

The March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilman Robert Strong, Councilman Gerald Hyatt, Councilman Drew Griffin, Councilman Paul Welch with Supervisor Lewis Zorn presiding.

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

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept Paul Welch's resignation letter of his Town of Tioga Planning Board position effective March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin - Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to appoint Paul Welch as Town Councilman to fill Robert Klossner's position until the November 2022 general election, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to appoint Councilman Paul Welch to the Town of Tioga Highway and Justice Committees, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin - Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes that continued on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Supervisor Zorn stated that after the carry over balance from 2021 to the General Fund checking account the balance is at \$760,137.27. After Fund Balance of \$38,008.00 it leaves a balance of \$722,129.27.

The Highway Fund carry over balance from 2021 is \$1,342,440.54. After Fund Balance it leaves a balance of \$1,176,736.54.

Update from Highway Superintendent Story:

- The signs ordered for the park pavilions are in.
- The softball team is requesting topsoil and sand for the ballpark for the upcoming season. Practice starts March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Will be taking trees down that dead in the back of the park by the railroad tracks.
- Received a quote from Grasslands – CJ's Customs from Odessa, NY for a new Toro zero turn 60" cut 31Hp mower for \$14,716.07.
- Received quotes for a replacement roller.
  - Tracey's has a 2006 Sakai 84" drum roller with 1,000 hours on it for \$52,900.00
  - Bradco has three rollers available, all with cabs on them

- 2015 Han=84" drum with 1,000 hours for \$90,000.00
  - 2017 CAT 84" drum with 1,000 hours on it for \$120,000.00
  - 2018 CAT 84" drum with 500 hours on it for \$140,000.00
- Shawn from Norfolk Southern Railway wants to remove the old railroad bridge on Ayres Road and the railroad would incur all expenses and liability.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to remove the Ayres road railroad bridge if Norfolk Southern Railroad takes all liabilities and there is no cost to The Town, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Update from REAP Rep Pat Hansen:

- The grant we have been working on with Todd Knobbe should be complete in a few weeks for our \$5,000.00.
- The energy audit can be performed with Jim Wiser from Tioga Opportunities as soon as March for the Town Hall and the fee for this service is \$500.00.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to spend \$500.00 to perform an energy audit on the Town Hall, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

ARPA Funds were discussed on possible projects/purchases for The Town. Supervisor Zorn requested everyone bring their “wish” list with them to the April 2022 meeting for discussion.

Councilman Griffin’s would like to have some of the money matched with grants to extend its monetary benefit to The Town. His second “wish” list item would be a sewer system infrastructure for The Town. A few of Councilman Hyatt’s “wish” list ideas include new Ransom Park sign for the barn, expand the walking trail, an emergency generator system for the Town Barn.

NYS Pension Integrity rejected the 2022-#1 Standard Work Day Resolution and requested it be done again due to errors.

On the motion of Councilman Griffin and seconded by Councilman Hyatt and carried the following resolution was made:

**AMENDED RESOLUTION #1-2022**

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The resolution will be posted on the bulletin board in The Town Hall located at 54 Fifth Ave; Tioga Center, NY for 30 days from the date of adoption.

The Board received the draft for the 2021 court audit and it was reviewed.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to approve the NY-Tioga III Solar PILOT located at 3167 State Rte. 17C, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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| Councilman Hyatt – Aye   | Councilman Strong – Aye |
| Councilman Griffin – Aye | Councilman Welch – Aye  |

The Town wants to do the Tire Program on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year with the same rules as last year's program with the exception of raising the rate of dropped tires from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each after the first free eight tires per resident.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the Tire Program for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon both days, with the same guidelines as last year, with the exception of raising the price per tire from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per extra tire after first free eight per resident, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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| Councilman Hyatt – Aye   | Councilman Strong – Aye |
| Councilman Griffin – Aye | Councilman Welch – Aye  |

Ransom Park is in need of a caretaker for the 2022 season. The Board wants to try shift duty rotation for weekends with the rate of pay of \$50.00 per day.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay a park caretaker \$50 per day they open/close Ransom Park for the 2022 season, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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| Councilman Hyatt – Aye   | Councilman Strong – Aye |
| Councilman Griffin – Aye | Councilman Welch – Aye  |

Councilman Strong made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,022.17, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to replace all the window blinds in the Town Hall, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Councilman Hyatt – Aye   | Councilman Strong – Aye |
| Councilman Griffin – Aye | Councilman Welch – Aye  |

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$71,436.49, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Maurice J. Jump Jr. sent a letter to the Town Board asking for assistance regarding the how the storm from February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> that resulted in water running through his driveway eroding the edge of it. Mr. Jump has addressed that there is poor drainage since Halsey Valley Road was raised and debris blocking the pipe needing to be cleaned to Gary Hammond, Tioga County Highway Superintendent, to no avail.

Supervisor Zorn asked that Highway Superintendent Story pass a copy of this letter on to Gary Hammond at Tioga County.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund checking into the General Fund savings account, and transfer \$500,000.00 from the Highway Fund checking into the Highway Fund savings account, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

The Board requests that Highway Superintendent Story price how much it would cost The Town to rent an 84” drum roller for 6 months of the year to compare the pricing for renting versus purchasing.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to purchase the Toro 31Hp 60” cut zero turn mower from CJ’s Customs for the amount of \$14,716.07, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn at 9:20pm, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk