

March 17, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyre Municipal Building, 1082 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, in the Town of Tyre.

Supervisor Partee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor the passing of Tyre resident Mrs. Elizabeth “Tootie” Sutterby. Elizabeth served as Town Clerk for the Town of Tyre for 42 years (from 1976 through 2018). Elizabeth was an integral part of this Town and Tyre has suffered a great loss with her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband (Alan) and her son (Councilman Kenneth Sutterby) and the rest of their family.

Roll Call: Councilman Reginald Aceto – here; Councilman Jeffrey Bennett – here; Councilman Henry Bickel – here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

Others Present: Bookkeeper Michael Gross; Assessor Phil Griswold; Jon Partee; Char Verkey; Rod Verkey; Pat Mahoney; Dennis Stone; Richard Damaske; Mark Travis; Donna Aceto

PUBLIC HEARING regarding Proposed Local Law #2 of 2022 “A Local Law to Provide that the Exemption for Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Ben Applicable Within the Town of Tyre”

Motion made by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Sutterby to open the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

No comments were brought forward

Motion made by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Sutterby to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Motion is carried by the following vote:

VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Open Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: None

Committee Reports:

Highway Committee – Nothing to report

Building Committee – Councilman Aceto reported that the request for quotes is almost finished for the well at the Band Hall/Highway Building. There will be further detail as the process moves forward.

Records and Communication Committee – Nothing to report

Insurance and Finance Committee – Nothing to report

Sewer and Water Committee – Nothing to report

Fire Department Committee – Councilman Aceto reports that he received a call from Bill Black who is a former member of the Magee Fire Department. Mr. Black has joined the Clyde Fire Department and is the main person for manning the Petro Station. He invited Councilman Aceto to visit the Petro Station to meet the other fire fighters and view how they operate. Councilman Aceto reported that they are doing a great job.

Personnel Committee – Nothing to report

Band Hall Committee – Pat Mahoney is requesting a resolution for a mailing to Town residents regarding an update on the Band Hall.

Broadband Committee – Supervisor Partee reports that a sub-committee has been created at the County level that will help the Town as well. there are Federal/State infrastructure grants that are being looked into for this purpose.

Agricultural Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee – Nothing to report

Reports of Officers and Departments:

Town Clerk: Nothing to report

Highway Superintendent: Highway Superintendent Bush reports that he has submitted Section 284 Agreement for blacktop purchase.

Dog Control Officer: Nothing to report

Fire Chief: Chief Tavano reported that there were 12 calls for the Town of Tyre. Chief Tavano also reports that there were 4 members from the Magee Fire Department that have been accepted to Clyde Fire Department: Bill Black, Leonard Zimmerman; Geri Scibone; and Delmar Wise. There are many trainings occurring including EMT classes and NYS BEFO classes.

Assessor: Assessor Griswold reported that he attended a zoom class as part of his requirement for Town Assessor.

Planning Board/ZBA/Training Records: Nothing to report

Zoning Enforcement Officer: ZEO Heizmann reported that there has been no new permits and no new complaints. Love's Truck Stop has asked for an extension of their zoning permit and apologized for the delays in opening.

Bookkeeper: Bookkeeper Gross has uploaded the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #14 and #2; and the Cash Receipt Summary Report. There is no Supervisor's Monthly Report but hopes to have that finished and uploaded to one drive soon. 2019 Audit should be just about ready to finish up. Work is continuing on the 2020 Audit.

Resolutions and Motions:

RESOLUTION adopting Local Law #2 of 2022 – A local law to provide that the exemption for energy systems pursuant to real property tax law section 487 shall not be applicable within the Town of Tyre.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Bennett, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain - 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION accepting the agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Aceto, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION appointing Carl Martin and Charlene Verkey to the Agricultural Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilman Bickel, seconded by Councilman Bennett, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION accepting the proposal from the Band Hall Committee for funding to mail a letter to Tyre residents.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilman Bickel, seconded by Councilman Sutterby, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Water rates for commercial businesses – Mike Simon is working on this and will keep the Board updated as he moves forward.

Broadband Survey – All Tyre residents are encouraged to complete the statewide Broadband Survey by March 18, 2022 to ensure accurate representation of broadband needs within the community. Please visit www.senecacountybroadband.com to complete the survey and speed test.

New Business:

Supervisor Partee and Councilman Aceto are going to review the Town of Tyre Zoning Law for possible changes. Some initial things we plan to consider include compensation for Zoning Board of Appeals Members, possible incorporation of the Town of Tyre Solar Law into the Tyre Zoning Law, as well as other items that our Zoning Officer has identified. Please look at the Zoning Law as it stands and let Supervisor Partee know if there are other areas of it that you want to have reviewed.

Supervisor Partee announces the appointment changes to the following Standing Committees for 2022:

Highway – Councilman Bickel and Councilman Bennett

Insurance & Finance – Supervisor Partee and Councilman Bennett

Sewer & Water Study – Councilman Sutterby and Councilman Bennett

Band Hall – Councilman Aceto and Councilman Bickel

Agricultural Land Preservation Fund – Supervisor Partee and Councilman Bickel

Supervisor Report/Correspondence:

March 7, 2022 – Received gift of chocolates from LaBella Associates. Chocolates will be shared at the March 17, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

March 8, 2022 – Tyre was identified as an interested agency under SEQR for the Town of Waterloo Sewer Use Law. Received the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 and other pertinent information that pertains to this matter.

March 14, 2022 – USDA dropped off information regarding an upcoming presentation by local conservation agencies on services they can offer landowners and agricultural producers on March 29, 2022 from 6-8 pm at the Canoga Fire Hall (3576 NY – 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148). This meeting is open to the public and desserts/refreshments will be provided. Come and hear about the financial and technical opportunities you may be missing out on. Register at <https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/land245>. 315-539-9251 ext. 109, or jlw24@cornell.edu.

March 14, 2022 – Information received from the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO) regarding their next public outreach event on April 25, 2022 at 6 pm in the Yates County Office Building to present the Seneca-Keuka Watershed Plan. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the plan which is designed to improve water quality in Seneca and Keuka Lakes.

March 15, 2022 – Received Ag and Farmland Protection Plan resources and grant information from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

March 15, 2022 – Received copy of letter from Town Attorney Jeff Graff forwarding LL #1 of 2022 to the NYS Department of State for filing.

Bills:

General Fund – Townwide: 105-106; 269-301

Highway Fund : 105-106; 269; 609-614

Water District #1: 805-807

Water District #2: 805

Trust & Agency: 4-5

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

Adjournment:

Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk