

July 21, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, July 21, 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

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

Others Present: Bookkeeper Michael Gross; Mike Reese; Dennis Stone; Pat Mahoney; Char Verkey; Rod Verkey; William Black; Donna Aceto; Mark Travis; Justin Mahoney

Petitioners/Presentations: None

Open Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2022 and June 30, 2022 minutes.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written made by Councilman Aceto and seconded by Councilman Bennett.

Vote: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Building Committee:

Cleaning Services for Municipal Building – the cleaning person has had to stop cleaning the building. The Board is in agreement to post for an individual contracted person/company.

Water Well System at Tyre Highway Building – The new well/water system is completed at the Tyre Highway Building. Attached are the reports from the company.

Acoustic Solutions (Municipal Building) – Supervisor Partee is going to postpone this item for now as the Town has used a good portion of the money that was budgeted for building contractual. This item will be revisited towards the end of the year.

Insurance and Finance Committee:

LNB Update – All of the new accounts have been created. Supervisor Partee and Bookkeeper Gross have been training with LNB. The hope is to transfer all accounts by August 1, 2022.

Health Insurance Plan Comparison – Supervisor Partee compared the Town's health insurance with the Tompkins County Health Consortium that the County participates with. The insurance the Town has is less expensive than what the County uses. It was decided to continue with our existing plan.

NYS Deferred Compensation Plan – See the attached paperwork

Highway Committee: None

Fire Department Committee: Supervisor Partee reported that as of 7/20/22 the Phase II was received, and no concerns were noted. The transfer of property is to commence soon.

Band Hall Committee: Several activities are going on at the Band Hall and several more activities are planned for the future. The open house went well.

Reports of Officers and Departments:

Town Clerk: There is now a locked box on the outside of the Town Building that is for dog licenses to be dropped off. The Town of Fayette Supervisor has asked if our town clerk would help to train their new town clerk. Carol will help where she can.

Highway Superintendent: Highway Superintendent Bush reported that they are still in need of a new mower. Councilman Aceto asked him to meet with Bookkeeper Gross and see where the money can come from for this new mower and report back to the Board.

Dog Control Officer: There were only 2 calls for the month

Fire Department: Chief Tavano reported that there were 15 calls in the Town. New Tyre member James Eby of Middle Black Brook Road was accepted to the department. There has been a great deal of training going on for members to include: confined space/rope refreshers and haz mat refreshers. They are also working on canal trail rescue drill with Lyons and Savannah. They are working on an open house plan for Tyre for fire prevention week October, 2022.

Assessor: Nothing to report

Planning Board/ZBA/Training Records: The monthly meeting was held on June 28, 2022 and there were no agenda items that required action by the board. Chairman Seem discussed the continuing need for assistance to Secretary Kesel and following the meeting Deborah Geary volunteered to assist, at least for the interim.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: There was 1 permit issued and 3 complaints for the month. There was an inquiry about expanding Petro's parking lot. There has been interest in the site across from del Lago for a large project that would need a variance of 90' in height.

Bookkeeper: Bookkeeper Gross has uploaded the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #6; and the Cash Receipt Summary Report. He has also uploaded the Supervisor's Monthly Report and the Supervisor's Financial Statements Report. Bookkeeper Gross met with the auditors and is working on training for the NYSLRS enhanced reporting.

Resolutions and Motions:

RESOLUTION adopting the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan

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 – 4; Nay – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain - 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Water Service Law Amendments – Town Engineer Mike Simon passed out paperwork outlining the new Water Service Law Amendments and fees. Town Board will review this paperwork for any revisions by next week. The rate sheet will be separate from the Water Service Law so that the rates can be updated yearly without having to change the local law every year. There was general discussion around O & M fee to be added to water bills to cover any repair expenses and further discussion will follow.

Del Lago Easement – Town Engineer Mike Simon reported that he has talked with Lance Young and he is in agreement with the easement. Supervisor Partee will talk with Jeff Graff and the paperwork will be drawn up and forwarded to Mr. Young for finalization.

Dedication of Love's waterline extension – Town Engineer Mike Simon said now is the time to move on this dedication. He will meet with Jeff Graff and get this process going.

