TOWN OF MENTZ
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by supervisor Mark Emerson who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence.

Members Present: Supervisor Mark Emerson, Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilwoman Barbara Clancy, Councilman Matt Poyneer, and Councilman Jesse Lamouroux.

Others Present: Attorney Kevin Cox, Town Clerk Charleen Wood, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Highway Superintendent David Nielens, Code Enforcement Officer Jay Moose, Bill Applebee, Damon Ritter, Scott Stoneburg, Polly Lyn Davies, Joyce Decker, Martha Robinson, Lori Siracusa, and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: **Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Re-Org Meeting:**
Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve/accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills: **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	$15,385.15	VO 1-18
General B	$ 3,370.37	VO 1-3
Highway DB	$13,699.46	VO 1-9

Old Business: **Memorandum of Understanding – Regional Water Authority**
Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Water Authority. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: **Memorandum of agreement with Cayuga County – Zoning Regulations – Motion** made by Chris Hutchings and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve this memorandum not to exceed $3,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports: **Highway Department** – David Nielens - Written Report
Questioned as to why snowbank was there, and he explained the purpose
was to prevent accidents from speeding vehicles and irresponsible people.
Roads & Bridges – Barbara Clancy – All running smooth
Code Enforcement – Jay Moose – Written report explained the additional
work required to issue paperwork.
Buildings & Grounds – Chris Hutchings – No report
Dog Control – Lucy Ware – Written report – she stated that next month
we would receive a $1400.00 invoice for November & December from
Carl Collier and a $800.00 from Canine Cove. Carl Collier did not mail
his invoices.
Youth, Parks & Rec – Matt Poyneer – No report
Landfill & Recycling – Jesse Lamouroux – No report – the Highway
Superintendent advised that a door needs to be replaced in the recycling
office.
Cemetery – Lucy Ware – Closed; holding 2 for holding burial
Planning Board – No report
ZBA Board – Lucy Ware – No report
Historian – Mike Riley – Written report
Town Clerk – Charleen Wood – Stated that payments were made to the
Town for the SW and SF funds.
ZBA & Planning Board – Matt Poyneer – No report
Village Liaison – Mark Emerson – stated that the Village of Port Byron
had signed the regional water contract.
Veteran's Memorial – Lucy Ware – No report

Public to be Heard:

Discussion on appointment of constable – how determined and
qualifications
Discussion on Solar Farm and if it pulled out of Mentz and discussion on
Solar Farm and if proper documentation was in place.

Supervisor's Report: **Mark Emerson** – stated that we had earned $20,321.74 in interest from
NYCLASS.
Stated he needed a contract from Digital Towpath

Attorney for Town: **Kevin Cox** - stated that another municipality had an independent audit of
the Fire Department at the Town's expense. Maybe it is something we
should look into?

Communications/Reminders:
Fire Department breakfast January 26, 2025.

Executive Session: **Motion** made by Mark Emerson and seconded by Matt Poyneer to go into Executive Session for personnel issues at 8:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

                                   Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

                                   Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to appoint Martha Robinson to the Planning Board as an alternate effective January 21, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk