

The March 12<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 Robert Strong with Supervisor Douglas Chrzanowski presiding. Also present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, DCO Rick Kie and Alan Bill.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried. Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the February 2024 Planning board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- New grader will be out of the factory by April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Atlantic Testing Laboratories are performing some core testing has been done for Diamond Valley Bridge
  - Had concrete rebid due to adding an apron in the project. Bellis Excavating came in with a bid of \$33,400.00 with 90% down Hazard came in with a bid of \$34,120.00. Councilman Strong made the motion to accept Bellis Excavating’s bid of \$33,400.00 with the condition of 50% downpayment, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.
- Roll Vote:
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| Councilman Griffin – Aye  | Councilman Welch – Aye  |
| Councilman Hyatt – Absent | Councilman Strong – Aye |
- Generator will be set this Friday

Update from Dog Control Officer Rick Kie:

- Had a loose german shepard
- Caught two great pyrenees and took them to Stray Haven

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the February reports as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

The Town Clerk has been working with Kylie Holochak from the Tioga County Health Department with the Healthy Schools and Communities Grant to get some items approved for the Park and walking trail.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept Resolution #2-2024 as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

**RESOLUTION #2-2024**  
**RESOLUTION FOR AUCTION SALES & SCRAP METAL RETURNS TO BE PLACED INTO EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga seeks a resolution to allow equipment auction sales and monies received from scrap metals to be placed into Town of Tioga Equipment Reserve account.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board approves this resolution to allow monies received from equipment auctions and scrap metal to be placed into the Town of Tioga Equipment Reserve account, **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of March 12, 2024 the Town of Tioga Town Board will allow the monies received from equipment auctions and scrap metal sales to be placed into Town of Tioga Equipment Reserve account.

Councilman Welch made the motion to accept Resolution #3-2024 as presented, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

### **RESOLUTION #3-2024**

#### **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM 2023 TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE FOR GRADER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga seeks to transfer the sum of \$298,000.00 from 2023 to the Equipment Reserve to purchase a grader.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board approves the transfer from 2023 to Equipment Reserve in the sum of \$298,000.00 for the purchase of a grader for the Highway Department, **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that on March 12, 2024, the Town of Tioga Town Board approves the transfer of \$298,000.00 from 2023 to Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a grader for the Highway Department.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept Resolution #4-2024 as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

### **RESOLUTION #4-2024**

#### **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$32,000.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO NEW EQUIPMENT LINE FOR GRADER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga seeks to transfer \$32,000.00 from ARPA Funds to the new equipment line to aid in purchasing the new grader for the Highway Department

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board approves the transfer of the sum of \$32,000.00 from ARPA Funds to the new equipment line to aid in the purchase of a new grader for the Highway Department,  
**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that on March 12, 2024 the Town of Tioga Town Board approved the transfer of \$32,000.00 from ARPA Funds to the new equipment line for the aid in a purchase of a new grader for the Highway.

Councilman Strong made the motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Building Reserve to the garage contractual, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Supervisor Chrzanowski was contacted by the County regarding the 744 Glenmary property that DEC purchased to see if the Town wanted the blacktop driveway kept or if the Town wanted it returned to grass.

Superintendent Story agreed that removing the blacktop and returning it to grass would be better.

Discussion about NY-Tioga I and NY -Tioga II was tabled until next meeting.

NY-Tioga III's PILOT is complete and they are just waiting for NYSEG to turn the solar farm online.

The Town Board has received an appeal letter from Tract Engineering Tim Gourley regarding the Bill/Root solar farm for a public hearing of the Planning Board's decision concerning the proposed farm.

This Tire and Electronics Drive will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to noon this year.

Councilman Strong made a motion to keep the same terms as last year of \$1.00 per tire up to 19" in size and tires sized 19.5" to 24.5" will be \$5.00 per tire with no limit on the number of tires returned for residence of the Town of Tioga, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Welch made the motion to hold a public hearing appealing the Planning Board decision of the Bill/Root proposed solar farm on April 9, 2024 at 7:15pm, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Strong made the motion to appoint Kerry Root as Chairman of the Town of Tioga Planning Board, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Strong made the motion to re-appoint the following Planning Board members for 2024, Alan Bill, Camille Corneby and Miranda Fisher, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Welch made the motion to appoint David Canale to the Town of Tioga Planning Board effective immediately, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Alan Bill requested implementing a minimum attendance requirement for the Planning Board and the Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

Dan and Margo Ayres submitted a letter to The Board with some concerns and requests regarding the ballfield at Ransom Park.

Some of the concerns presented are:

- the overpopulations of chickens that are not adequately contained within the owner's property and are making a mess of the ballfield, dugouts and the bleachers
- Damage to the backstop due to past storms
- A pile of sand is needed for the backfield
- Bathroom at pavilion #4 needs updating and a way to prevent vandalism from the kids.

The Town will check into estimates for repairing the backstop.

Supervisor Chrzanowski will look into the chicken complaint.

Superintendent Story will provide sand for the backfield

The Town will get estimates for the bathroom update in pavilion #4 and look into ideas for keeping the kids from jumping over the walls to the bathroom.

Town Bookkeeper Melanie Sinsabaugh asked about researching investment opportunities and better interest rates for the Town's funds.

The Board would like Bookkeeper Sinsabaugh to look into these matters.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$96,015.31, Councilman Strong seconded, carried

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$55,453.98, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Supervisor Chrzanowski made the motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk