

The June 10th, 2025 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm.

Present were Councilman Drew Griffin, Councilman Nicholas Schoonover and Councilman Robert Strong with Supervisor Douglas Chrzanowski presiding.

Also present was William Canner, Rhonda Kouterick, Charles Wall, Dakota Forsyth, Jenn Apgar, John Whalen, Marty Mosher, DCO Tammy Godfrey, Town Constable Jerry Pierce and Planning Board Member Sean Strong.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the May 2025 board minutes as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

No Planning Board Minutes as the June meeting was cancelled.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that effective January 1, 2026 all new homes and businesses must be all electric in NYS per Governor Hochul.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- No new applicants for Summer mower position
- Received three quotes for a chipper from Kleis, SEI and Tracey Road Equipment.
The Board tabled any decision on the chipper until July's meeting.
- Paving and working on Depew Rd
- New truck has been ordered
- CHIP's line needs an additional \$26,047.61 in the line

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the May reports as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Privilege of the Floor

William Canner stated that the resident's at 62 Allyn Rd about excessive tires and 20 plus cars at the address as well as noise complaints and operating an unlicensed repair facility

Code Enforcer Chrzanowski stated that he would look into the situation.

Rhonda Kouterick from 32 Allyn Rd stated that the gravel and milling storage that the Town owns on Allyn Rd is unsightly, smelly and chaotic from the paving operation and should be moved to a different location.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that he will talk with the Highway Superintendent to see if there is any way to make any improvements that can be made. Unfortunately, this is the only land the Town owns that can be used for this purpose. The chaos from paving only lasts a few weeks of the year and if congestion is a problem he can see about shutting the road down during that time.

Dakota Forsyth and Charles Wall expressed their concern about the bad condition of Evelien Hill Rd. They stated that there are large potholes that are causing excessive wear on their vehicles and what can be done about the problem.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that the new bridge is ordered and will be installed Fall of this year and that if the condition of Evelien Hill is washed out and in poor that the Town will have to look at closing the road until after the bridge has been replaced and the road can be addressed.

Until the bridge replacement the residents will have to drive the alternate route on Gilkie Road.

Ms. Forsyth requested some large pot holes be addressed on Gilkie Rd for the alternative route.

Supervisor Chrzanowski will send Deputy Superintendent Rusty Stoughton out to Gilkie and Evelien roads to assess the situation and repair what they can to make Gilkie Rd passable if Evelien Hill Rd needs to be temporarily closed.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the following Resolution #6-2025 as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Abstain

Councilman Welch – Absent

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Supervisor Chrzanowski - Aye

RESOLUTION #6-2025

RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF AYRES ROAD

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga Town Board received and reviewed requests from F.S. Lopke Contracting, Inc., JAME Enterprises, and Stronghaven Properties, LLC, (the “Requesters”) to discontinue Ayres Road, a Town highway that has heretofore been constructed in the Town of Tioga and,

WHEREAS, it appears that traffic over said Town highway Ayres Road is limited to use by only the Requesters and,

WHEREAS, it further appears that there are no other persons, corporations or other entities, other than the Requesters, owning any premises through which said Town highway sought to be discontinued passes, or to which it is adjacent, and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the Town highway sought to be discontinued has become unnecessary and is useless as a public thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), after consideration of said application, it was determined by the Town Board that discontinuance of the portion of the highway described in the application is an Unlisted Action, as defined under said regulations, and after a review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, that consent to the discontinuance would not have any significant adverse effects upon the environment and therefore a negative declaration was issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after due deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Tioga, pursuant to section 171 of the New York State Highway Law, hereby consents in writing to the discontinuance of the said Ayres Road; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and/or Highway Superintendent, as applicable and/or required by law, are authorized to execute any and all documentation required to carry out the discontinuance of the said Ayres Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Chrzanowski and Superintendent Story met with Tioga Central Superintendent Josh Roe to discuss the fuel rate contract for July 2025 through June 2026 and stated that the fuel rate will be \$2.44 to \$2.46 a gallon for the locked in price.

Town of Tioga Emergency Operations Plan was reviewed and updated.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the updated Town of Tioga Emergency Operations Plan as presented with the addition of the Salvation Army being added in as an organization that will help in emergency situation along with the Red Cross that we already have listed on The Plan, Councilman Griffen seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Absent

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to raise the Summer mower rate to \$20.00 per hour from \$17.00 per hour to see if there was any more interest, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Absent

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$13,689.77, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$131,202.66,

Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to pay the Bridge Capital Project in the amount of \$10,294.72,

Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Supervisor Chrzanowski made the motion to adjourn at 6:43pm, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk