

The February 8th, 2022 Town of Tioga Board Meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilman Robert Strong, Councilman Gerald Hyatt, Councilman Drew Griffin, with Supervisor Lewis Zorn presiding.

Also present were Highway Superintendent Russell Story and REAP representative Pat Hansen.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the January 11th, 2022 town board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the January 2022 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Update from Highway Superintendent Story:

- Still have no delivery date on the new loader
- Busy with the ice storms and working on snow removal.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the January 2022 reports as given, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to approve local law 2022-#2 to increase the term of office from 2 to 4 years for Highway Superintendent on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

LOCAL LAW 2022-#2 LOCAL LAW INCREASING TERM LIMITS

A local law increasing the Term of Office of the Highway Superintendent from (2) two to (4) four years.

Be it enacted by The Town Board of the Town of Tioga as follows:

Section 1: Statutory Authority: This local law adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the state of New York.

Section 2: Increase Term of Office: The term of office of the elected Highway Superintendent shall be (4) four years. Such (4) four year term shall commence as of the first day of January 2024 and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial Town election to be held on November 8th, 2022 and to those elected thereafter, provided a proposition submitted pursuant to Section three below is approved.

Section 3: Mandatory Referendum: This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified voters of the Town of Tioga at the biennial Town election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless proposition id approved by the majority of the qualified voters voting thereon:

Shall Local Law 2022-#2, entitled a Local Law increasing the Term of Office Of the Highway Superintendent from (2) two to (4) four years be approved?

Section 4: Supersession: This local Law shall supersede Town Law, Section 24 relating to the term of office for the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Tioga.

Section 5: Effective Date: The local law shall become effective immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary State after approval by the qualified voters.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve local law 2022-#3 to increase the term of office from 2 to 4 years for Town Clerk on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

LOCAL LAW 2022-#3 LOCAL LAW INCREASING TERM LIMITS

A local law increasing the Term of Office of the Town Clerk from (2) two to (4) four years.

Be it enacted by The Town Board of the Town of Tioga as follows:

Section 1: Statutory Authority: This local law adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the state of New York.

Section 2: Increase Term of Office: The term of office of the elected Town Clerk shall be (4) four years. Such (4) four year term shall commence as of the first day of January 2024 and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial Town election to be held on November 8th, 2022 and to those elected thereafter, provided a proposition submitted pursuant to Section three below is approved.

Section 3: Mandatory Referendum: This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified voters of the Town of Tioga at the biennial Town election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless proposition id approved by the majority of the qualified voters voting thereon:

Shall Local Law 2022-#3, entitled a Local Law increasing the Term of Office Of the Town Clerk from (2) two to (4) four years be approved?

Section 4: Supersession: This local Law shall supersede Town Law, Section 24 relating to the term of office for the Town Clerk of the Town of Tioga.

Section 5: Effective Date: The local law shall become effective immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary State after approval by the qualified voters.

Councilman Strong made the motion to leave the Town Supervisor term at (2) two years, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to advertise to fill the vacant Town Councilman’s seat till the remaining term is up at the November 2022 General Election, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to hold the February Board Meeting open until March 7th, 2022 to review resumes/letters of interest for the Councilman position, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

The Town Board has numbered the Ransom Park pavilions as follows:

Pavilion #1 – barn w/ kitchen (approx. 75 people)

Pavilion #2 – by railroad tracks (approx. 50 people)

Pavilion #3 - barn porch (approx. 25 people)

Pavilion #4 – by ballfield (approx. 35 people)

Superintendent Story will order signs to be placed on the pavilions.

The Town Board would also like the approximate covered seating per pavilion be listed on the park application for renter’s information.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to table discussion on joint EMS Services with The Town unless evidence is presented showing The Town is responsible for the proposed services, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to amend abstract #1 General Fund to increase the amount by \$21,105.50, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to amend abstract #1 Highway Fund to increase the amount by \$49,249.50 , Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$52,821.07, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$52,990.05, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Supervisor Zorn stated that the annual report is almost completed and that everyone needs to be vigilant about not exceeding their budgeted contractual lines for the 2022 year.

Councilman Strong made the motion to adopt the shared service agreement between Tioga Cemetery and The Town of Tioga and to appoint Tiffany Middendorf as cemetery administrator to be compensated the sum of \$75.00 per incident that is to be paid monthly by voucher, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TIOGA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF TIOGA

WHEREAS, THE TIOGA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO FUNCTION AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CEMETERY SCHEDULE BURIALS AND CREMATIONS WITH FUNERAL HOME AND BE AVAILABLE TO SELL AND LOCATE PLOTS FOR THE PUBLIC AND IS THEREFORE ABANDONING THIS ASPECT OF THE CEMETERY OPERATION

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF TIOGA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ABANDONMENT OF CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN AND HAS AGREED TO ASSUME THE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES INVOLVED IN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THIS CEMETERY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TIOGA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMETERY FUNDS AND REIMBURSE THE TOWN OF TIOGA FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF ARRANGING WITH FUNERAL HOMES FOR BURIALS AND CREMATIONS AND SELLING AND LOCATING PLOTS FOR THE PUBLIC

FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE TOWN ON A MUTUALLY AGREED DOLLAR AMOUNT BASED ON THE NUMBER OF INTERNMENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY OR ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

Councilman Strong made the motion to continue the meeting until March 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm to review Town Councilman resumes/letters of interest, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

The Town of Tioga board meeting was reopened March 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm to review resumes and letters of interest for Town Councilman vacancy. Present were Councilman Robert Strong, Councilman Gerald Hyatt, Councilman Drew Griffin with Supervisor Lewis Zorn presiding.

The Town received letters of interest from Thomas C. Zorn, Paul Welch, Mark Lisak and Miranda Fisher. Kenneth Archibald and Sue Torre also expressed interest but unfortunately did not meet the qualifications for the position.

Councilman Hyatt stated that he would like the new Councilman to be from district 1 or 4 since we have representation in other districts currently.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to offer the Town Councilman position to Paul Welch until the November 2022 election, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to offer the Planning Board vacancy, providing Paul Welch accepts Town Councilman position, to Thomas C. Zorn, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to order new blinds for the court room windows, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt stated he feels the Town should install a generator at the Town Barn that is similar to the one in place at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Zorn stated should be talked about at the next meeting.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn at 8:05pm, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk