

Scottsville, New York
September 5, 2024

Regular Town Board Meeting held September 5, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

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

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Shanna Fraser, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Ctr. Dir.
Paul Liess, Budget Officer
Terry Rech, Building Inspector
Eric Stowe, Attorney for the Town

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

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Minutes of August 1, 2024, and August 12, 2024, were approved.

Public Before the Board:

Jim Musshafen thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He questioned what had transpired between the previous Town Supervisor and Assessor regarding the Clearview Farms assessment. He commented that he has foiled documents related to the change in assessment and the agreement which was signed by the Assessor on or before January 11, 2024, and questioned how the assessment has ended up at 9.6 million when on 11/27/2023 the Assessor and the Attorney for Clearview Farms agreed on 16.6 million. Mr. Musshafen encouraged the current Town Board to look further into this and the method that was utilized to determine the assessment of Clearview Farms. He asked if Senator Helming or the State Comptroller had been notified and questioned what the Board has done since the July Board meeting when he first brought attention to this matter. He reminded them that they work for the residents of the Town of Wheatland, and it is unacceptable if they have done nothing.

Maureen Leupold distributed the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District 2023 Annual Report to the Board. She said that the Oatka Creek Streambank Stabilization was a \$130,000 investment through grants and is pictured in the report. She also mentioned two other projects on the Genesee Country Village property which are through a different grant and process.

At this time Supervisor Kirch made a motion to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter with no decision to be made. Seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:07 P.M.

The Board resumed to regular session at 6:32 P.M.

Supervisor's Report:

- Municipal parking lot project update with concrete curbing starting the week of September 16th. Milling and paving will be in October.
- Vendor policy delayed.
- Freeman Park-no update
- Master Plan Update-We will move ahead, and the Village will join us later

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):

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

Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk reported that Senator Helming has sent a letter to NY State Department of Conservation's Interim Commissioner regarding the transition to paper sporting licenses. The Senator has had many constituents' express concerns in addition to the increased burden on licensing agents which includes local governments. She is asking the DEC to take steps to address these issues.

Shanna Fraser, Senior Center and Recreation Director reported that they have partnered with Life Span to offer a balance class which the Seniors are excited about. She also mentioned that Summer Camp has wrapped up and the Village Summerfest was cancelled due to the weather.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Councilman Davis reported that he had attended both fire district meetings this past month and said that both working on developing their budgets.

Councilman Schoenthal mentioned the cycle challenge on the Greenway to be held on September 14th. Currently there are 100 riders signed up and the plan is to ride 10 miles to Avon Driving Park. It's a fundraiser and the monies raised will go back into the communities hosting the events.

Councilman Shero reported on the Planning Board meeting.

Councilwoman Stevens mentioned that she had received a report from the Highway Superintendent that the Oatka Creek Road resurfacing is scheduled for the first week in October. She also read from the report that the Highway Superintendent would like the dog waste stations, and ongoing cost be brought to a board vote. Freeman Park had been vandalized recently which included trash and food waste being thrown around, a couple cases of empty cans, porta potties being tipped over and a vehicle doing donuts on the volleyball and soccer facilities.

Correspondence:

1. Carl Schoenthal, Town Council Member, re: Approval for Stokoe Farms to serve alcohol for the 2024 Harvest season.
2. Jennifer Cesario, Monroe County Controller to Supervisor Kirch, re: Monroe County sales tax distribution for second quarter 2024.

Old Business: None**New Business:**

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

Resolution No. 119:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland sets October 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Wheatland Municipal Building as the time and place for a public hearing on the approval of a Franchise Agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Wheatland.

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

Adopted

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

Resolution No. 120:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to hire John Crowley as Part-time Building Inspector-Step 1 at a rate of \$25.74/hour, effective 9/10/2024.

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

Adopted

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

Resolution No. 121:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a permit by the Monroe County Water Authority for the installation of a 1” short-side domestic water service at 335 Limerock Road.

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

Adopted

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

Resolution No. 122:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to dispose of the Decals computer (#404) and Building Department laptop (#467) through Pinpoint.

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

Adopted

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

Resolution No. 123:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland amends the 2024 wage rate from \$26,000 to \$35,000 for the Budget Officer to reflect the change in department structure.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-nay
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – nay
 Councilwoman Stevens-nay

Motion Failed

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

Resolution No. 124:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland amends the 2024 wage rate from \$14,000 to \$5,000 for the Junior Budget Accountant to reflect the change in department structure.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-nay
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – nay
 Councilwoman Stevens-nay
Motion Failed

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

Resolution No. 125:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to hire Jennifer Talbot as Junior Accountant at a rate of \$5,000 per year effective immediately.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-nay
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – nay
 Councilwoman Stevens-nay
Motion Failed

Supervisor Kirch stated that the Highway Superintendent is estimating the annual maintenance cost for the two dog waste stations to be \$4,300/year.

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 126:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the purchase of two dog waste stations, mounting hardware, anti-tamper materials and initial 10 pack (200/pack) of bags at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 127:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the Municipal Building Thanksgiving Holiday hours with full-time employees using their own time.

Wednesday, November 27th-close at noon
 Thursday, November 28th-Holiday (approved 1/4/2024)
 Friday, November 29th-closed all day

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

Adopted

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

Resolution No. 128:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to contribute \$1,500 in ARPA funds towards the economic support of the Genesee Valley Trail Towns Rural Jobs Initiative.

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

Adopted

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 129:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to hire Jacob Zitz as Lifeguard at a rate of \$18.35/hour, effective 9/6/2024.

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

Adopted

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 130:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the Evidence of Property Insurance Coverage in the amount of \$80,000 in place of a surety bond for the Tax Collector.

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

Adopted

Upon a motion of Councilman Davis seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated August 19, 2024, with voucher numbers 20240609 through 20240617 in the amount of \$17,181.15, and Abstract dated September 2, 2024, with voucher numbers 20240618 through 20240681 in the amount of \$75,388.43 were approved provided that all bills are paid out of their respective funds after proper audit.

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$7,338.84
	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	352.03
DA	HIGHWAY DA	8,113.74
DB	HIGHWAY DB	1,376.54

Grand Total: **\$17,181.15**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$34,738.99
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	383.27
DA	HIGHWAY DA	28,895.68
DB	HIGHWAY DB	1,868.72
	MUMFORD LIGHT	828.75
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,047.12
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,463.36
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	430.40
	NORTHEAST SEWER	732.14

Grand Total: **\$75,388.43**

Upon a motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk