

# TOWN OF MENTZ

## REGULAR MEETING

### DECEMBER 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7 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, Councilwoman Barbara Clancy, and Councilman Chris Hutchings. Absent: Councilman Matt Poyneer, and Councilman Jesse Lamouroux.

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Charleen Wood, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Highway Superintendent David Nielens, Code Enforcement Officer Jay Moose, Donna & Walt Trumble, Martha Robinson, Heather Mahunik, Sandy Loveless, Deb & Bill Applebee. Scott Stoneburg, Damon Ritten, Polly Lyn Davies, Lori Siracusa, and others that did not sign the roster.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to open the Public Hearing for the 6 Month Solar Moratorium at 7:05 PM. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Minutes Approval:** **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Mark Emerson to accept/approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Audit of Bills:** **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

General A	\$11,046.00	VO 203-225
General B	\$ 850.00	VO 54-61
Highway DB	\$ 2,078.57	VO 72-77

The Supervisor asked if there were questions on the Moratorium – there were none.

**Old Business:** **Authorize** the Supervisor to sign the Fire Contract. Discussion on the equipment reserve and the Village not being open when documentation on expenditures was requested. It was suggested that this contract be approved and immediately start negotiating on next year's contract.

**Motion** made by Mark Emerson and seconded by Barbara Clancy to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2025 fire contract. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Wholesale Water Agreement** – looking for support for a uniform water rate – after discussion, this item was tabled until the 1/21/25 meeting.

**New Business:**

**Approve the Standard Workday** – Highway Superintendent – 8 Hrs.; Board Members, Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement Officer, Assessor & Town Clerk, 6 Hrs. Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Mark Emerson to approve these hours. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Approve the request of the Port Byron Snow Panthers** – use the trail route previously used. Insurance documentation on file. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to grant this request. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

The Supervisor asked if there were comments or questions on the Solar Moratorium – there were none

**Reports:**

**Highway Department** – David Nielens – written report and stated that the new truck would probably be available in March or April for delivery.

**Roads & Bridges** – Barbara Clancy- all running smooth.

**Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – written report – discussed the step by step process the re-write would need to follow. He has a January 15 appointment with the County to review the revisions. A stop work order will be put on the construction of the Little League Concession stand as permits are required.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chris Hutchings – no report

**Dog Control** – Lucy Ware – written report – we are working with Canine Cove to ensure a smooth transition.

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

**Landfill & Recycling** – Jesse Lamouroux – no report

**Cemetery** – Lucy Ware – closed

**Planning Board** – Barbara Clancy – 2 alternates attended the meeting - there was one regular board member in attendance. DEC documents have been received. A FOIL is required to get a copy – it can be done hard copy at \$.25 per page or a thumb drive. A preliminary sub-division was reviewed and approved.

**ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – no report

**Historian** – Mike Riley – no report

**Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – preparing for tax season with the County.

**ZBA & Planning Board Liaison** – Matt Poyneer – no report

**Village Liaison** – Mark Emerson – meeting 12/23/24 that he is planning to attend.

**Veteran’s Memorial** – Lucy Ware – flag poles collapsed, and flags are down.

The supervisor asked if there were questions or concerns on the Solar Moratorium – there were none

**Public to be Heard:**

Discussion on DEC documents

Discussion on Solar Project and whether it can be rescinded.

Discussion on Planning Board minutes and discrepancies in time.

The Little League Flag in shreds – can it be replaced?

**Supervisor’s Report** – Mark Emerson

Discussion on the Website

NYSEZG wants to upgrade on Centerport Road and close site in Port Byron & Weedsport

Douglas Wilson representative to Cayuga County Planning Board

NYCLASS 1/24 – 12/16/24 \$38,934.89 in interest

\$6,899.54 in Mortgage Tax

\$905.00 from Comp Alliance for no accidents

Thompkins Greater Insurance Co. MCA (Municipal Cooperative Agreement) – **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings authorizing the supervisor to sign this agreement. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.  
Legion Tree Lighting 12/21/24 at 6:00.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to close the Public Hearing at 8:15. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to approve the 6 Month Solar Moratorium. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Motion** made by Chris Hutchings and seconded by Barbara Clancy to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Motion carried 3-0 with Matt Poyneer and Jesse Lamouroux absent.

Charleen Wood  
Town Clerk

