

February 28, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Wednesday, February 28, 2024 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; Councilwoman Nicole Bishop- here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

In Attendance: Jason Bishop; Dennis Stone; Pat Mahoney; Mike Reese; Tim Bush; Corey Haig

Open Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2024 and February 6, 2024

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written made by Councilwoman Bishop and seconded by Councilman Sutterby.

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

Motion carried

Reports of Officers and Departments:

Town Clerk: For the month of February, 2024 total income received \$268.00

Highway Superintendent: The sealed bids for the annual rental requirements of heavy equipment was due back no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. There was one sealed bid received from Seneca Stone. This bid was approved and accepted.

Dog Control Officer: There were five calls for the month – no tickets were issued. The spay and neuter clinics are running full force.

Fire Department: Nothing

Assessor: Friday, March 1st is taxable status day. All exemption applications and renewals must be in the Assessor's office by the end of the day on March 1st.

Planning Board/ZBA/Training Records: No meeting was held

Zoning Enforcement Officer: 2 new permits were issued for a retail cannabis shop. There were 2 new complaints – the first was a concern and not an actual complaint. The second ZEO Officer is trying to determine if there is an actual zoning issue or just a neighborhood disagreement.

Bookkeeper: Abstract of audited vouchers #14 of 2023 & #1 of 2024 with cash receipts summary report, financial statements and trial balances. Bookkeeper will work on getting 2024 books caught up to date. Enhanced reporting for NYSLRS is going well. AFR for 2023 was completed and filed on 2/23/2024.

Supervisor's Report

Broadband update – Things are moving along with the broadband project. There are three more addressed on Gravel Road and one address on Stevenson Road that are now able to get service. The next update we get should include a good portion of everything north of the thruway. The make-ready is slated to be finished this week, which means that the project could potentially be finished by the end of next month.

March 26 – Financial Audit

DRS attending Town Board meeting March or April

Revenue sharing by the County (Tyre is estimated to receive approximately \$45,000. This will be received between June – September, 2024.

RFP for snow removal and landscaping – JEL contract ends 3/31/24 – the new RFP will include mowing at the public safety building as an optional item. The Town Clerk will send out a public notice for the RFP.

Municipal Energy & Gas Alliance – Supervisor Partee met with them and will send the Town’s consumption to them and see if the Town can get a better price from a possible new vendor.

Workman’s Comp – We pay this to the County and Supervisor Partee is going to research other options as a way to reduce our costs.

New Committee Liaisons –

- Human Resources – Bishop
- Highway & Band Hall – Bennett
- Natural Resources – Sutterby
- Planning, Zoning & Assessment – Bickel
- Public Safety – Partee

Reports of Committees:

Band Hall Committee: Will be meeting the third Monday of every month with Councilman Bennett

Public Safety:

Marion Pumper currently being serviced and inspected by Harrob

Tyre Fire Company: In terms of volunteer interest, we currently have:
Exterior Firefighters: 10 interested, 7 need BEFO class
Interior Firefighters: 4 interested, 2 need BEFO and IFO classes
Administrative Support Members: 9 interested, 6 interested in an Executive office position

Planning to incorporate a Tyre Fire Company before the first available BEFO class:
To proceed with incorporating a Tyre Fire Company, we must Appoint at least a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At this

time we have one person who has expressed interest in being either the secretary or treasurer

Looking into other BEFO training options:

Cayuga County plans to host a condensed daytime boot-camp style BEFO class at the end of May. At this time, the dates for this class have not yet been announced. If there are Tyre folks interested in this class, please reach out to Supervisor Partee as soon as possible

Fall BEFO class will be in September/October (specific dates are yet to be determined)

Councilman Bennett talked about the small fire house that was originally owned by the Verkey's and gifted to the former Magee Fire Department. Councilman Bennett has discussed this unused property with the Verkey family and they would to take possession of this unused property.

Motion by Councilman Bennett and seconded by Councilman Sutterby for Supervisor Partee to seek legal counsel to see what has to be done to turn this unused property and building back over to the Verkey family.

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

Motion is carried.

Unfinished Business: Nothing

New Business: Councilwoman Bishop and Councilman Bennett will review the Town Policy for the Highway Department in regards to shoes and clothing.

USDA requested permission to survey for European Cherry Fruit Flies and Box Tree Moths on municipality-owned property in Tyre. Like last year, they are required to request our permission annually. We can grant permission to all properties owned by the Town of Tyre, or we can note specific Town properties and right of ways that they can or cannot access.

Motion by Supervisor Partee to fill out the USDA Survey with combined access permission, seconded by Councilman Bennett.

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

Motion is carried.

Resolutions and Motions

Resolution #45 of 2024 acknowledging the examination of the records of the Justice accounts of the Town of Tyre for the year ended December 31, 2023

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 – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #46 of 2024 accepting the proposal from LaBella Associates to prepare a Map, Plan & Report for a refuse collection special district

Supervisor Partee moved to postpone this resolution until the next Town Board meeting, seconded by Councilman Sutterby, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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

The Resolution was postponed until the April 24, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Correspondence:

February 1, 2024 – From Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO), meeting minutes from January 29, 2024 received

February 2, 2024 – From Charter Communications, letter received (re: Program Notice – Newsmax hd launch)

February 5, 2024 – From USDA, requesting permission to survey/trap for the European Cherry Fruit Fly and Box Tree Moth in select locations in Tyre

February 7, 2024 – Press Release received from Governor Hochul (re: New York's Pro-Housing Communities Program)

February 7, 2024 – Press Release received from NYSEG (re: reminder to customers of resources to manage energy bills)

February 8, 2024 – From NYS Department of State, notice received that Town of Tyre Local Law #1 of 2024 was filed on January 31, 2024

February 8, 2024 – From Mark Pitifer, via email (re: proposed resolution opposing the Seneca Meadows landfill expansion)

February 13, 2024 – From US Census Bureau, via e-mail (re: 2024 boundary and annexation survey received requesting our town's participation)

February 14, 2024 – From NYS Department of Conservation, via e-mail (re: notice of Proposed Rule-making and Public Comment Perion – 6 NYCCRR Part 375, Environmental Remediation Programs)

February 15, 2024 – From New York Planning Federation, training certificates received for Al Smith and Ann Marie Heizmann for the NYS Freshwater Wetlands Act Revisions course

February 20, 2024 – From NYS Public Service Commission, via e-mail (re: Order approving compliance filings 54, 56, 59, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 79 subject to conditions for Case 19-F-0366-Application of Trelina Solar Energy Center, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to develop, construct and operate a solar generating facility with a maximum generating capability of 80 MW in the Town of Waterloo, Seneca County)

February 21, 2024 – From NYS Department of State, notice received that Town of Tyre Local Law #2 of 2024 was filed on February 13, 2024

February 21, 2024 – From New York Planning Federation, training certificates received for Al Smith and Ann Marie Heizmann for the “SEQRA Basics Learn at Lunch” course

February 23, 2024 – From Charter Communications, letter received (re: Program Notice – AXS TV rebranding to Anthem)

February 23, 2024 – From Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, 2023 Annual Report received

February 23, 2024 – From Steven Cooley, via website (re: property upkeep complaint)

February 23, 2024 – From NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services, received the Tentative Special Franchise Full Values for the 2024 assessment roll

Next Regular Town Board Meeting is set for March 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m

Bills:

General Fund – Townwide: 103-105; 226-230; 232-255

Highway Fund: 103-105; 237; 250; 602-608

Fire Protection District: 231

Water District #1: 800-803

Water District #2: 801

Trust & Agency: 1

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

Adjournment:

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk