Need copy of this report from Chuck

CHIPS 106,106.56

Extreme winter recovery: 9,xxx

Pave NY 23, 734.xx

Total in CHIPS: 139,457.17, state contract price is \$185,xxx

Quote on a New CAT: \$230,000 and a Used CAT: 2018, \$215,000

Motion to approve purchase of Wheeled Excavator for \$185,437.00 at state contract price:

Motion by DS Taylor, Seconded by C Malbeuf

Sup Smith: yes

DS Taylor: yes

C Bango: yes

C Malbeuf: yes

Money does not need to be paid until it comes in.

Question about leasing by C Bango: doesn't make sense to lease

Reports of Committees:

Councilman /Town Clerk / Bookkeeper time:

Councilman Bango: Veteran's Signs? Pug **who?**

Memorial for vinyl signs for Veterans on the street lights

Town Board would be on board with supporting this happening

Croghan and New Bremen have these, Sup Smith has a meeting with IDA tomorrow and will ask about how the process goes down.

IDA meeting tomorrow for WalkAbility grant, military pictures, food pantry and maybe septic

DS Taylor talked to Mark Hall about water system and meters, but doesn't have all the information together. Will revisit this later on

Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm made by: Malbeuf seconded by: Bango.

All in favor.