

The August 9<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 Constable Gerald Pierce, Eva Pierce, Karen Wells, Diane Zelaska, Pat Hansen REAP Rep, Mary Creller and Andrea Creller from Girl Scouts.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- Dirt road are finished and we have done some reclaiming in the pit
- Waiting on the Town of Barton for the screen plant
- Talked to Town of Nichols Superintendent and we are unable to store salt at their facility.
- Barn roof has been painted
- Requested an estimate from Reeves and Sons LLC for spray insulation for the Town Barn

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the reports for July 2022 as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Miss Andrea Creller from the local Girl Scout troop is seeking her silver award for Scouts and would like permission to build a community produce stand located on 17C with her fellow Scouts and some family members on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> for excess produce from the Community Garden at Ransom Park for residents to take for free.

Miss Creller and her group have planted gourds and mulched them as well as making a compost out of the old black water syphon at the Community Gardens.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to support the Girl Scouts community project with the Town purchasing the materials for the project that they need, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Court Clerk Karen Wells addressed the Board and requested the Councilman please state why they have denied financial support for her in person attendance for the October 2022 Court Clerk Convention in Albany from the motion made at the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Councilman Griffin stated he denied financial support for in person attendance due to the classes being offered online for free and poor job performance due to monthly account reconciliation not being performed correctly as documented in the auditor's report.

Councilman Hyatt stated he denied financial support for in person attendance due to the classes being offered online at no cost and that Town of Candor used to pay for half the cost and no longer is.

Councilman Strong stated that he denied financial support for in person conference due to the training being offered online for free.

Councilman Welch stated that he has denied financial support for in person attendance due to the classes being offered online at no cost and that he performs his state classes online that is required of him for free.

Eva Pierce wanted to thank the Town for the installation of the exercise equipment at Ransom Park and also thank the Town for their continued support of the Community Gardens located at Ransom Park.

Supervisor Zorn stated that there is an online class being offered for free on September 1<sup>st</sup> regarding town budgeting and encouraged the Board to consider registering for the webinar.

Beth Donnelly from Eagle Associates came out and looked at the Salt Shed damage on Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> and stated that she has started a claim with Britespan, the canopy manufacturer, and wanted to know if we wanted a quote for an upgraded cover with a 15 year warranty. There was a truss with some superficial damage but nothing that would cause any failure or damage to the structure if it was not replaced with the cover.

Ms. Donnelly will get back to us with a quote.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to have Superintendent Story purchase salt for the upcoming Winter and to cover it with a tarp till the Salt Shed has been repaired, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

The Town Hall received some damage from a severe storm that took place on August 4<sup>th</sup>. A tree fell on the court side of the hall, the flag pole located in the front of the Hall was snapped in two and a lightning strike damaged the Bookkeeper's compute as well as the power unit for the security cameras at the Hall. Teledair submitted two quotes for the security cameras, one was for \$935.00 to replace the equipment damaged from the lightning strike. The second quote for the amount of \$1,195.00 was replacement cost of damaged equipment with an upgrade to install a video monitor in the Town Clerk's office for added security.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to approve Teledair's quote for \$1,195.00 for replacement of damaged equipment and upgrade to the system in the Town Clerk's office, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$14,764.71 Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount \$21,437.10, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk