

**9-14-2023 – SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilman Mike Domster  
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel  
Councilman Matthew Krist  
Councilman John D. Marsh  
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Also Present:

Acting Highway Superintendent Christopher Dabolt  
Town Clerk Jennifer L Bray  
Approx. 6 guests

Supervisor Gambino called the regular September meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the pledge to the flag led by Jordan Roblee

Supervisor Gambino stated that there was 3 set of minutes to be approved from August. First was the August 10<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, second was the August 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Town Board meeting and the last was the August 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. **On a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Krist, the minutes were approved, as submitted. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda was the approval of the payment of the bills. **Warrant #9 of 2023, including vouchers #430 through #497, totaling \$244,324.24 of which \$131,299.33 was for the General Fund, \$96,196.54 was for the Highway Fund, \$15,968.43 was for the Fire Protection Fund and \$859.94 was for the Street Lighting Fund. On a motion by Marsh, seconded by Krist, the Warrant was approved for payment. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda was to schedule the CDBG public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM prior to the regular Town Board meeting, a work session for the 2024 Budget on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM and the 2024 Budget public hearing for November 9<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular November Town Board meeting. **On a motion by Marsh, seconded by Krist, the meetings were scheduled. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next resolution was for the purchase of a new one ton truck for the highway department. Supervisor Gambino stated that Acting Highway Superintendent Dabolt had given the bids to the all of the councilman prior to the meeting so they had time to look everything over. Supervisor Gambino asked Mr. Dabolt if he had anything to add. Mr. Dabolt stated that the truck from Basil would be the best value as it already has a box on it and is ready to go. He noted that the other would need a box ordered and that could take months as well as add to the cost. **Therefor following resolution, to be known as Resolution #17 of 2023, was moved for adoption on a motion by Krist, second by Hochadel:**

**Resolution #17 – 2023**

**RESOLUSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2023 OR NEWER, NEW AND UNSUED ONE TON PICKUP TRUCK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sardinia board members are in receipt of three comparable bids for 2023 or newer, new and unused one ton pickup trucks, and

**WHEREAS**, the three bids are from Basil Ford at \$94,473.00, West Herr at \$75,972.93, and Friendly Dodge for \$79,950.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board Members have had ample time to look over the three quotes and contact the Highway Superintendent with questions, and concerns they may have, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sardinia has a Best Value policy in place, and

**WHEREAS**, due to the nature of the availability of equipment will low inventory and time of manufacturing, time is of the essence, and

**WHEREAS**, the quote from Basil Ford includes the dump box, and

**WHEREAS**, the quotes from West Herr, and Friendly Dodge do not include the dump box.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sardinia Town Board approves the purchase of the 2023 Ford –F550 Regular Cab DRW 4X4, Air-Flo Dump Truck from Basil Ford which is currently in stock and equipped with the dump box for the stated amount of \$94,473.00.

**DULY ADOPTED, this 14th day of September, 2023 by the following vote: Domster, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Marsh, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Superintendent Dabolt stated that he also had bids for a plow and sander insert. The bids are as follows:

- General Welding Plow \$8,819.80 Sander-Boss VBX 9000 (3 yard) \$9,456.40
- Niagara Truck Equipment Plow \$9,600.00 Sander (2.5 yard) \$6,500.00
- Valley Fab Plow Not Quoted Sander–Salt Dog Pro 200o (2.5 yard) \$7,055.60

After a brief discussion the board agreed that the bid from General Welding was the best value. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Marsh, approval was given to purchase the snow plow and sander insert from General Welding. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution item that need to be re-voted on. The Supervisor stated that she is recusing herself from the vote and will be leaving the room for the remained of the meeting. Supervisor Gambino then turned the floor over to Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Leonard Hochadel and she left the meeting room. Councilman Hochadel asked Rachel Chrostowski from the Western New York Land Conservancy to speak regarding the following resolution. Mrs. Chrostowski gave a brief explanation of what the Land Conservancy does and the project that the Vacinek family is looking to do with their farm. Councilman Hochadel then asked for a motion on the following resolution. **Therefor following resolution, to be known as Resolution #18 of 2023, was moved for adoption on a motion by Marsh, second by Domster:**

**Resolution #18 – 2023**

**Town of Sardinia**

**Resolution to Support Application for Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Funding for the Vacinek Farm Project**

**Whereas** the Town of Sardinia Town Board (hereinafter referred to as the Town Board) recognizes that the Vacinek Farm is a third generation family dairy farm run by husband and wife team of Darliene and Russel Vacinek, is located at 12280 Route 39, Sardinia NY 14134, is bounded to the south by Cattaraugus Creek, includes 220 acres of USDA Prime soils and 17 acres of Statewide Important soils, is located within the Southeast (#15) Erie County Agricultural District, and includes parcel SBLs 338.00-1-12.132, 326.00-1-21, 326.00-1-24.2, 326.00-1-1, and 338.00-1-12.21 (partial); and

**Whereas** the Town Board appreciates that the Vacineks are diversifying their farm operation and providing a benefit to the people of our community and our region by producing dairy products, registered Angus cattle, chickens, ducks and turkey, as well as opening a farm store at their farmstead, and running a sawmill and selling lumber products; and

**Whereas** the Town Board further recognizes that the 310+/- acre Vacinek Farm project property possesses productive agricultural land, natural habitats, and open space values, and that preserving these conservation values will provide significant public benefit to the people of Sardinia, Erie County, and the State of New York;

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Town Board supports and approves the submission of an application to the State of New York for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for the Purchase of Development Rights on the Vacinek Farm. The Deputy Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to submit the aforementioned grant application to protect the Vacinek Farm Project on behalf of the Town of Sardinia.

**DULY ADOPTED, this 14th day of September, 2023 by the following vote: Domster, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Marsh, aye, Gambino, recused. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 recused.**

Departmental Reports were as follows:

Councilman Krist had nothing to report.

Councilman Hochadel reported that the concerts in the park were done for the season and had been well attended. Councilman Hochadel noted the newly sealed parking lot looked good as did the park all summer. Lastly Councilman Hochadel stated that there was an article in the Arcade Herald regarding possible changes to the qualifications for town justice that would require new justices to be attorneys.

Councilman Domster reported that the new light at Rt. 16 and Genesee Rd. was up and that it is expected to be turned on Monday. Councilman Domster stated that county paving work on Genesee Rd. and Foote Rd. has been completed. Lastly Councilman Domster stated that his family had recently used the shelters at the parks and noted how great the park looked as well as how clean it was.

Councilman Marsh reported that the sealing job on the walking path at Manion Park was done very well. Councilman Marsh asked if there was any update on putting heaters in the new bathrooms at Manion Park. Councilman Krist and Build Caretaker Albert Hanson noted that there was not enough electrical service there currently and the cost for wiring only would be over \$6000.00. Lastly Councilman Marsh asked the status of the bids for the walking path. Town Clerk Bray stated that Emilio Moran from MRB had stated at the August meeting that he hoped they would go out in September.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Domster, seconded by Krist, the September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m., carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk