

The March 14th, 2023 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 was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Marrell Cortright Kevin Frisbie.

Councilman strong made the motion to approve the February 14th, 2023 board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried. Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the February Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the February reports as given, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Update from Highway Superintendent Story:

- Received a quote for a 2021 Volvo Roller with a cab and 84” drum for \$109,402.00 with a warranty till end of July 2023.

Councilman Hyatt made a motion to purchase the 2021 Volvo Roller for \$109,402.00, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

- Received a quote from Maguire Chrysler in Elmira for a 2023 Dodge 2500 pickup truck available for a three year lease, which The Town would then buy the truck at the end of the three years for a \$1.00. Total price of the pickup is \$63,708.43 with plow package and accessories. Delivery for the truck is 90 days out from purchase.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to lease the 2023 Dodge 2500 pickup truck for three years and then purchase the truck for \$1.00, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to place the old roller, 2013 Ford pickup and other unused machinery/equipment out for auction and use proceeds from their sale toward the new equipment line, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Kevin Frisbie and Marrell Cortright presented The Board with a proposed local law for the Right To Farm Legislation. Mr. Frisbie stated that a Right To Farm Law would make it harder to file petty grievances against local farmers.

This law would give The Town can choose option #1 of Article 5 of proposed Right To Farm local law having a representative from Agriculture and Markets hear and decide the fate of the dispute if it cannot be settled between the individual parties involved. The Town could also choose option #2 of Article 5 of having a three man board made up of Town residents to handle farming disputes within The Town that cannot be settled between the parties involved.

Councilman Strong made the motion to choose option #1 of Article 5 of the Right To Farm proposed Local Law if passed, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to hold a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1-2023 The Right To Farm Legislation on April 11th, 2023 at 7:15pm at the Town Hall, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Tioga County Soil & Water has requested donations to help with funding for their programs and offerings to the community.

Councilman Hyatt made a motion to construct a letter requesting what Soil & Water would consider a fair donation from The Town based on the County's tax base, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilman Strong made the motion to advertise Bid #1-2023 for replacing/upgrading electrical panel in the Town Hall for additional circuits and for Bid #2-2023 for replacing/remodeling of Town Hall front entrance and walkway, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to reappoint George Stocum for Board of Assessment Review Member for the term running from 10/1/2022 to 9/30/2027, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$22,577.50, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Councilman Strong – Aye
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Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$69,230.17, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion for the following transfers:

\$100,000.00 from General Saving account transfer to Building Reserve,

\$100,000.00 from Highway Savings account transfer to Bridge Reserve,

\$250,000.00 from Highway Savings account transfer to Equipment Reserve,

Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk