

November 9, 2023

The Special Town Board meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, November 9, 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, Corey Haig

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Bickel to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budget, the 2024 Town of Tyre Fire Protection District Preliminary Budget, the 2024 Town of Tyre Water District #1 Preliminary Budget, and the 2024 Town of Tyre Water District #2 Preliminary Budget

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

Public Hearing opened at 6:33 p.m.

The Town Board passed a resolution authorizing this public hearing on October 19, 2023 and official notice for tonight’s hearing was published in the Finger Lakes Times on November 2, 2023. Copies of the proposed Local Law have been available here at the Municipal Building since October 19, 2023 and are also available on the Town website.

For those wishing to speak at the Public Hearing this evening, comments are to be limited to the 2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budgets which are 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 2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budgets? No comments

Supervisor Partee asked again if there was anyone who would like to address the Board with comments specific to the 2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budgets? No comments

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

Motion made by Councilman Bickel, seconded by Councilman Bennett to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budgets.

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

Public Hearing is closed at 6:34 p.m.

Open Privilege of the Floor: Nothing

Unfinished Business:

2024 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budgets

Water Districts – The Town received a bill from the Town of Junius as they were not billing for water usage correctly. They were billing for \$3.18/1000 gallons of water when it should have been \$3.99/1000 gallons of water. The budgets for 2023 and 2024 will need to be modified for this increase.

Highway Department – Superintendent Bush has asked for a third full time employee as part of next year’s budget. Discussion occurred around this subject. Supervisor Partee stated that she has a hard time justifying a third full time position and would rather approve a part-time position. Councilman Bennett asked what kind of responsibilities this third position would have?

Superintendent Bush stated: mowing, plowing, filling in for vacations, running two shifts for plowing – which would also decrease the overtime rate for plowing. Councilman Sutterby and Councilman Bickel also stated that they had a hard time justifying a third full time person.

Motion by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett to take a short recess.

A call was placed to the Seneca County Personnel Director with questions around the logistics of hiring a third full-time person.

Further discussion was held by all and the following occurred:

Motion was made by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett to make this position a part-time position and to change the budget accordingly.

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

The Town Board completed Part 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for Proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 “A Local Law Amending Local Law #1 of 2009; Local Law #1 of 2010; and Local Law #4 of 2015 and the Zoning Law of the Town of Tyre Pertaining to Dogs and Kennels”.

The Board worked thru answering questions 1-18 to complete Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for Proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 “A Local Law Amending Local Law #1 of 2009; Local Law #1 of 2010; and Local Law #4 of 2015 and the Zoning Law of the Town of Tyre Pertaining to Dogs and Kennels”.

All answers to questions 1-18 of Part 2 had an answer of no.

Motion by Councilman Sutterby, seconded by Councilman Bennett to direct the Supervisor to complete Part 3 by checking Box A.

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

Motion is carried.

Supervisor Partee congratulated all newly elected or re-elected town officials.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Supervisor Partee, seconded by Councilman Sutterby to enter into executive session for “matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation” pursuant to Public Officers Law 105(1)(f).

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

Motion carried. Entered into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Motion made by Supervisor Partee, seconded by Councilman Bennett to exit executive session.

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

Motion carried. Exited Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion to approve the proposed contract with Galen-Clyde Fire Department for fire protection for 2024, subject to the mandatory public hearing requirements of Town Law Section 184, which hearing is hereby set for November 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of such as required by such statute”.

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk