

February 18, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, February 18, 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

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. ; Melissa Sutterby; David Page; Beth Partee

Supervisor McGreevy – have had roll call – quorum present – meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor McGreevy introduced Mr. Michael Simon, Engineer from Engineering Firm of Labella Associates; Mr. Donald Young, Attorney representing the Town of Tyre

Motion made by Councilman Sutterby and seconded by Councilman Aceto to open the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. VOTE: Yea – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent - 0

Supervisor McGreevy stated, “Comments for those wishing to speak at this public hearing this evening are to be limited to, Proposed Local Law #1 of 2021, granting partial property tax exemption to certain seniors and persons with disabilities and setting income limits for the same, which is the sole topic of this public hearing. The board will hear comments and questions only and will consider them in its decision making process. The board will also take written comments for consideration and will place those comments into the record. All speakers shall come up to the podium and state their name and where they reside for the record. Is there anyone who would like to address the board with comments specific to proposed local law #1 of 2021 granting partial property tax exemption to certain seniors and persons with disabilities and setting income limits for the same”? Supervisor repeated his invite. No one approached the podium. Supervisor McGreevy asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Thomson to close this Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. VOTE: Yea – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Supervisor McGreevy then moved into the regular monthly Tyre Town Board meeting.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2021 – Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to dispense with reading the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting and they be accepted as written.

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

Scheduled Speakers: None

Department Reports:

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Sosnowski reported that she had her first bounced check from a dog license fee. In checking with other towns and how they deal with bounced checks it was recommended that the petty cash she has on hand be increased to \$100.00 and that the Town start charging a bounced check fee of \$20.00

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Bob Eddington had nothing to report. Supervisor McGreevy thanked Superintendent Eddington and the highway department staff for all of their hard work plowing the roads recently.

Town Assessor- Phil Griswold thanked the Town Board members for letting him give his presentation last month at the Town Board meeting. Mr. Griswold stated he attended a zoom class training for three hours on 02-10-21 on how to deal with angry taxpayers.

Attorney- Supervisor McGreevy stated that our attorney, Charlie Shaffer was not in attendance that evening and asked if Attorney Donald Young had anything to report. Attorney Young stated that he looks forward to moving ahead tonight on the resolutions on the agenda and he will be available for any questions along the way.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Tavano, Jr. reported in the month from 1/22/21 – 2/17/21 there were a total of 7 calls. They also completed the table top pre plans revisions to Petro Travel Center. On 2/5/21 a crew of 2 spent part of the day out shoveling fire hydrants on Route 414 and Worden Road per a phone call that was received from a Tyre resident.

Supervisor McGreevy thanked Fire Chief Tavano, Jr. and all of his staff for going above and beyond for the Town of Tyre.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: ZEO Reynolds reports that there was one permit issued since the last board meeting. There are two permits that ZEO Reynolds is waiting on as they just have some loose ends on conditions to be met that were outlined in their resolutions. ZEO Reynolds is working with a local resident who is considering putting up a two story apartment building on Route 414, south of the four corners. Another gentleman stopped in and is looking to start a mushroom farm in our area. Mike Simon and ZEO Reynolds have been working on the Zoning Law and appreciates everyones help on this subject. Mr. Seem, Mike Simon, Don Young, Attorney and ZEO Reynolds have been working on another application that was submitted for consideration. There are more questions than answers at this time but they are working with the applicant to get the questions answered. There has also been some discussion on the availability of water and sewer on the north side of the thruway in the event of further developments. INHS is looking to seek funding for Pine View Circle Phase II Montezuma Winery is looking to build another addition here in the near future.

Planning/Website/Training: Supervisor McGreevy read a report provided by Planning Board Chairman Seem that the Planning Board was presented with more information about a 3S Gateway proposed sign addition to the Love's high-rise sign which had been previously approved. Based on the submitted application the Planning Board is unsure of the applicant's intentions and has some further questions. This topic will be further discussed at the February, 2021 meeting. The Planning Board passed a resolution extending the time to meet conditions imposed on the Love's project approvals for subdivision and site plan. Conditions were to be met at the end of February, 2021 and Love's has requested an extension. The Planning Board passed a resolution to extend the deadline to August 25, 2021. The Planning Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Tyre Zoning Law and had no objections, concerns or additions. The only suggestion that the Planning Board made is that further down the road the Town will want to take a look at regulations for billboards. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 23, 2021 via zoom.

Dog Control Officer: Nothing to report

Bookkeeping: Bookkeeper Gross submitted Abstract of Audited Vouchers #14 for 2020 and Abstract #1 of 2021. He also submitted the Supervisor's Report for December, 2020. Also submitted were the financial statements. Books are not yet closed for 2020 but they will be very soon. Work on the 2019 audit continues.

Band Hall Committee: Nothing to report

Building Committee: Nothing to report

Highway Committee: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Spectrum/Charter Communications Update: Supervisor McGreevy stated that on 02-02-21, “the Town made another request for a Franchise Agreement status update. Previously on 12-01-21, Ms. Kelly responded, “we are still waiting on this information. I will send it as soon as I have it”. Our latest response to the 02-02-21 request was, “we are still awaiting PSC approval, which could very likely be this month. As soon as I have confirmation that it has been scheduled for the PSC agenda, I will let you know, so you know when you will be receiving it”. Supervisor McGreevy stated that this agreement was finalized on 09-22-20.

There was no further Old Business brought forth.

New Business:

Resolution regarding A Resolution to Increase the Sliding Scale Income Eligibility for the Senior Citizen and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Exemptions by Adopting Local Law #1 of 2021.

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

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

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution Regarding Setting Public Hearing, County Referral, and SEQR Classification Regarding Local Law #2 of 2021 to Revise Zoning Law for the Town of Tyre.

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

YEA NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT

Councilman Sutterby	X
Councilman Rogers	X
Councilman Thomson	X
Councilman Aceto	X
Supervisor McGreevy	X

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution to Approve Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Tyre

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

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

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution Regarding To Adopt the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys

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

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

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution of the Tyre Town Board Increasing the Petty Cash for the Tyre Town Clerk.

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

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

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Resolution of the Tyre Town Board Authorizing the Tyre Town Clerk to Charge a Bounced Check Fee.

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

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

Resolution duly adopted. Resolution follows.

Supervisor Correspondence/Report:

Supervisor McGreevy noted a letter dated 02-03-21 received from Mr. James Candiloro, P.E., NYS Canal Corporation re: Earthen Embankment Integrity Program – SEQRA Scoping Document. He stated if anyone was interested in obtaining further information on this topic, please contact the town.

Supervisor McGreevy noted a FOIL request dated 02-05-21 from Mr. Aaron Leonard re: Magee Volunteer Fire Department bingo reports. Town Clerk Carol Sosnowski advised the Town Board that this request was approved and fulfilled.

Supervisor McGreevy also stated that on 02-10-21, there was a conference call with Engineering firm of B&L and a number of stakeholders regarding the proposed Montezuma Waterline Feasibility Study. On the call were officials from MNWR, Towns and Montezuma and Aurelius as well as representatives of Circle K Convenience Store. MNWR is proposing to build a new 5,000 sq. ft. complex replacing 2 existing buildings and they are hoping to have this new building served by municipal water and sewer. Water at the current facility has to be

trucked in and be stored in an underground tank. This proposed project is contingent upon receipt of grant funding as well as the results of the Feasibility Study being conducted by their engineers at B&L. Water and Sewer districts would most likely need to be formed. During this conference call it was stated that the proposed project could take 1-2 years to complete. Maps and more detailed information will be provided to the Town of Tyre in the near future. Moving forward, I will be seeking input from our engineer Mr. Michael Simon as to any potential Town of Tyre responsibilities regarding this project.

There was no further business brought forth before the Town Board.

At 7:17 pm, Supervisor McGreevy indicated it was time to pay the bills.

Financial – Bills:

General Fund – Town Wide – 103-104; 229-259

Highway Fund – 103-104; 500-508

Water District #1 –801-804

Water District #2 -802

Trust & Agency – 1-2

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

Adjournment:

Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. VOTE: Yea – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0 Absent - 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Town Clerk