

January 21, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyre Municipal Building, 1082 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, in the Town of Tyre.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor the passing of Tyre resident Mr. Roger Waugh. Roger was a long time volunteer firefighter and served many years as Chief at the Magee Fire Department. Roger also worked at the Town Highway Department for many years. We truly appreciate his service and dedication to the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Wanda, and their entire family.

Roll Call: Supervisor Ronald McGreevy – here; Councilman Reginald Aceto – here; Councilman James Rogers – here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Councilman Thomas Thomson – here

Others Present: Administrative Assistant Karen Birch; Bookkeeper Michael Gross; ZEO Craig Reynolds; Planning Board Hank Bickel; Town Assessor Philip Griswold; Fire Department Chief Joe Tavano, Jr. ; Dog Control Officer Dallyn Jenkins; Robb Prikin; Melissa Sutterby; David Page; Dennis Stone

Supervisor McGreevy – have had roll call – quorum present – meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Supervisor McGreevy introduced Mr. Michael Simon, Engineer from Engineering Firm of Labella Associates

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2021 – Councilman Rogers moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto, to dispense with reading the minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting and they be accepted as written.

VOTE: Yea – 5; No – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Scheduled Speakers: Tyre resident Dennis Stone addressed the Town Board regarding Seneca Meadows and Tyre Promotional Campaign

Department Reports:

Town Clerk: Nothing to report

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Eddington submitted the 2021 plan for roadwork to the Board for their review. He reported that they have been salting roads and

trying to clear the roads before traffic even starts in the mornings. Trucks are working good and the new truck with the float system is dialed in and working great.

Town Assessor: Assessor Griswold discussed the proposed partial property tax exemptions in the Town.

Attorney: Nothing to report

Fire Department: Fire Chief Tavano, Jr. reported in the month of January, 2021 (to date) they have had 5 calls. Chief Tavano, Jr. also reports that they conducted a training/walk thru with Waterloo Fire Department at Del Lago. He also reports that they have entered into a one year lease with Petro to house Engine 48 at Petro. They are staffing shifts and making some changes to the bay at Petro so that the crew is more comfortable.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: ZEO Reynolds stated that no permits were issued since the last Town Board meeting. He said there are several projects in the works throughout the town. He said he has one application that was submitted that has been forwarded to the Planning Board for review. He also reported he has been working with Bill Martin on information for an expansion to the Montezuma Winery. He stated that on-site inspections have been done as well.

ZEO Reynolds read the following information to the Town Board.

“As you know, the new Town of Tyre Zoning law has been in effect for roughly two years now. During that time, we have received some feedback and some suggestions to improve this law and make it more efficient. Preserving the health and safety of our citizens while encouraging reasonable development within our Town has always been our number one goal. Also, as you know, a recent change in attorneys was made in an effort to create a more “business friendly” Climate in Tyre.

In working with Engineer Michael Simon and Attorney Donald Young, we hope to put together a number of proposed amendments to the Zoning Law that I hope you will consider for adoption. We feel that these proposed amendments will further enhance our ability to make permitting process less cumbersome and more efficient when reviewing plans for future developments.

We are most fortunate to have Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores, Dunkin Donuts, IHOP, and others planning to locate here in 2021. Montezuma Winery is also planning to expand this year.

Please and review these proposed amendments to our Zoning Law and get back to me with any comments or concerns you may have at your earliest convenience. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.”

Michael Simon stated that he has determined this to be a Type 1 action under SEQR and there will be no other input but they will send it out to other towns. The County Planning Board and County Planning Department are also interested agencies. Supervisor McGreevy asked that the Town try to schedule a Public Hearing in March. Furthermore, he said there is a lot of work that is going on in the town with businesses. Councilman Aceto requested that the Town Board be provided a red-lined version of the requested amendments so it is easier to compare the original Zoning Law to these requested changes. ZEO Reynolds stated he would make this available to them.

Planning/Website/Training: Robert Seem provided information to Supervisor McGreevy regarding his decision to have the Planning Board meet virtually from this point forward due to his concerns over the COVID 19 reports. He is encouraging the Town Board to consider getting a commercial license for virtual meetings as this is how he wishes to conduct meetings.

Larry Kesel provided information to Supervisor McGreevy stating that he has reviewed all the training records for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He had entered data into our excel training department annual spreadsheet summary along with the appropriate support documentation being filled for the thirteen members of both boards. He stated he has seen an increase in webinar participation by some members.

Dog Control Officer: Dog Control Officer Jenkins reports that the shelter received PPE equipment so that they could keep operating during the pandemic. The shelter has cancelled its spay and neuter clinics. At this time with the courts closed she is not giving out tickets. She reports that the grant for the new kennel is back in place. They will be tearing down the old kennel and building a new one. The shelter is working with a new vet to take care of the shelter animals and for emergency services.

Bookkeeping: Bookkeeper Gross reported that he is working on closing out the books for 2020. He is still working on the 2019 audit with the auditors. He reports that W2's have been mailed out. Bookkeeper Gross submitted handouts for Abstract #12 of 2020 and Abstract #13 of 2020.

Band Hall Committee: Nothing to report

Building Committee: Councilman Aceto reported that the lighting outside of the Town Building is functioning much better.

Highway Committee: Councilman Sutterby reported that the Board is in receipt of Highway Superintendent Eddington’s proposal for road work for 2021. Councilman Sutterby asks the Board to review the proposal and give feedback. Councilman Sutterby also asked Bookkeeper Gross to review the numbers in this proposal.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution regarding A Resolution to Introduce Proposed Local Law #1 of 2021, A Local Law Granting Partial Property Tax Exemption to Certain Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, Setting Income Limits for the Same; and Advertise for a Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilman Sutterby and seconded by Councilman Thomson. Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Thomson	X			
Councilman Rogers	X			
Councilman Aceto	X			
Councilman Sutterby	X			
Supervisor McGreevy	X			

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution regarding to Budget the Appropriation for Account A1110.44 Justice – Security – Contractual

Motion made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Sutterby. Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Thomson	X			
Councilman Rogers	X			
Councilman Aceto	X			
Councilman Sutterby	X			
Supervisor McGreevy	X			

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Supervisor Correspondence/Report: Nothing

Financial – Bills:

General Fund – Town Wide – 774-785; 776; 101-102; 200-225; 227-228

Highway Fund – 101-102; 200-201; 205; 226-227

Water District #1 – 837-838; 800

Water District #2 - 837

Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto that the bills be approved for payment: VOTE: Yea – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Adjournment:

Councilman Thomson moved, seconded by Councilman Rogers that the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m. VOTE: Yea – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0 Absent - 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Town Clerk