

Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-August 19, 2024
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor
Larry Rayder, Bruce Stone, Holly Humphries - Board Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider
Bruce Walters-ZBA
Bradner Whaley, Corey Douglas, & Chris Race-W. Amboy
Fire Dept.

Excused: Dick Bryant

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm., by Mrs. Wilkinson, who asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes-Mr. Rayder made a motion to accept the July 2024 minutes, and dispense with the reading of them, seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Bradner Whaley passed out the chief's report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. There were 42 calls for July, 30 of which were EMS calls. Corey Douglas reported that there were 273 calls total for the year, and this report didn't reflect calls they already received for August. The car show that was held on August 10th, was reported as being an extremely successful fundraiser. A new member joined the fire dept. this week, and it was also reported that all materials have been purchased for the dry hydrants and are on site. Mrs. Wilkinson asked if there was a bill for the town? She was told not yet, but one could be sent.

Legislator- Dave Holst was not present, no report was given.

Highway Dept.- Mr. Perkins reported that they did a big section of trees on Stone Hill Rd., they will also be doing a section on Little Pond, and between the two sections, there should be enough firewood for the winter. Mr. Perkins hopes to start screening sand at the beginning of September. He said he cut back on the amount of salt this year, as there is a lot left over from last year. Mr. Perkins mentioned that he would like to purchase a grapple for the gradall, it would help a lot when trying to clear out debris from the beaver screens, and things like that. Mr. Perkins said he was able to look at it, and it looked to be in good shape. The cost would be \$3,000.00. After a small conversation, Mr. Stone made the motion to purchase the grapple, seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried. A discussion was then held about Little Pond Rd., and the area of the road that is sinking near the pond. It was decided for safety purposes that

section of road near the pond should be closed, in both directions. Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to close the road at the pond, seconded by Mr. Stone. ROLL CALL: Mr. Rayder-aye, Mr. Stone-aye, Mrs. Humphries-aye, and Mrs. Wilkinson-aye. Motion carried. Signs and cement barricades will need to be put up, landowners notified, APW School notified for the buses, and Mr. Perkins said he would attempt to make a turnaround for use by the fire dept. This brought up the topic of dry hydrants, and Mr. Stone made a motion to purchase 2 dry hydrants for Little Pond, seconded by Mrs. Humphries, and carried. A notice will also be put in the newspaper, along with a mention from the editor, who was in the audience. As of September 1st, that section of road will be closed indefinitely.

Tug Hill-Mr. Baxter provided a written report for the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The next meeting of Salmon Rivers Council of Governments has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th, at 2:00 pm, at the Albion Municipal Building, Altmar. All are welcome to attend. Things are moving forward on the succession plan for Mr. Baxter's Tug Hill circuit rider position serving the North Shore, and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments. The deadline to apply was July 31st. Following that, the committee met to review the applications received, and to decide on the pool to be interviewed. Mr. Baxter said the most recent update he received has those interviews being scheduled. Mr. Baxter also reported that there will be a meeting later this month with National Grid, regarding potential new transmission lines in Oswego County. Albion and Parish are among the potentially impacted municipalities. Tug Hill will have a representative at that meeting, and will report back what comes of the meeting. Mr. Baxter also issued an early "save the date", for the Tug Hill Commission annual dinner which will be held on Thursday, September 19, at 5:00 pm, in Port Leyden, at the Hayloft at Moonshine Farm. Invitations will be most likely going out, later this month.

Code Enforcement- Mr. Marsden issued 2 building permits, has completed training concerning flood plains, and still has 52 open permits.

Planning Board- Mr. Vona was not at the meeting, so Mr. Walters from the ZBA gave a report. He said that they have 2 new applications from the new subdivision law that is now in place, and he thinks the process is going to work well, and people will be happy with it.

Dog Control- Things have been quiet.

Town Clerk-Took in a total of \$341.00 \$332.00 was paid to the supervisor, and \$9.00 was sent to Animal Population Control, in Albany.

Old Business-Mrs. Wilkinson said that Mrs. Humphries was looking into insurance that the Historical Society said they have on the building, which would be unnecessary, as the building is covered by the Town's insurance.

New Business- Mrs. Wilkinson said she and Mrs. Humphries would be meeting with a representative from Emergency Management, on September 5th, at 10:00 am, to add any updates to our plan we already have in place. McFee Ambulance was given back the certificate of need (CON), for Amboy. Zach Menter of Menter Ambulance, who has been covering the town after North Shore stopped, is aware of the situation. Mr. Stone made a motion to switch back to McFee, as of Sept. 1st, seconded by Mrs. Humphries and carried. Mrs. Wilkinson did mention that Menter may request 30 days, before the switch is made.

Open to the Public- Margo Fassler reported that she had gone to visit Mr. Bryant. She thought he looked wonderful, in fact the best she had seen him in years. She said he has lost weight, and she took him out to lunch, and thoroughly enjoyed visiting with him.

Approval of the Bills - Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #130-151, in the amount of \$8,992.98 seconded by Mrs. Humphries and carried. Mr. Stone made the motion to accept Highway Fund vouchers #122-141, in the amount of \$208,908.39 seconded by Mr. Rayder and carried.

Supervisor's Report-Balance sheets and reconciliation summaries are provided, and a copy of the full month's financial statement is provided. A **copy** of all financial reports is available from either Ms. Butler, town accounting officer, or from the supervisor.

Adjournment-At 7:39 pm, Mr. Rayder motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark
Amboy Town Clerk