Love's Truck Stop – Town Engineer Mike Simon reported that he has checked with Tim from Bohler and they are attempting to assist the Town with working with DOT and getting the lights and turn lane installed and operating to help ease the congestion thru this area. A new contractor was hired and is supposed to start the turn lane/lights beginning August 1, 2022.

New Business: Nothing

Supervisor Report/Correspondence:

- June 17, 2022 - From NYSEG, news release regarding a new low-income utility arrears forgiveness program available to NYSEG and RG&E customers received via email.
- June 21, 2022 – Supervisor Partee attended a Local Government Budgeting seminar with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller.
- June 22, 2022 – From Jessica Walker, email received opposing new gas stations.
- June 24, 2022 – From Maureen Gregoire, via website contact form, sharing concerns of traffic congestion (long back-ups) near intersection of Rt. 414/Rt. 318 and Thruway Exit 41.
- June 24, 2022 – Supervisor Partee contacted the NYS DOT again regarding the back-ups occurring near the 318/414 intersection & Thruway Exit 31. Note: They are still waiting to receive the permanent light that will be installed in front of Love's (supply issues). The permanent light is needed to coordinate all the signals on 414 together.
- July 1, 2022 – From Laura Moser, called sharing concerns of traffic congestion (long back-ups) near intersection of Rt. 414/Rt. 318 and Thruway Exit 41.
- July 1, 2022 – From (Unknown Caller), called sharing concerns of traffic congestion (long back-ups) near intersection of Rt. 414/Rt. 318 and Thruway Exit 41.
- July 1, 2022 – From Ed, via website contact form, requesting information about (rumors of) a water park going in near Cayuga Lake.
- July 1, 2022 – Supervisor Partee contacted the NYS DOT again regarding the back-ups occurring near the 318/414 intersection & Thruway Exit 31. Note: Still waiting for the permanent light for Love's, but they are looking into other ways to help the situation. If any residents have concerns, please contact the NYS DOT yourself to voice them.

- July 5, 2022 – From Seneca Security Service, letter received (Re: Seneca Security Service will no longer be providing Court Security Services for the town court effective September 1, 2022).
- July 5, 2022 – From Alexis Marquez (Board Member of Design Connect at Cornell University), email received requesting proposals/project partners from municipalities in need of design and planning services.
- July 6, 2022 – From Cassie Shafer, via website contact form, regarding the state of Traver Cemetery.
- July 6, 2022 – From Brandon Kennedy, via website contact form, requesting a zoning map of the town.
- July 11, 2022 – From Marc Talomie, email received (Re: state of former MVFD building at 2385 Lamb Road).
- July 11, 2022 – From Sandy Schweitz, communication received (Re: former MVFD mailbox on Shawn Drive, questions regarding status of the former MVFD, and grounds keeping at the former MVFD property at 1807 Route 318).
- July 11, 2022 – Permission requested from/granted by the Receiver to process mail received by the former MVFD and to do some grounds keeping at the 1807 Route 318 property, without prejudice.
- July 11, 2022 – From Assemblyman Gallahan’s office, via email, regarding a pet supply donation drive their office is doing to benefit Happy Tails and the Beverly Animal Shelter from September 26th – October 24th. A box for donations (toys, food, litter, collars, leashes, bleach, and paper towels) will be left at the Tyre Town Hall on September 23rd and picked up on October 25th.
- July 12, 2022 – From Karen Switzer, communication regarding recycling pick up on Middle Black Brook Road.
- July 16, 2022 – From Seneca County Department of Planning and Community Development, letter received regarding Agricultural District #6.
- July 16, 2022 – From Midland Asphalt Materials Inc, received list of bulk storage materials that are located at Midland Asphalt’s Lyons Facility. List is sent to all downstream municipalities and downstream surface water users that are permitted to withdraw water within 20 miles of their facility.
- July 18, 2022 – From NYSEG/RG&E, letter received regarding natural gas pipeline safety.
- July 19, 2022 – From Councilman Henry Bickel, documents received regarding fire protection.

Bills:

General Fund – Townwide: 113-115; 402-431

Highway Fund: 113-115; 633-637

Fire Protection District: 903

Water District #1: 816-820

Water District #2: 817

Trust & Agency: 12-15

Councilman Bickel moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto that the bills be approved for payment: VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 1

Adjournment:

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman Aceto that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 1

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk