

The January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilman Drew Griffin, Councilman Paul Welch, Councilman Gerald Hyatt with Deputy Supervisor Robert Strong presiding. Also present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Krista Story and Steve Palinosky from Tioga County Real Property.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 board minutes as presented, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried. Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the December 2023 Planning board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the December 2023 reports as given, Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Steve Palinosky, Director of Tioga County Real Property presented the Board with some new tax exemptions that are available to the Town residents. One exemption is the volunteer firefighter/EMT Exemption and the other is a Senior Exemption on an income based sliding scale. More information and income requirements will be reviewed later on in 2024 before the Board makes a final decision on the offered exemptions. The Town has until December 2024 to make a final decision on the matter.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- ARPA fund distribution and was discussed.
- Received quote for labor for the highway pole shed from Zooks Sawmill in the amount of \$18,000.00 for labor only for the pole shed.
- Received a quote from Josh Bellis for the concrete work needed for the old cold storage in the amount of \$29,375.00. Reeves submitted a quote for insulating the cold storage for \$12,000.00
- Got quotes for replacing the 2009 Volvo grader that currently needs \$15,000.00 in repairs. All quotes are for a same comparable machine to the current grader. CAT quoted \$328,000.00 after \$45,000.00 trade with 60 month lease and discount with advance payment  
John Deere \$322,000.00 after \$55,000.00 trade  
Bradco has a six year old used machine with 3,000 hours on its quote is \$175,000.00 after \$60,000.00 trade with a 3 to 5 year lease.

Councilman Welch made the motion to accept the price quote from C.C. Allis in the amount of \$24,296.00 for the pole shed materials and the quote from Amish for \$18,000.00 for labor for the pole shed, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye  
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye  
Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to approve the 2024 appointments as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye  
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye  
Councilman Welch – Aye

Code Enforcement & Fire Inspector	Doug Chrzanowski
Registrar	Tiffany Middendorf
Court Clerk	Krista Story
Bookkeeper	Melanie Sinsabaugh
Deputy Clerk	Krista Story
Deputy Supervisor	Robert Strong
Dog Control	Rick Kie
Park Committee	Lewis Zorn, Drew Griffin
Historian	Anne Stout
Highway Committee	Strong, Welch, Story
Health ins. Committee	Hyatt, Griffin
Justice Committee	Strong, Zorn, Bogart, Town Attorney
Town Paper	Tioga County Courier
Emergency paper	Morning Times, Press Sun
Town Constable	Gerald Pierce
Town Bank	any bank in Tioga County
Town Attorney	Robert McKertich
Records management	Tiffany Middendorf
Board Meeting	second Tuesday of each month when elections are held it is Thursday of the of the same week
Last meeting of the year	Friday, December 27, 2024 12:00p.m.

Hours for Town Clerk's office are as follows:

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm

Councilman Welch made the motion to appoint Melanie Sinsabaugh as the Budget Officer for 2024, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye  
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye  
Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to amend the 2024 Budget for the purpose of increasing the Bookkeeper's salary by \$1,000.00 for 2024, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye  
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye  
Councilman Welch – Aye

The Board was presented with the 2023 Town Clerk Tax books for audit review.  
Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the 2023 Town Clerk's tax books as presented,  
Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong stated that the Tioga owned side of the creek is being badly washed away and needs attention. In addition, the creek by the storage bins needs cleaning out. Deputy Strong would like to request a permit from Tioga County Soil and Water for this.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to work with Tioga County soil and Water to request a permit to reclaim any creeks that affect the Town, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to move the February board meeting from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay abstract #14 General Fund in the amount of \$2,915.30,  
Councilman Griffin seconded, carried

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay abstract #14 Highway Fund in the amount of \$962.15,  
Councilman Hyatt seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to pay abstract #1 General Fund in the amount of \$48,661.59,  
Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay abstract #1 Highway Fund in the amount of \$54,255.83,  
Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

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

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk