

April 24, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Wednesday, April 24, 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- absent; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

In Attendance: Dennis Stone; Rich Bennett; Corie Campbell; Jay Bennett; Aaron DiSanto; John Konrad, Jacki Konrad; Delmar Wise; Jeff Hurst; Eileen Franco; Asa Swick; David Paige; Josh Paige; Jay Horning; Lewis Weaver; Corey Haig

Presentation: Seneca County Sheriff Timothy Thompson introduced himself and stated that his goal is to be accessible and to provide services to the appropriate people. He shared about himself and passed out business cards to the Board.

Open Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2024

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

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

Motion carried

Reports of Officers and Departments:

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk reported that for the month of March, 2024 \$117.00 was collected (\$78.00 dog licenses; \$25.00 for dog redemption fee). Also reported that the office can now do hunting and fishing licenses.

Highway Superintendent: Highway Superintendent reported that they received the new skidsteer. At this time they are working on ditches. A few town roads will be blacktopped or chip sealed this month. Residents will receive notice in their mailbox from the Highway Superintendent.

Dog Control Officer: Nothing

Fire Department: Chief Tavano reported that Tyre is now toned out separately from Galen-Clyde for incident based calls (mva, vehicle fires, outdoor fires, trees down, flooded basements). Galen-Clyde will join calls if it is a thruway or house fire call. Chief Tavano asked if the pickup truck and tanker 921 could be put into service as both of these would be highly useful pieces of equipment. **Motion** made by Councilman Sutterby and seconded by Councilman Bickel for the Supervisor to get quotes for both the pickup truck and tanker 921 for purposes of putting them back into service. VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 1 (carried)

Truck refueling will be done at the Highway Department. Superintendent Bush will coordinate this with Assistant Chief Haig.

On May 2, 2023 903 will go to Galen-Clyde fire house for hose testing and certification.

OSHA will be making some changes that may become effective January 2025. Physicals for fire fighters currently cost \$250.00 per person and with these OSHA changes this could increase to \$1200.00 per person. Other changes include requiring commercial or multi-family properties to have a pre-plan.

Chief Tavano asked if the Hazmat Trailer could be put back into service as well. Supervisor Partee will get a quote for this.

Chief Tavano discussed that the defibrillator for the truck is out of date and not compatible with North Seneca Ambulance. **Motion** made by Councilman Bennett

and seconded by Councilman Sutterby for the Supervisor to purchase one new defibrillator unit. VOTE: Aye – 4; Abstain – 0; Nay – 0; Absent – 1 (carried)

Supervisor Partee has ordered a new headlight for #903.

Chief Tavano asked if the officers quarters can be utilized by staff. **Motion** made by Supervisor Partee and seconded by Councilman Sutterby that chief officers may utilize the officers quarters. VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 1 (carried)

Fire extinguishers need to be serviced throughout the building and on truck 903. Supervisor Partee will get quotes for the fire extinguishers to be serviced and inspected in the building and on the trucks.

The exit signs at the fire house are not lit. According to Dennis the generator needs to be serviced and brought back online. The fire alarm system also needs to be serviced. Dennis and Supervisor Partee will work on this.

Assessor: Assessor Griswold reported that he is working on monthly deeds, split parcels, bank code and address changes. He also continues to administer the STAR program. A file was submitted to the Seneca County Real Property Tax Office with the tentative assessment roll on April 16, 2024. This file will be used for the May 1st tentative assessment information. Discussed the Cold War Veterans exemption. Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 from 5-9 pm at the Town Hall Building.

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

Zoning Enforcement Officer: ZEO Heizmann reported that 1 new permit was completed for a pool. There were 2 permit denials and both are being referred to the ZBA. There was 1 new complaint about a very large bright illuminated sign with moving LED lights that was erected at the south east corner of Rte 89 and 5 & 20. A violation letter has been issued demanding a removal. The DOT is also contacting the owner in regards to this sign as well. DOT reports that the sign is in their right of way and must be removed.

Bookkeeper: Abstract of audited vouchers #3 along with financial statement shared with the board. Spent a lot of time working on the audit this month. State Per our auditor, bids are becoming more stringent in their processing and it is therefore taking longer to process.

Supervisor's Report

2023 Financial Audit – Draft audit received and being worked on

Workman's Comp – Looking to possibly switch to a new carrier effective January 1, 2025. Still waiting on a quote from Comp Alliance.

FLAP Grant – The Town was awarded 1.5 million dollar FLAP Grant. Supervisor Partee attended a couple of meetings this month with representatives from Federal Highways, NYSDOT, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge Manager.

Supervisor also met with Highway Superintendent and Montezuma NWR Manager:

Updated the FLAP Agreement Worksheet & forwarded to FHWA & NYSDOT

Waiting for Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division to finalize the Detailed letter we need to move forward

Participated in an almost all day Federal Aid 101 Webinar

Met (virtually) the Regional Local Project Liaison for this project. He suggested we enter into an IMA with the County for administration and letting of the project as the County is familiar with the process. Supervisor Partee subsequently discussed it with the County Highway Superintendent and the County Manager this morning. Received positive feedback from both, but it will need approval from the Board of Supervisors.

County Sewer Meeting – Will have quarterly inter-municipal meetings and any new business will need to contact the Town of Seneca Falls before connecting to the sewer system.

T-Mobile – The Town Clerk’s cell phone was transferred from Verizon to T-Mobile for a much better rate.

ORES –

Deputy Supervisor Sutterby and Supervisor Partee had a meeting with two representatives from ORES (their Public Information Officer and a Siting Specialist)

Discussed the Town’s concerns with the potential project which were the same substantive concerns that were shared in the Supervisor’s letter to Governor Hochul, plus a few more.

ORES reiterated that no application for this project has been submitted to their office yet and explained a bit of the process. Some key takeaways:

- The developer is still completing pre-application steps and seen to have intent to file
- Regarding the permitting process – ORES would rather not be involved with overriding locals laws, and prefers that the town & developer work through any issues
- The developer needs to have a formal meeting with all stakeholders – Town, Fire, Highway, etc prior to submitting an application to ORES
- The developer needs to host a public outreach meeting prior to submitting an application to ORES
- Upon submission, ORES has 60 days to deem an application complete
- To date, no application was deemed complete on the first try
- After deeming an application to be complete, ORES has 60 days to issue draft permit
- After issuing a draft permit, there will be 60 days for a public comment session
- ORES has a year to make a decision once an application is filed
- Any changes/additions to our local laws need to be in place before ORES deems an application to be complete (as it is based on laws that the Town has in place at the time of application).

County Items –

Seneca County Water & Sewer Authority

Home Rule Request sent to State Senate and Assembly to authorize its creation

Searching for Executive Director

Meeting with County IT

Recommended Phishing Training, using anti-virus software, ensuring employees complete Microsoft security upgrades every month (2nd Tuesday).

Supervisor Partee is also looking into getting all town employees a town email address

Seneca County Visitors Center

Resolution for this building in Tyre passed through the EDT&H Committee. It will be brought to the full board on May 14th

Supervisor Partee attended a ribbon cutting event with the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon for the grand opening of Just Breathe Finger Lakes in Tyre – this is the first legal cannabis dispensary in Seneca County

Google Review – There was a review on Google for the Town of Tyre – “Good leaders of a good little town”

Reports of Committees:

Human Resources: Nothing

Highway & Band Hall Committee: Nothing

Public Safety: Nothing

Unfinished Business:

2385 Lamb Road (SBL Number: 06/1/16)

Supervisor Partee has contacted two appraisers. One quoted \$600, the other quoted \$400-\$500. She went with the lower cost appraiser. Dennis Stone met with him at the building and they expect to receive the appraisal report by the end of next week.

Protecting Town Roads

Supervisor Partee sent the board a local law drafted using local laws from six other towns as an example. Concerns were received from a couple of board members. Supervisor Partee is working on making changes and will review with legal counsel before another draft is submitted to the Board.

Resolutions and Motions

Resolution #50 of 2024 adopting a new Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy

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 – 1

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #51 of 2024 accepting a proposal from LaBella Associates to prepare and administer documents necessary to competitively bid a refuse collection and disposal contract for the Town

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 – 1

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #52 of 2024 creating the Broadband Expansion Capital Fund and approving the transfer of funds from the General Capital Reserve in the Community Mitigation Fund to the Broadband Expansion Capital Fund

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

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

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #53 of 2024 scheduling a public hearing for authorizing and consenting to incorporation of Tyre Fire Company, Inc.

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:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Partee	X			
Councilman Bennett	X			
Councilman Bickel			X	
Councilwoman Bishop				X
Councilman Sutterby	X			

The Resolution was duly adopted.

New Business:

Resolution #54 of 2024 approving the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD DBL WT Standard Box 4WD Truck for the Highway Department

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Partee	X			

Councilman Bennett		X	
Councilman Bickel	X		
Councilwoman Bishop			X
Councilman Sutterby	X		

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #55 of 2024 appointing Beverly Animal Shelter, Inc. to provide Dog Control Officer Services for the Town of Tyre as amended

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 – 1

The Resolution was adopted.

Correspondence:

April 2, 2024 – From Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Monthly Newsletter received via e-mail

April 4, 2024 – From Seneca County Sheriff’s Office, March 2024 Town of Tyre Police Activity Report received via e-mail

April 5, 2024 – From Finger Lakes Digital Inclusion Coalition, Spring 2024 Newsletter received via e-mail

April 9, 2024 – From NYSEG, press release received (re: NYSEG customers are reminded to call 811 before digging for National Safe Digging Month)

April 10, 2024 – From the Alzheimer’s Association, flyer received (re: “Let’s Talk about Health – Caring for Older Adults in Rural New York” Annual Virtual Rural Health Conference on May 17, 2024)

April 15, 2024 – North Seneca Ambulance’s Q1 Operation/Financial Report received for the Town of Tyre

April 17, 2024 – From NYSEG, press release received (re: NYSEG to provide one-time bill credit for all customers)

April 19, 2024 – From NYSEG, press release received (re: NYSEG announces assistance available to help customers with unpaid bills)

April 22, 2024 – From NYS Public Service Commission, received order approving Compliance Filing 66 (f) Subject to Conditions (re: 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)

Next Regular Town Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Bills:

General Fund – Townwide: 108-109; 282-307; 619

Highway Fund: 108-109; 290; 614-622

Fire Protection District: 901-902

Water District #1: 807-809

Water District #2: 807

Trust & Agency: 3

Broadband Expansion Capital Fund: 903

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

Adjournment:

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 4; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 1

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk