

The June 14<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, Pat Hansen, REAP Rep and Jim Wizer from Tioga Opportunities.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to accept the May reports as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- Hauled about 3,000 yards of gravel from the Owego creek and have about a half day of hauling left. Wasn't as much gravel as originally estimated so it is recommended to keep the remaining gravel for the Town.
- Completed paving, now moving on to do some patching then chip seal.
- No delivery date on the loader yet.
- Talked with school Superintendent Josh Roe and he would like to meet with Supervisor Zorn to discuss the fuel for the upcoming fuel contract.
- Received a call about garbage on Wells Rd. Should I give a call to DEC?  
The Board recommended that Superintendent Story call the County Sheriff to report the garbage if he located a name within the trash and asked them if he should notify DEC.

Jim Wizer from Tioga Opportunities performed an energy audit on the Town Hall and presented his findings.

Mr. Wizer recommended the Town Hall have some air sealing done in the ceiling and in the basement. He stated we would see the biggest energy saving benefit if the Town completed this.

Mr. Wizer also stated that heat pumps are the most efficient for heating in the industry currently. He suggested two to three more units with the current heat pump we had would be enough to heat and cool the Town Hall.

The Board stated that the existing 200AMP service the Hall has would also need to have a 100AMP subpanel installed to handle the extra heat pumps.

Jim Wizer stated that an estimate of around \$30,000.00 would complete all the air sealing and heat pump purchases and installation.

The Board requested Mr. Wizer to please provide some estimates for the work of air sealing, heat pump purchase with installation and adding a 100AMP subpanel to the Hall and present them to the Board.

Councilman Hyatt made a motion recommending air sealing, purchasing two heat pumps and adding a 100AMP subpanel to the Town Hall, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Supervisor Zorn wants to look into installing a generator at the Town Barn that is similar to the one at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Zorn stated that Armond Vrooman will install the exercise equipment at Ransom Park and that Superintendent Story will provide a man or two to help with the install.

The Board received an offer from Herb Brink to purchase the refrigerator/freezer and the upright freezer located inside the park barn for \$320.00.

Councilman Strong made the motion to keep the refrigerator/freezer and upright freezer, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Insero & Co. has completed the 2021 court audit.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to accept the books of Town Justice Bogart, seconded by Councilman Strong, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

### **RESOLUTION #6-2022**

#### **AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF TIOGA TOWN JUSTICE COURT RECORDS**

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Unified Court System’s ACTION PLAN FOR THE JUSTICE COURTS included initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective Town Board and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board did audit and examine said records and dockets provided by Town Justice Bogart for the fiscal year 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 at the monthly board meeting held on June 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board did approve said records and dockets of Justice Bogart as submitted on June 14, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Tioga does hereby accept the books of Town Justice Bogart and adopts Resolution #6-2022.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion asking if Court Clerk Wells is performing monthly reconciliation procedure since the audit report was presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to not observe Juneteenth as a paid holiday, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong stated that Planning Board Chairman Doug Chrzanowski wanted the Board to think about someone who would be interested in hauling vehicles or “junk” from resident’s homes that needed assistance. The Town could then provide a resource sheet to residents that requested information.

Chairman Chrzanowski also stated that the County is recommending the Town increase its price per Megawatt to be between \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjust the price per Megawatt from \$4,500.00 to \$7,500.00 per Megawatt as recommended per the County effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Supervisor Zorn would like to look into purchasing more cameras for Ransom Park and the ballfield.

Councilman Hyatt made a motion to pay an hourly rate of \$20.00 for maintenance performed at Ransom Park, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Griffin stated that the Community Prayer Garden located at the Methodist church is complete. He encourages the community to come and enjoy the garden that was made possible from the Smith’s.

Councilman Griffin would like Highway Superintendent Story to order two “No Parking beyond this point” signs.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$15,257.11, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount \$144,336.26, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt would like to know if there is interest in petitioning the County of lifting the 3% tax on fuel oil.

On the motion of Councilman Hyatt and seconded by Councilman Welch the following resolution was amended 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.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn at 8:42pm, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk