

# TOWN OF MENTZ

## REGULAR MEETING

### JUNE 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7PM 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 Matt Poyneer. Councilman Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Others Present:** Attorney Kevin Cox, Town Clerk Charleen Wood, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Highway Superintendent David Niens, Code Enforcement Officer Jay Moose, Constable William Mammoliti, Becky & Steve Siracusa, David Lipiska, Deb & Bill Applebee, Donna & Walt Trumble, Polly Lyn Davies, Lori Siracusa, Damon Ritter, Martha Robinson, Joyce Decker, Heather Mahunik, Sandra Loveless, Irene Lamphere, Brandon Magill, Michael Gray, Steve Morgan, Mark Gunther, Robert Hadden, and others that did not sign the roster.

**Minutes Approval: Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Meeting:**  
Under Jesse Lamouroux, Page 3, change to “Food Pantry Truck.”  
**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Audit of Bills:** **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

General A	\$9,787.55	VO 91-105
General B	\$ 983.87	VO 28-37
Highway DB	\$4,256.36	VO 30-37

**Public to be Heard – 15 Minute Time Frame:**  
Matt Poyneer discussed a Cayuga County Law dating back to 1988 regarding transfer stations.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to hire an Environmental Company to explore the impact on the Town for a Solid Waste Transfer Station with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Discussion** on comprehensive plan and planning for Solar.

**Discussion** that a solar farm is not benefiting the Town.

**Discussion** on the State bill S7834 storage of lithium-ion batteries and taking away the Towns Zoning authority.

**Old Business:** **Waterline** – Jesse Lamouroux/Matt Poyneer – No Report

**New Business:** **Cayuga County Housing/Micron Housing** – just be aware it is potentially in our backyard.

**NYS S.8512 Real Property Tax** – Tabled

**Fund Balance Policy** – Tabled

**Wire Transfer & On-line Policy** – Tabled

**Local Law for DA fund to include construction of Highway** – Tabled

**Brian Gates** – discussed the waterline up Baptist Hill and his desire to obtain water at his home. He is willing to absorb the cost of this project. The Town will investigate the feasibility of the project.

**Request to use the field for the car show August 3, 2024 - Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve the request of the Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Matt Poyneer** – Recommended we join the Towpath Co-op for our website. The cost is \$1200 per year and \$50 to register site. Matt Poyneer presented a resolution Establishing Initial Membership in the Digital Towpath Cooperative. **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to join the Towpath Cooperative. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

**Reports:** **Highway Department** – David Nielens – Written Report

**Roads & Bridges** – Barbara Clancy – All running smooth

**Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – Written Report

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chris Hutchings – Stated that he had 3 companies that he was setting up appointments with to review the lighting issues in the Town.

**Dog Control** – Lucy Ware – Written Report

**Youth, Parks & Rec.** – Matt Poyneer – No Report

**Landfill & Recycling** – Jesse Lamouroux – No Report

**Cemetery** – Lucy Ware – All running smooth

**Planning Board** – No Report

**ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – No Report

**Historian** – Mike Riley- No Report

**Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – Played Judge & Jury with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students June 11 and hosted Cayuga County Town Clerks Association on June 3.

**ZBA & Planning Board Liaison** – Matt Poyneer – No Report

**Village Liaison** – Mark Emerson – Reported that the Fire Contract had been received and remained the same as last year. Stated that the Village would have a tax increase of 21% due to payroll, etc.

**Veteran’s Memorial** – Lucy Ware – flag repair has been completed and all is OK.

**Supervisor’s Report:** Mark Emerson

Berger Night Wednesday at Legion; Car Show August 3; Stated there is a Bicentennial committee for Erie Canal looking for volunteers for a committee. Mortgage Tax received \$3,795.19

**Attorney for Town:** Kevin Cox

No Report

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Motion carried 4-0 with Jesse Lamouroux absent.

Charleen Wood  
Town Clerk