

October 27, 2022

The special meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyre Municipal Building, 1082 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Supervisor Partee introduced Mark Butler, Attorney for the Town for fire protection services

**Others Present:** Leonard Zimmerman; James Eby; Nick Madia; Karen Thomson; David Page; Josh Page; Jay Horning; Larry Kesel; Laurie Shumway; Nate Shumway; M.J. Persing, Jr; Sue Delpapa; Mike Darling; Jon Daily; Matt Force; Tom Caprillo; Glenn Zimmerman; Stephen Lawrence; Dennis Stone; Will Rhinehart; Zach Larsen; Allen Larsen; Steve Farnsworth; Matt Devries; Gary Darling; Troy Pickard; Ann Fenton; Janey Abbott; Corey Haig; Cory Forzone; Tony Roe; Joe Tavano, Sr.; Joe Tavano, Jr.; Delmar Wise; Pat Mahoney; Mark Travis; Matt Sharp, Sharon Rayno; Chip Rayno

### **Presentations:**

Public participation will be allowed during the Open Privilege of the floor portion of the meeting. Please hold your comments until then.

### **Fire Department Committee:**

The Fire Department Committee shared a Fire Protection Committee Report and Recommendations

Councilman Sutterby spoke regarding the history of the Town obtaining the assets of the former MVFD. Councilman Sutterby stated that the Town is not interested in selling any of the equipment as the Tyre residents want the equipment used in the Town of Tyre. Residents in Tyre have made it clear that they want to have their own fire department. There is a public pride and a public drive to have our own town fire department. Supervisor Partee has tasked the Fire Department Committee with looking into the Town's options. Councilman Sutterby feels that the Town has the following four options:

1. Do nothing and maintain coverage with Galen-Clyde Fire Department
2. Extend Galen-Clyde Fire Department District over to Tyre
3. Create our own fire department
4. Town Board create its own fire department with interim having Galen-Clyde handle things to help build a structure that would work for the Town

Councilman Aceto stated that this is a long and involved report. This is the beginning of the process and the Board believes in openness and communication with the residents of the Town. The Board's ears are open and we are trying to represent the citizens of the Town. The Board has spent numerous hours talking with the community, business owners, residents, other fire chiefs, and interviewed fire commissioners. A tremendous amount of work has gone into this and if anyone has any thoughts, concerns, or questions the Board is here to listen.

Councilman Bickel asked if the Board has looked and asked for people interested in being a Fire Commissioner. Councilman Sutterby responded to this question and stated that he has talked with over fifty residents and not many wanted to take the time to take this on. Councilman Bickel asked if the Town could advertise for this. It was agreed that they could.

Councilman Bennett stated that he is not sure which way to go with these options. As a Town we have to all come together and work together to step up and make it better for everyone. It is up to our Town and its residents to do some soul searching and do what you can to help.

Mr. Butler stated that the Fire Department Committee has worked very hard on this report and it was very sophisticated and insightful in caring about the community. The Board recognizes Galen-Clyde Fire Department for the

tremendous service they have provided. This whole process will involve a lot more time and this is the first step in the process.

Supervisor Partee stated that the Fire Department Committee did what she tasked them with. She wanted real thought and insight put into this report. This is a great report by this committee.

Councilman Sutterby stated that in his opinion he is recommending option #4. He stated that this is the best way to create a stable environment and a better created along the way and possibly other options could come into play as well. Councilman Sutterby stated that he wants Tyre to be what Galen-Clyde has.

Councilman Aceto agrees with Councilman Sutterby that the Town wants all that Galen-Clyde has such as training, comradery, and a sense that people want to belong. Galen-Clyde is a top notch fire department and how can we make this so we can work together. Councilman Aceto believes if we go in with an open heart and good intentions we can do something innovative and the residents will be proud.

Councilman Sutterby stated that it is the recommendation that a fire company needs to be formed, need to recruit people, train them, and work out the details.

**Public Discussion/Comments (Open Privilege of the Floor):**

Tyre could learn a lot from Galen-Clyde and let them teach us.

People have to follow the laws

Need to have dedicated people and understanding that the fire department is there for the people

If the by-laws had been followed the demise of Magee Volunteer Fire Department would have never happened

Who will be appointing the fire board members? Mr. Butler stated that the Town Board has the authority to create and appoint the Fire Board and can approve all members, officers, fire medic officers, president, secretary, Board of Directors,

etc. Mr. Butler stated that there is a three step process: 1. Needs analysis of the community; 2. Planning of implementation developed by the Board; and 3. use of the assets.

The need to follow the by-laws and be held accountable if someone does not

It is a tall order to get folks to participate let alone do the tremendous amount of training that is required

The Town's tax money is paying for the trainings for the fire fighters – the fire department is not charged for trainings

Mr. Case stated that it takes 10 people to hold a class and that the training can be done in house at the fire department. Befo class has to be held at the training center.

Why does option #2 not work if Galen-Clyde Fire Department District was extended? Because of population differences Galen-Clyde would have control. The Town cannot legally request a number of seats on the Galen-Clyde Board.

**Motion** was made for a 10 minute recess by Supervisor Partee and seconded by Councilman Aceto at 7:40 p.m.

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

Motion carried

Reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion** that the Fire Protection Committee Report be accepted and filed with the Town Clerk made by Councilman Sutterby and seconded by Supervisor Partee.

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

Motion carried

**Motion** made to direct the Fire Protection Committee to develop a plan of implementation as stated in Option #4 and report back to the Board by January 15, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilman Bickel, seconded by Councilman Bennett

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

Motion carried

**New Business:**

**Motion** for the Town Board to accept the resolution authorizing a Public Hearing to be held on November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the Proposed Local Law entitled “A Local Law Repealing Solar Energy Law #4 of 2018 and Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Tyre”.

Motion made by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett authorizing the scheduling of this public hearing.

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

Motion is carried

**Motion** for the Town Board to accept the resolution authorizing scheduling a Public Hearing to be held on November 17, 2022 at 6:35 p.m. for the Proposed Local Law entitled “A Local Law Amending the Town of Tyre Site Plan Review Regulations”.

Motion made by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Aceto authorizing the scheduling of this public hearing.

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

Motion is carried

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Bennet moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski  
Tyre Town Clerk