

The April 9th, 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, Court Clerk Krista Story, Alan Bill, Kerry Root, Doug Kinney, Ben & Carrie Norton, Nicholas Scarantino from Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, Dan & Margo Ayres from Tioga Youth Softball.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the March 12th, 2024 board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the February 2024 Planning board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- New generator has been delivered and we are just waiting for Greg Williams to start it up.
- We have been ditching and changing crossover pipes
- Have done some brushing with new shear
- The new grader will be delivered this week and the old one has been purchased by the Town of Pitcher.
- Received quotes for the 100 amp electrical service install in the new workshop.
Voltz \$18,800.000
MSK Industries, LLC \$8,750.00
JS Electrical \$20,500.00
Bruce Spence \$28,600.00

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

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the lowest bid of MSK Industries in the amount of \$8750.00 with 50% down payment, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

Dan & Margo Ayres from Tioga Youth Softball requested to work with the Town on improving Ransom Park and its accommodations to the growing girl's youth softball program.

Dan and Margo have been running the softball program for the last 15 years and have had participation double within the last two years to 85 girls from the ages of 5-13 years.

This increase in participation has caused their 2nd field to become another main field for the girls to use which required a dugout to be put in for safety concerns.

Some concerns expressed are:

- When it rains the water runs into the new dugout and causes a muddy mess.
- Where the trees were removed it is rough to walk on.

- The backstop needs to be repaired from tree damage from a previous storm. Margo received a quote for \$1000.00 to fix it.
- Neighbor has over 100 chickens that are not contained to his property and cause chaos running all over the fields and cause sanitary concerns for the residents as they defecate on the bleachers.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that the only option we have is to contact the Tioga County Sheriff's Department.

Tioga County no longer has a humane officer and the Town DCO only pertains to dogs.

Supervisor Chrzanowski will meet with the Ayres

Councilman Welch made the motion to close the regular board meeting and open the Public Hearing regarding appeal of the Bill/Root Solar Farm at 7:17pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

The floor was opened for residence to express their questions or concerns.

Doug Kinney is a neighbor adjacent to the proposed solar farm and is requesting a gate be placed to make others aware that it is a private drive.

Neighbor Ben Norton is concerned that the west end access would be closed as this would make the steepness of the terrain is too great for him to access his land from the other easement access.

Councilman Strong made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:45pm and reopen the regular board meeting, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the proposed Bill/Root Solar Farm as presented to the Board, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Griffin made the motion to agree to have the Town Lawyer settle the NY-Tioga I and NY-Tioga II lawsuit regarding fire tax, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the increase of price per ton for tire recycling from Casella's that was misquoted for \$200 per ton instead of \$225 per ton.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Strong stated that Armond Vrooman was finishing the repairs to the water at Ransom Park and hopes to have it completed and turned on tomorrow.

Superintendent Story stated that the women's bathroom had been vandalized again and that a toilet was damaged along with a mess to clean up. He suggested a padlock for the bathrooms when not in seasonal use.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve Resolution #5-2024 to transfer \$55,000.00 from the sale of the grader from equipment reserve to the new equipment line for the new grader, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

RESOLUTION #5-2024

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$55,000.00 FROM THE SALE OF OLD GRADER FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE TO NEW EQUIPMENT LINE FOR NEW GRADER

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga seeks to transfer the sum of \$55,000.00 from the sale of the old grader to the Town of Pitcher from Equipment Reserve to New Equipment line.

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga Board approves the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the sale of the old town grader to aid in the purchase of the new town grader, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that on April 9, 2024, the Town of Tioga Board approves the transfer of \$55,000.00 from Equipment Reserve to New Equipment line to aid in the purchase of the new town grader.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve Resolution #6-2024 as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

RESOLUTION #6-2024

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga, having complied with all application requirements to become a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium has been accepted as a Participant, and

WHEREAS, in order to activate membership, the Town of Tioga must provide additional information to complete and activate its membership in the GTCMHIC, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT,**

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby designated to serve as the Director and Alternate to the GTCMHIC Board of Directors: Doug Chrzanowski as Delegate and Tiffany Middendorf as Alternate.

Certified on April 9, 2024 that the Resolution herewith was adopted by the Town of Tioga Town Board on April 9, 2024.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve Resolution #7-2024 for Standard Work Day Reporting, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

RESOLUTION #7-2024
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

This Resolution will be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall located at 54 Fifth Ave; Tioga Center, NY for 30 days from the date of adoption.

Matthew Leonard from the Department of labor met with the Town Clerk to review the regulations regarding fireworks and the proper procedure to issue firework permits and presented us with an example of a permit.

Anyone applying must have a license to own/possess fireworks and a pyrotechnics license.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the fireworks permit as presented from the State with a fee of \$25.00 per permit, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt – Absent

Councilman Strong – Aye

Proposed Local Law #1-2024 for Dog Control was tabled until May's meeting due to the absence of the DCO Rick Kie.

Stary Haven contract and bill were tabled until the May meeting for review.

The Town Clerk presented the Board with quotes for landscaping the bed at Ransom Park and at the Town Hall from Scott's Lawn & Landscape Care. The quote for the Park was \$1,165.95 and the quote to redo the bed at the Town Hall for the amount of \$3,104.36. Monthly maintenance for the beds would be \$135.00.

Councilman Welch made the motion to accept the quote from Scott's for Ransom Park landscaping for \$1,165.95 and to monthly maintenance, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$46,591.60, Councilman Strong seconded, carried

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$41,785.67, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Welch made the motion that Planning Board members cannot miss more than 3 meetings a calendar year without a medical excuse before being replaced, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

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

Councilman Welch made the motion to close the regular meeting and enter executive session at 8:32pm regarding personnel matters, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to close executive session and reopen the regular meeting at 8:42pm, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Supervisor Chrzanowski made the motion to adjourn at 8:43pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk