

Scottsville, New York
February 1, 2024

Regular Town Board Meeting held February 1, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch
Councilman Tim Davis
Councilman Carl Schoenthal
Councilman Edward Shero
Councilwoman Tina Stevens

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Shanna Fraser, Recreation & Senior Center Coordinator

Supervisor Kirch presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Roll Call. All Town Board Members present.

Supervisor Kirch announced that agenda items numbers 3, 4 and 5 will not be introduced this evening due to insufficient information.

Supervisor Kirch introduced the new Attorney for the Town, Eric Stowe, Esq. Attorney Stowe shared his background which has included work in the municipal field with several other communities.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried, the Minutes of January 4, 2024, were approved.

Public Before the Board:

Maureen Leupold said that she has been a Wheatland resident since 2016 and is the Vice Chair of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee. She wanted to remind the Board that there is a Watershed Management Plan, which can be found on oatka.org. The committee is made up of volunteers and works with the soil and water conservation districts throughout the watershed. They have planted hundreds of trees and shrubs within the town. She also mentioned that Wheatland is not yet part of the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County and hopes that it can be remedied.

Rick Ven Vertloh said that he is also with the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee and their mission is about water quality, preserving the water that we see now and improving when possible. The management plan recommendations are related to practices to help preserve the water quality.

Cassandra Balonek said she has noticed that the Town Highway trucks have been out on the icy mornings to spread salt and said it is appreciated by the residents in addition to those passing through Wheatland on their way to work. She did have a concern regarding a recent incident with a dog that showed up at their house. She questioned the lack of procedures by the town in the handling of the situation and said that the procedures should be tightened up.

Shanna Fraser, Senior/Recreation Coordinator reported that the Farmers Market will be held at the Legion on Main Street this year. With its being centrally located in the village, they are hoping for increased visibility with more traffic passing by. She also mentioned upcoming events; the Sweetheart Dance on February 16 and the Easter Egg Hunt in March. She then gave a PowerPoint presentation on Recreation Department Initiatives for 2024. She said that she has been working with the Wheatland Chili School District and Clearview Farms to partner with

Wheatland Recreation to offer afterschool activities to be held at Clearview Community Room. They are hoping to boost the skill sets of children to help them succeed in the classroom. She commented that this is a pilot program and initially they will be looking at the kindergarten readiness skill sets of the pre-k age group children with the target group being the children entering pre-k. The content will be integrating skills into current recreation programs.

Supervisor's Report:

- Hired Attorney and Dog Control Officer
- Met with staff both individually and as a group.
- Met with Mark Turner regarding the website.
- Discussions regarding a newsletter
- Met with Jay Coates. The Master Plan-final draft is complete.
- Met with the Captain Fay and Deputy Chambry of the Sheriff's Department.
- Municipal parking lot discussions.

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):

1. Town Clerk report, January.
2. Highway, January.
3. Recreation Meeting, January.
4. Building Inspector, January.
5. Fire Marshal report, January.
6. Budget Officer report, January.
7. Dog Control report, January.
8. Senior Center report, January.
9. Town Attorney, January.

Department Heads in attendance reported on activity during January.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Board members gave updates.

Councilman Shero reported that he had attended a dinner with awards given for numerous municipal projects. He said that the Village of Caledonia received an award for work on Church Street in Caledonia and the Mayor then thanked the Town of Wheatland for their help with the project.

Correspondence:

1. Alex Camarda, Dir. Govt. Affairs, Charter Communications, re: Changes in programming.
2. Ann Marie Brade, Animal Health Inspector, re: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 29:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland accepts the 2023 Department audits conducted on January 8, 2024, with the recommendations as noted in the report. (attached)

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch – aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 30:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland Agrees to hire Frank Saeva as Dog Control Officer at the prorated amount of \$13,000, effective 2/4/2024.

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

There was further discussion about the dog that was running loose. Supervisor Kirch said that the Sheriff’s Office had been called but they did not have the ability at the time to pick up the dog. Hamlin Dog Control was contacted, and they agreed to accept the dog that evening.

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 31:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to Brian Turner, Highway Superintendent to attend Advocacy Day from March 5-6, at a cost not to exceed \$350.

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 32:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Farmers Market Agreement with the American Legion.

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 33:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to hire the 2023 Counselors in Training as Recreation Assistants-Step 1 with an effective date of 2/8/2024:

- Torrance Bansbach at a rate of \$17.21/hour
- Megan Fraser at a rate of \$17.21/hour-Megan will report to Samantha Berl

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried,
Resolution No. 34:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to table the agenda item to set a public hearing for the cable television agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Wheatland for further discussion between the Attorney for the Town and the County Attorney.

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Shero, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried,
Resolution No. 35:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to Councilwoman Stevens to attend the Association of Towns Annual Training in New York City, February 18-21 at a cost not to exceed \$1,750.

Adopted: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-abstain

Upon a motion of Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated January 12, 2024, with voucher numbers 20240091 through 20240098 in the amount of \$24,950.23, Abstract dated January 17, 2024 with voucher numbers 20230864 through 20230866 and 20240867 in the amount of \$1,238.80, Abstract dated January 29, 2024 (2023) with voucher numbers 20240091 through 20240145 in the amount of \$87,197.46 and Abstract dated January 29, 2024 (2024) with voucher numbers 20240145 through 20240188 in the amount of \$150,730.75 were approved as follows:

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$12,807.95
DA	HIGHWAY DA	4,346.18
	MUMFORD REFUSE	5,858.04
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,497.57
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	440.49
Grand Total:		\$24,950.23

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$1,238.80
Grand Total:		\$1,238.80

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$9,726.28
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	40,129.98
DA	HIGHWAY DA	31,589.29
	HIGHWAY FUND (TOV)	1,584.57
	MUMFORD LIGHT	940.50
	NORTHEAST SEWER	376.84
	TRUST & AGENCY	2,850.00
Grand Total:		\$87,197.46

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$38,852.80
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	39,153.24
DA	HIGHWAY DA	63,341.64
DB	HIGHWAY FUND (TOV)	644.00
	MUMFORD REFUSE	5,858.04
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,497.57
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	440.49
	NORTHEAST SEWER	474.58
	TRUST & AGENCY	468.39
Grand Total:		\$150,730.75

Upon a motion of Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk