

9/12/2019 SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Present:

Councilwoman Jamie Emmick
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilwoman Mandy Quinn-Stojek
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:

Councilman Douglas Morrell

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins
Town Clerk Jennifer L. Bray
Approx. 15 guests

Supervisor Gambino called the meeting at 6:30 PM, with the Pledge to the Flag led by Tony Korcz.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the first item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes from the August 8th regular board meeting. **On a motion by Quinn, seconded by Hochadel, the minutes were approved, as submitted. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve the payment of the bills. **On a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Emmick, Warrant #9 of 2019, including vouchers #485 through #552, totaling \$58,391.52, of which \$34,397.01 was for the General Fund, \$21,401.39 was for the Highway Fund, \$1402.50 was for the Fire Protection fund and \$1190.62 for the Street Lighting Fund was approved for payment. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Departmental Reports were as follows:

Councilwoman Quinn had nothing to report but stated that Councilman Morrell asked that she tell the Board that he was still unable to find a veterinarian to do the rabies clinic and unless someone could get a hold of Nancy Pugh it would need to be cancelled. Supervisor stated she would try and get a hold of Nancy.

Councilman Hochadel reported that the last two concerts in the park have been well attended. Next Councilman Hochadel stated that he had been in touch with John Mills to thank him for getting road work done on Middle Rd. Lastly Councilman Hochadel noted that the lights had been left on over the weekend and requested that the Town Clerk ask the chess club to be sure all lights are off before they leave in the future.

Councilwoman Emmick reported that the summer recreation had over thirty kids enrolled this past summer and the daily average attendance was over twenty. Councilwoman Emmick stated that Chris Warner was already working on plans for next year's program and she would have more information on that next month.

Superintendent Hopkins updated the Town Board on a numbers of topics including the town pool, the status of the new plow truck that is on order, paving and chipping projects by the highway department and having help from inmates from Erie County to clear debris from the fence around the Town Hall. Superintendent Hopkins noted that the inmates would be back to help with the fence at Veterans Park later this month. Lastly Superintendent Hopkins reported that the cost of road salt was up another \$1.75 per ton to \$57.98 a ton and he will be reflecting that in the upcoming budget.

Supervisor Gambino reported that the brick work on the building had begun. Supervisor Gambino reminded everyone that the annual flu clinic will be held on October 25th from 9am-noon. Lastly Supervisor Gambino reported that there will be early voting this year before Election Day. She noted that there are multiple days with various times. Supervisor Gambino asked the Town Clerk to post the hours at the Town Hall and on the website.

Supervisor Gambino introduced Ryan Storke of Storke LLC to talk about the Genesee Rd. Solar Project. Mr. Storke stated that the Genesee Rd Solar Project is a partnership between EDF Renewables and Storke LLC and that New York State is looking to have 70% of its electricity generation from renewable energy by 2030. Mr. Storke then highlighted details of the proposed project including the megawatt projection (350MW), number of acres (approximately 2500 acres) included in the project and the number of land owners included. Mr. Storke noted that the project is permitted under Article 10 from the Public Service Commission and that bids for this project have been submitted to NYSERDA. Mr. Storke informed the Board of the approximate timeline for the project as well as state oversight and requirements. He noted that Article 10 requires there to be multiple public meetings held during the project time line. Supervisor Gambino offered to let them use the Town Hall gym for such meetings. Lastly Mr. Storke discussed the mixed land use after the Solar Project is complete.

Supervisor Gambino thanked Mr. Storke and stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution for two fund transfers. **Therefore the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #33 of 2019, was moved for adoption on a motion by Emmick, seconded by Hochadel:**

Resolution #33 – 2019

APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Town of Sardinia Board approves the following transfer of funds:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO
A1620.440 Operations of Buildings – Repair	\$1500.00	A1620.471 Operations of Buildings -Computer
A7140.110 Playgrounds Personal Service SR	\$450.39	A7140.120 Playgrounds Personal Service WR

DULY ADOPTED, this 12th day of September, 2019 by the following vote: Emmick aye, Hochadel, aye, Morrell, absent, Quinn, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda was resolution to fund the Highway Department vehicle and equipment reserve fund as has been done in years past. **Therefore the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #34 of 2019, was moved for adoption on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Emmick:**

Resolution #34 – 2019

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWN OF SARDINIA UNDER SECTION 6-C OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

WHEREAS, the town Board of the town of Sardinia has established a capital reserve fund for the replacement of highway department vehicles and equipment owned by the Town of Sardinia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SARDINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1.** There be and hereby is established a capital reserve fund in the original amount of \$35,000.00 for the future acquisition of Highway Department replacement vehicles and equipment owned by the town of Sardinia.
- SECTION 2.** Such fund is to be known as the “Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund of the Town of Sardinia”.
- SECTION 3.** The estimated maximum cost of said acquisitions will be determined from time to time by action of the Town Board.
- SECTION 4.** That out of the surplus monies of the Town now on hand for the year 2019 and not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$35,000.00 be and the same hereby is appropriated for the “Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund of the Town of Sardinia” and the Supervisor of the Town is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer from surplus funds of the Town the sum of \$35,000.00 to the fund, making the total of the fund \$105,000.00.
- SECTION 5.** Such additional sums as may hereafter be appropriated shall become part of the fund.
- SECTION 6.** The Supervisor, in her discretion, may invest the monies in the fund in the manner provided in section 11 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the monies so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the fund.
- SECTION 7.** No expenditure shall be made from this fund except by authorization of the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.
- SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DULY ADOPTED, this 12th day of September, 2019 by the following vote: Emmick aye, Hochadel, aye, Morrell, absent, Quinn, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that there are a couple public hearings that need to be set up and well as the budget work session. She stated that the first public hearing was for the Rural Transit Van/CDBG Program. Supervisor Gambino stated that she would like to do it as the board has in the past before the October regular meeting at 6:30pm on October 10th, 2019. **Therefor on a motion by Emmick, seconded by Quinn, the Board set the Rural Transit/CDBG public hearing. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item was to set up the 2020 budget work session. Supervisor Gambino suggested that the works session be set for Monday October 14th at 10am. **Therefor on a motion by Emmick, seconded by Hochadel, the Board set the 2020 budget work session for October 14th. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino stated the last item was the 2020 Budget public hearing and suggested the board set it prior to the November Regular meeting on November 14th at 6:30pm. **Therefor on a motion by Emmick, seconded by Quinn, the Board set the 2020 Budget public hearing for November 14th. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino then asked Lia Oprea if she had any updates from the Southtowns Solar program. Lia stated that things were going well this the program. She stated they had hoped to get 50 people to sign up for solar and were at 30. She noted that if someone was interested in getting solar for their home but could not commit to solar panels that there is also a community solar option that may save homeowners money on their electric bill.

Supervisor Gambino asked anyone else had any business to discuss. Gerry Whittington stated that the Chaffee Sardinia Fire Company has received a one hundred fifty seven thousand dollar FEMA grant. **There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Emmick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk