

The February 11th, 2025 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm. Present were Councilman Drew Griffin, Councilman Nicholas Schoonover, Councilman Robert Strong and Councilman Paul Welch with Supervisor Douglas Chrzanowski presiding. Also present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Court Clerk Krista Story, Planning Board member Alan Bill, DCO Tammy Godfrey, Jaiden Godfrey, Planning Board member Sean Strong and Kris Morris.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the January 2025 board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the December Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- We have very little salt left and order is unable to be filled due to the Governor's newly implemented order of not bringing salt over state lines.
- Received a quote for a new 10-wheeler truck for 2027 delivery with a cab and chassis quoted at \$176,000.00 and the box/wing/plow is quoted at \$133,125.00. If the Town pays for the cab/chassis in 2026 we would be discounted \$3,500.00 off the box/plow/wing.
- Removing trees and snow as needed.

DCO Tammy Godfrey stated that her deputy is moving out of state and she would like to replace her with Jaiden Godfrey.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to appoint Jaiden Godfrey as Deputy Dog Control Officer for the Town of Tioga contingent upon the resignation of the former Deputy DCO, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the January reports as presented to The Board, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

3i Graphics & Signs presented a quote to replace the broken LED sign at the Town Hall with one of comparable size for the amount of \$20,636.25.

Councilman Welch made the motion to accept the quote from 3i Graphics in the amount of \$20,636.25 to relace the LED sign at the Town Hall, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to approve the following 2024 budget modifications, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

General Fund

INCREASE	A1120	Sales Tax	\$39,845.00
INCREASE	A1110.12	Justice Clerk	\$3,600.00
	A1110.4	Justice	\$1,300.00
	A1220.11	Bookkeeper	\$ 440.00
	A1330.4	Tax Collector	\$ 280.00
	A1460.1	Records Management	\$ 150.00
	A1620.1	Building	\$2,600.00
	A1670.4	Central Printing & Mailing	\$1,100.00
	A1910.4	Insurance	\$1,800.00
	A3010.4	Code Enforcement	\$ 330.00
	A3120.2	Constable	\$ 90.00
	A3510.1	Dog Control	\$1,100.00
	A3510.4	Dog Control	\$2,300.00
	A4020.4	Vital Statistics	\$ 520.00
	A5132.2	Garage	\$ 450.00
	A5182.4	Street Lighting	\$7,550.00
	A7110.1	Parks	\$ 85.00
	A7110.4	Parks	\$6,650.00
	A7110.42	Healthy Lunches	\$7,500.00
	A9010.8	NYS Retirement	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		<u>General Fund Total:</u>	<u>\$39,845.00</u>

Highway Fund

INCREASE	DA1120	Sales Tax	\$61,500.00
INCREASE	DA5110.1	General Repairs	\$52,000.00
	DA5120.4	Bridges	\$ 4,100.00
	DA9010.8	NYS Retirement	<u>\$ 5,400.00</u>
		<u>Highway Fund Total:</u>	<u>\$61,500.00</u>

Mr. Bill from the Planning Board expressed concerns for the deteriorating road conditions on Ayres Rd due to the heavy Lopke trucks using the road and what can be done about this per the Site Plan from Lopke that was done in 2018.

Supervisor Chrzanowski spoke with a Lopke representative and they are waiting to own the last house on Ayres Rd and then they will own all the properties on that road. Lopke's requested to have their lawyers review it this coming month and respond.

The Town would like to look over what is the requirement to turn Ayres Rd into a private driveway after all properties are owned by Lopke.

Superintendent Story suggested having AOT lawyers look into what is required for The Town to turn Ayres Rd into a private driveway.

Mr. Bill on behalf of the Planning Board is seeking guidance from The Board with concerns about sheds bigger than 12'x12' (144SqFt) within the Town that do not have permits. If residents are living in sheds

or campers without proper sewer and water what can be done? Is the Town liable if a fire or disaster occurs with one of these buildings due to lack of building standards?

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that The Tioga County Health Department has a new program that started this year that will get involved and help the residents with correcting unsanitary conditions due to sewer/water, garbage, rodents, etc. Any concerns of this nature are passed onto their department. Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that once septic and/or water is connected to the sheds/campers in question they will be considered taxable and that the health department would be notified to inspect if sanitation codes are being met.

The Town would also not be liable for any fire or disaster that occurred with any shed/camper.

It was decided that a shed/building under the 12'x12' size is not a concern to the Town unless they have water and sewer connected, at which that time you would contact the Code Enforcer to let him know of the situation.

Evelyn Hill Bridge

Superintendent Story stated that Hunt Engineering quoted \$110,000.00 to replace the steel decking on the bridge. Entire project is estimated to cost between \$188,000.00 to \$225,000.00 depending on what options The Town decides to go with.

Superintendent Story will present the Board with the information on replacement at the March meeting.

Councilman Welch made the motion to add to the Employee Handbook that all employees seeking mileage reimbursement must complete the designated mileage sheet to receive reimbursement, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

The following was added to the Employee Handbook regarding mileage reimbursement:

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Each employee seeking mileage reimbursement must complete the designated mileage sheet monthly to be reimbursed by The Town of Tioga.

The Town of Tioga's mileage rate per mile is based on the Federal Mileage Rate as determined by the (IRS) Internal Revenue Service.

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$55,164.73, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$43,631.40, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Bridge Capital Project in the amount of \$29,534.42, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Supervisor Chrzanowski made the motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk