

November 30, 2023

The Special Town Board meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, November 30, 2023 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 Jeffrey Bennett – here; Councilman Henry Bickel – here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

Others Present: Dennis Stone; Greg Guy; Delmar Wise; Sharon Rayno; Chip Rayno; Jason Bishop; Nicole Bishop; Jay Horning; Michael Hurst; John Konrad; Julie Konrad

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett to open the Public Hearing regarding the Tyre Fire Protection District for the year 2024.

VOTE: Aye - 4; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

The Town Board passed a resolution authorizing this public hearing on November 9, 2023; and official notice for tonight’s hearing was published in the Finger Lakes Times on November 15, 2023. Copies of the contract and inter-municipal agreement have been available from the Town Clerk since November 9, 2023.

For those wishing to speak at the Public Hearing this evening, comments are to be limited to the contract and inter-municipal agreement with the Galen-Clyde Fire District for fire protections services within the Tyre Fire Protection District for the year 2024 which is the sole topics of this public hearing. The Board will hear comments and questions from the community and will give consideration to them

in its decision-making process. The Board will also take written comments into consideration and will place those comments into the record.

Supervisor Partee asked if there was anyone here who would like to address the Board with comments specific to the contract and inter-municipal agreement with the Galen-Clyde Fire District for fire protection services within the Tyre Fire Protection District for the year 2024? No comments

Supervisor Partee asked again if there was anyone who would like to address the Board with comments specific to the contract and inter-municipal agreement with the Galen-Clyde Fire District for fire protection services within the Tyre Fire Protection District for the year 2024? No comments

Supervisor Partee stated as there are no comments, is there a motion to close the Public Hearing?

Motion made by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Sutterby to close the Public Hearing regarding the contract and inter-municipal agreement with the Galen-Clyde Fire District for fire protection services within the Tyre Fire Protection District for the year 2024

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain - 0

Public Hearing is closed at 6:33 p.m.

Open Privilege of the Floor: Dennis reported that the Band Hall roof replacement has begun.

Resolutions and Motions:

Resolution approving the contract with the Galen-Clyde Fire District for fire protection services within the Tyre Fire Protection District for year 2024 and authorizing the Supervisor to sign such contract and inter-municipal agreement.

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

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution authorizing the change in water service rates for Water District #1 and Water District #2

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

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution to schedule a public hearing for the contract with North Seneca Ambulance for ambulatory services with the Town of Tyre for year 2024 on December 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution introducing the proposed Local Law #7 of 2023 entitled “A Local Law to Reduce the Size of the Existing Town of Tyre Planning Board from Seven to Five Members” for review and setting a public hearing on December 21, 2023 at 6:35 p.m.

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

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution scheduling a Special Town Board End of Year Meeting on December 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Special Town Board Meeting scheduled for January 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing the formation of Tyre Fire Company, Inc. and the inter-municipal agreement with the Galen-Clyde Fire District.
- Supervisor Partee discussed the proposed “Gravel Road Solar” project. She informed the Board that still no official application for this proposed project has been submitted to ORES, nor has she received any communication from the developer. However, Governor Hochul did announce that this proposed project recently received the renewable energy credit auction awards by NYSERDA. As such, she drafted a letter to Governor Hochul requesting reconsideration of this proposed industrial solar project in our small town. Copies of the letter had been shared with board members and Supervisor Partee explained that the letter had also been reviewed by legal counsel for this potential project and was given the green light to send. Motion by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett to authorize the Supervisor to send the letter on Town Board letterhead to Governor Kathy Hochul with copies sent to Basil Seggos (Commissioner, NYSDEC), Houtan Moaveni (Executive Director, ORES), Kyla Hastie (Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region, US FWS), Scott Kahan (Regional Chief, National Wildlife

Refuge System), Doreen M. Harris (President and CEO, NYSERDA), Richard A. Ball (Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets), Emory Oese-siegl (President, Seneca County Farm Bureau), Senator Thomas F. O'Mara (New York's 58th Senate District), Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan (131st Assembly District of New York), and Michael Enslow (Chairman, Seneca County Board of Supervisors).

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Motion is carried.

- Supervisor Partee asked the Town Board if it wishes to fill the vacancy on the Town Board caused by the resignation of Reginald Aceto? As a reminder, if the Board chooses to appoint someone to fill this vacancy, this individual will only be appointed until the end of next year (December 31, 2024) and must run in the General Election next November against anyone else interested in the position in order to complete the vacated term (which expires on December 31, 2025).

Councilman Jeff Bennett made a motion to nominate Nicole Bishop to fill this vacant position, seconded by Councilman Bickel.

All in favor of appointing Nicole Bishop as Councilwoman for a term expiring December 31, 2024

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Motion is carried.

Town Clerk conducted the Oath of Office and welcomed Nicole!

- Supervisor Partee passed out training requirements paperwork for volunteer firefighters in preparation for the Fire meeting on January 10th.

Adjournment:

Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Bennett that the meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk