

TOWN OF MENTZ

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, and Councilman Jesse Lamouroux. Absent: Councilman Matt Poyneer.

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, Walter & Donna Trumble, Martha Robinson, Steve & Becky Siracusa, Deb & Bill Applebee, Lori Siracusa, Polly Lyn Davies, Joyce Decker, Scott Stoneburg, Seth Jensen City of Auburn water authority and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the November 6, 2024 Public Hearing:
Motion made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Chris Hutchings to accept/approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

Audit of Bills: The Supervisor stated that the NYSEG bill for the Highway Department had not been received and requested authorization to pay the bill upon arrival. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve this authorization and the payment of the following audit of bills. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

General A	\$47,970.90	VO 183-202
General B	\$ 896.00	VO 53
Highway DB	\$31,484.32	VO 62-71

Old Business: **Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Fire Contract** – after much discussion **Motion** made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Chris Hutchings to table this item and seek advice from the controller as parts of

the contract have not been fulfilled. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

New Business:

Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Dog Control Contract with Canine Cove, Moravia, NY for the year 2025. Motion made by Chris Hutchings and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

Presentation:

Regional Water Authority – Seth Jensen – discussed the benefits of having a wholesale water agreement. He answered questions and concerns. Final water rate not available.

Reports:

Highway Department – David Nielens – - written report and stated he may have to replace a sander in the near future at a cost of approximately \$1400.00

Roads & Bridges – Barbara Clancy – all running smooth - getting ready for winter

Code Enforcement – Jay Moose – written report and discussed the committee working to rewrite the Zoning Ordinance, putting it together in draft form, forwarding it to the county and if all OK sending to the 239 committee, then a Public Hearing at the Town.

Buildings & Grounds – Chris Hutchings – lights have been replaced; we need to investigate the condition of the fuel door.

Dog Control – Lucy Ware – written report

Youth, Parks & Rec. – Matt Poyneer – no report

Cemetery – Lucy Ware – closed.

Planning Board – Barbara Clancy reported that the meeting was short and there was no new business. The meeting was approximately 4 minutes.

ZBA Board – Lucy Ware – no report

Historian – Mike Riley – no report

Town Clerk – Charleen Wood – preparing for tax season.

ZBA & Planning Board Liaison – Matt Poyneer – no report

Village Liaison – Mark Emerson – no report

Veteran's Memorial – Lucy Ware – two bricks had been placed by Jay Moose and requested that the flags be taken down and poles collapsed.

Public to be Heard: **Donna Trumble** asked if there was any news of the Solar Project or the Transfer Station

No news of the Transfer Station

The Energy Company of the solar project voluntarily pulled their application as the DEC requested many other steps that were cost

prohibitive. We are awaiting documents from the FOIL request to the DEC.

Discussion on availability of digital format for the Solar Project.

Supervisor's Report: Mark Emerson

Stated that between 1/1/24 – 11/17/24 we earned \$36, 066.63 interest income and that over a 3-year period the income is \$76,000.00.

Speed change request in front of trailer park on route 38 will remain 55 mph per the state DOT.

Motion by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Mark Emerson to go into Executive Session at 8:26 PM for personnel issues. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

Motion made by Mark Emerson and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 PM with no action taken. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Mark Emerson to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Motion carried 4-0 with Matt Poyneer absent.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk