

The September 13<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, Code Enforcer Doug Chrzanowski, Charles Romig, Betty Jo Bogart, Kris Morris and REAP Rep Pat Hansen.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- The arm mower that attaches to the tractor has been fixed for now but needs rebuilding. Also received a quote from SEI, the only place that will mount the mower onto the tractor we have. This quote is for a new arm and includes installation at \$72,744.69.
- Diamond Valley bridge has been yellow flagged again. Superintendent Story spoke with Hunt Engineering and they stated it would cost around \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to have a hydraulic study performed on the bridge. This bridge has been yellow flagged previously and eventually will become an issued if not addressed.
- There are three spots that need guardrails replaced for a total of \$5,500.00 and will use some remaining CHIP's money for the cost of the guardrails.
- All the trucks need rear tires. The cost will be around \$9,200.00 with trade in of the old tires.
- Received three quotes for insulation for the Town Barn. One from Reeves & son for the amount of \$15,000.00, Foam-It in the amount of \$23,062.50 and The Insulation Man, LLC in the amount of 25,558.00.
- Garage doors need repair before winter.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to award the bid to Reeves & Son in the amount of \$15,000.00 to add additional insulation to the Town Barn, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Mr. Charles Romig from 752 Glenmary Drive is requesting a garbage permit for a new garbage/recycling business he would like to start and attend the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

Code Enforcer Chrzanowski stated to Mr. Romig that the following would have to be addressed before a permit can be issued:

- All garbage trucks/containers need to be inspected to have a cover and to be water tight.
- Can only hold garbage for a reasonable time
- Needs to be conscientious of any possible hazardous materials residents may put out for removal.
- Mr. Romig must have a recycling program, which is required by Tioga County.
- What location will the garbage trucks/containers be held at?

Mr. Romig stated that he will be taking his garbage to the Chemung landfill and his recycling to Taylor's in Owego.

Supervisor Zorn stated to prorate the application fee to reflect the time left on this year's permit before renewal.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the garbage permit for Charles Romig as long as there is validation of compliance by Code Enforcer Chrzanowski, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Kris Morris representing the Tioga Fire Department, inquired about if the Town would let the fire department tie into the generator located at the Town Hall due to their generator being outdated for maintenance. Mr. Morris is at this time only inquiring if it is an option to tie into the Hall generator if it isn't cost feasible to install a 15k generator of their own.

Supervisor Zorn stated that Mr. Morris should contact Greg Williams regarding an estimate for this project as he was the one to install the generator at the Town Hall.

The Board has no issue with the fire department tying into the Hall generator if they choose to do so.

The Town Hall roof was discussed for the roof damage caused by the August 4<sup>th</sup> storm. The insurance checks have been received for the damage caused to the Town Hall roof and Supervisor Zorn has requested the damage be surveyed and what is involved for repairs to the structure. The damage to the Hall appears to be mostly cosmetic.

Code Enforcer Chrzanowski suggested the Town look into grants for a new Town Barn in the near future.

The Town would like to remove and replace the existing furnace at the Town Hall and replace the unit with two heat pumps to help reduce the energy cost of the building. The Town would also like to add insulation to the ceiling, vapor barrier in the basement and the electrical panel would need to be updated to handle the additional heat pumps as the current electrical panel is full.

The Board requested that Code Enforcer Chrzanowski set the bid specs for these projects

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to send the two heat pump units, upgraded electrical panel, insulation to ceiling and vapor barrier in the basement of Town Hall with a separate bid project for the Town Hall front door and platform being replaced out for bid once Code Enforcer Chrzanowski provides the bid specs, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Kris Morris is the Highway Foreman and has requested more LED lighting be installed at the Town Barn as the current lighting is not efficient enough.

Mr. Morris also requested a way to access the fuel at the school if the power is out and fuel is needed.

The Board requested Mr. Morris provide a solution to this problem and present it at the next Board meeting.

Constable Pierce presented the Board with three quotes for 8 solar speed signs for the Town. Constable Pierce stated that these signs tend to slow individuals down and make them more conscious of their speed. He also stated that these signs are relatively maintenance free.

Two of the signs would be placed on Fifth Ave, 4 signs on Route 17C and the last two are up for some debate on the location to have them placed.

One concern of the Board was if the State would allow the Town to place the signs on a state road.

Constable Pierce stated that the state does not care if they are placed onto state roads as long as they comply with the state's speed limit they have posted.

The Board has tabled discussion on the solar signs until October's board meeting when Constable Pierce can provide more information.

Constable Pierce also presented an application requesting the Board's permission to apply for the 2022-2023 JCAP Grant for the court room for a walk through metal detector and a handheld garret scanner.

The total of both units is \$4,984.75.

Councilman Welch made the motion to adopt Resolution #7-2022 for authorization the Town of Tioga Justice Court to apply for the 2022-2023 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant (JCAP), Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

### **RESOLUTION #7-2022**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TIOGA JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR THE 2022-2023 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (JCAP)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York in 1999 established the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant in order to provide State assistance to Town and Village Courts, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Tioga had determined that participation in the JCAP Grant application is desirable, and is in the public interest, and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum JCAP award is \$30,000.00 and may be used for a variety of purposes, including office and security equipment, furniture, renovations, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Tioga supports the submission of a JCAP Grant application in the amount of \$ 4984.75 to the NYS Unified Court System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of the Town of Tioga authorizes the Town of Tioga Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$4984.75.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adopt the Decommissioning Agreement from Tioga County as presented from the Planning Board, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Supervisor Zorn stated as budget officer he is working on the 2023 Town Budget and will be discussed at the October board meeting.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$16179.32 Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount \$63,602.50, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

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

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk