

Scottsville, New York
February 3, 2022

Regular Town Board Meeting held February 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Linda Dobson
Councilman Tim Davis
Councilman Howard Hazelton
Councilman Edward Shero

Absent: Councilman Carl Schoenthal

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Josh Davis, Highway Superintendent
Ray DiRaddo, Attorney for the Town
Shanna Fraser, Recreation & Senior Center Coordinator
Mike O'Connor, Budget Officer
Terry Rech, Building Inspector

Supervisor Dobson presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All Town Board Members present except Councilman Schoenthal.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Councilman Hazelton, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried, the Minutes of January 6, 2022, were approved.

On a motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hazelton and carried, the Minutes of January 10, 2022, were approved. Supervisor Dobson recused herself as she was not in attendance at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

On a motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Shero and carried, the Minutes of January 20, 2022, were approved. Supervisor Dobson recused herself as she was not in attendance at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2022-A Local Law Amending Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Wheatland by adding Article VI Granting a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

Supervisor Dobson opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Jim Musshafen asked for the Board's consideration of his comments before voting. He said that he had tried to quantify and qualify the numbers but was unable to get the information from the Fire Commission. Without that information he wondered what the impact would be to other taxpayers. He commented that people volunteer because of their strong desire to do so and having this exemption would not be a driving force for a person to become a volunteer.

Andy Fraser said this law would put an unfair tax burden on the taxpayers. He is concerned about senior citizens that may not be able to stay in their home due to increased taxes. He said no one group should be singled out above another, but all should be treated equally.

Supervisor Dobson said that she's not sure if this is to drive increased volunteerism but to support those that have been and are currently volunteering. She has been looking at the numbers of the fire districts and looking at the names she was given and those assessments. With this law, if the person falls out of active duty, they will lose the exemption unless they have been volunteering 20 years or more and when the individual dies, the exemption ends.

Attorney DiRaddo added that this is strictly for the town portion, the county, school, village, and the fire districts will also be discussing it and making a decision on their portion as a taxing entity.

Councilman Davis said that he is not sure that this is a financial incentive to volunteer. He said that the cost for paid fireman would be much more than the exemption the volunteers would be receiving if this local law is passed.

Councilman Shero and Councilman Hazelton said they are in favor of the exemption and realizing what firefighters go through with being available at all hours and the requirements by New York State for annual training.

Councilman Davis is in favor of the exemption because it may be incentive for the volunteers to continue but noted that this will not benefit him because he is not a volunteer himself.

There being no further comment, Councilman Shero made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:25 P.M., seconded by Councilman Hazelton and unanimously carried.

Public Before the Board:

No one wished to speak

Supervisor's Report:

- Thank you to Councilman Hazelton for covering the previous two meetings and attending the Mumford Fireman's Banquet.
- Attended Monroe County Supervisor's meeting. The Sheriff's Department and FBI representatives presented a program on preventing violence.
- Meeting between Chili, Wheatland, Riga, Ogden, Brighton and Henrietta to discuss how to provide kennel services for each Town's Dog Control Officers.
- Discussion with two residents pertaining to their mailing addresses (LeRoy & Churchville) and the issues that occur.
- Supervisor Dobson, Deputy Hazelton and the Chairman of the Recreation Commission met to discuss the decrease in volunteerism, changes in the purpose and role of the commission that has occurred over time. The Recreation Coordinator and Commission are in the process of discussing changing their model moving forward.
- Supervisor, Councilman Hazelton and the Highway Superintendent had a meeting with the Stormwater Coalition Group. Josh will attend the groups meetings for the next three months and provide feedback as to whether the Town should consider joining.

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.

All Department Heads reported on activity during January.

Shanna Fraser, Recreation Coordinator reported that the Sweetheart Dance has been postponed and will be rescheduled for April. Indoor soccer, swimming and Vinyasa yoga will start on March 1st.

Shanna Fraser, Senior Center Coordinator reported that she has heard from the County that the Senior Center's will be returning to congregate meals. The "to go meals" will continue through the end of March.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Councilman Schoenthal submitted a written report due to his absence which updated the Board on the grant application to PTNY which the Trail Town Committee has been working on. It will be submitted to the Chamber as the lead agency before the end of the month.

Board members gave updates.

Correspondence:

1. Dept. of Planning and Development, to Supervisor Dobson, re: In Person and Virtual Public Hearing and Steering Committee Meeting, Jan 13, 2022.
2. Gerald Geist, Executive Director, The Association of Towns, to Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: Information to be read at first Town Board meeting.
3. Michael Dorfner, RG&E Supervisor, Gas Engineering, to Josh Davis Superintendent of Highways and Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: Information regarding retiring existing RG&E regulator station on Armstrong Rd.
4. Maureen Leopold, to Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: COVID zip code reporting.
5. Steven Baase, Town of Hamlin Supervisor re: Hamlin Town Board decision to not renew the agreement of transfer of unclaimed or abandoned dogs from the Town of Wheatland.
6. Chanh Quach, Monroe County Community Development Mgr. to Supervisor Dobson, re: 2022 CDBG Applications for Funding.
7. James Barrett, General Mgr. Sabin Metal, to Supervisor Dobson, re: Odor Report for 2021.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

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

Resolution No. 35:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland accepts the Standard Workday and Reporting for Michael Smith at 1.22 days per month.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson – aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Hazelton – aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-absent
 Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 36:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland As lead agency has determined that the proposed action to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2022, a Local Law Amending Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Wheatland by adding Article VI granting a tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Hazelton – aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-absent
 Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 37:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2022-A Local Law Amending Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Wheatland by adding Article VI Granting a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent
Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 38:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the Highway Superintendent to submit a mini bid for a new pickup truck with plow.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent
Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 39:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2022 John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor with 75” Tiger Extreme Duty Side Flail Mower from Land Pro Equipment Brockport, NY, off of the New York State Ag Tractors and Implement Contract #PC69378. Price not to exceed \$149,000.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent
Councilman Shero – aye

Agenda Item Number 6 regarding FirstLight Fiber Inc. for a Highway permit has been tabled for a correction of the information submitted.

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

Resolution No. 40:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Brighton Landscape for the Lawn Treatment Program for 2022.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent

Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 41:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland supports the nomination of June Davis to the Hall of Fame.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent
Councilman Shero – aye

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

Resolution No. 42. :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland accepts the recommendations by the subcommittee of the Recreation Commission for the Volunteers of Distinction.

Adopted: Supervisor Dobson-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Hazelton – aye
Councilman Schoenthal-absent
Councilman Shero – aye

Upon a motion of Councilman Hazelton seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated January 31, 2022, with voucher numbers 20220112 through 20220152 in the amount of \$91,856.91 was approved as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$45,556.04
B	GENERAL FUND PART TOWN B	2,794.87
DA	HIGHWAY DA	41,267.90
DB	HIGHWAY FUND DB	978.36
	MUMFORD LIGHT	918.36
	NORTHEAST SEWER	341.38
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$91,856.91</u>

Upon a motion of Councilman Hazelton, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk