

TOWN OF MENTZ

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16, 2024

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

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

Others Present: Attorney Kevin Cox, Town Clerk Charleen Woode, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Highway Superintendent David Nielens, Becky & Steve Siracusa, Joyce Decker, Donna Trumble, Lisa & Todd Thomson, David Lipiska, Lori Siracusa, Martha Robinson, Polly Lynn Davies, Brandon Magill, Brenda Coleman, and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Meeting:
Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings to accept/approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Jesse Lamouroux abstaining.

Audit of Bills: **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Mark Emerson to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$10,952.38	VO 106-123
General B	\$ 1,096.13	VO 38-39
Highway DB	\$ 2,853.13	VO 38-41

Public to be Heard: 15 Minute Time Limit

Waterline – what is taking so long?

Routes need to be determined.

Water responses from survey – 5 undecideds; 31 No; 65 Yes; There were 300 surveys sent out.

It was suggested that we write to legislators for assistance and grant availability.

Morgan – where do we stand with this project?

The people on Route 31 are willing and able to employ an attorney to represent them against Morgan. Suggestions made to contact Channel 9 and the media.

The Planning Board is reviewing documents.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to have the attorney write a letter to George Ackley for his resignation from the Planning Board since he has moved. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: **Waterline** – Previously discussed under Public to be Heard.
Employee Evaluation – Barbara Clancy – work in progress

New Business: **Letters of Intent** – tabled until August meeting.

Reports: **Highway Department** – David Nielens – Written Report
Roads & Bridges – Barbara Clancy – All is well, taking care of downed trees.
Code Enforcement – Jay Moose – Written Report
Buildings & Grounds – Chris Hutchings – Estimate on LED lights for building is \$11,500 – need to go to NYSEG for grant.
Dog Control – Lucy Ware – Written Report
Youth, Parks & Rec – Matt Poyneer - Water to ball field – highway department would like to complete this year.
Landfill & Recycling – Jessee Lamouroux – No report.
Cemetery – Lucy Ware – Burials in process
Planning Board – Barbara Clancy stated that the Solar Special Use permit had been rescinded until next month to enable additional signatures could be obtained for the petition.
ZBA Board – Lucy Ware – No report
Historian – Mike Riley – No report
Town Clerk – Charleen Wood – Working with DEC for the transition to regular paper from valeron.
ZBA & Planning Board Liaison – Matt Poyneer – No report
Village Liaison – Mark Emerson – discussed the 20% tax rate increase for the Village – it was because more people were eligible for the enhanced star.
Veterans' Memorial – Lucy Ware – No report

Supervisor's Report: Mark Emerson

NYS requested the MCA originally signed in January 2024, be resigned as the state needed additional information. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer authorizing the supervisor to sign the MCA after review from attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Casella has provided a contract for trash removal from Highway at \$119.00 per month for three (3) years. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to approve this contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Budget meetings will be: 9/2/24 and 9/10/24 at 7:00 PM

Supervisor asked about the \$10,000 for the Environmental Engineer will it be in the 2024 budget, or 2025 Matt Poyneer stated that it would be the 2024 budget and suggested that we ask the bookkeeper where the funds could be obtained.

Attorney for Town: Kevin Cox – No Report

Communications/Reminders:

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to have the Planning Board Chair ask the public for petitions for the Planning Board membership. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk