

# TOWN OF MENTZ

## REGULAR MEETING

### AUGUST 20, 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, 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, Donna & Walt Trumble, Bill & Deb Apple bee, Kosi Siracusa, Martha Robinson, Polly Lynn Davies, Brandon Magill, Heather Mahunik, Sandra Loveless, Joyce Decker, Scott Stoneburg, Steve & Becky Siracusa and others that did not sign the roster.

**Minutes Approval: Minutes of the July 16, 2024 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 Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Chris Hutchings to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$16,543.85	VO 124-146
Highway DB	\$66,611.13	VO 42-48
SW	\$ 7,440.00	VO 10

**Public to be Heard: Scott Stoneburg** asked why trees were cut down by his family plot. It was because they came down during a storm. It was asked if a replacement tree could be planted; the answer was no.

Mr. Stoneburg also stated that the Town of Mentz Highway Department was the lowest paid, what is being done. The response was that we are trying to bring it up to scale with employee evaluations.

**Presentation: Les Shattuck – American Legion Block Party** – stated that a block party was being planned by the Legion Auxiliary on September 14, 2024, from 10-5. They are planning various activities. Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed off the Legion grounds. The Legion is requesting use of a small portion of the town property for vendors and food trucks. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to permit the use of the property with proof of insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:**

**Waterline** – Jesse Lamouroux/Matt Poyneer – Mr. Lamouroux stated that there was lack of interest in the waterline. Responses were prohibitive of pursuing this project. Motion made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Matt Poyneer to scrap this project.

**Mr. Emerson** intervened with his findings after a meeting with Cayuga County Water Authority. They will do work for \$50.00 a foot – so this is a hypothetical scenario:

Road	Distance	Units
Mills Rd.	4,547.2'	15
Lasher Rd.	5,660.2'	20
Trumble Rd.	2,553.6'	9
Baptist Hill Rd.	3,794.1'	4
	<u>16,555.1'</u>	<u>48</u>

16,551.1 X \$50.00 per foot = \$827,755.00

\$827,755.00 divided by 20 yrs = \$41,387.75 divided by 48 = \$862.24

\$827.755.00 divided by 30 yrs = \$27,591.83 divided by 48 = \$574.83

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings to have a public referendum put on the ballot for the water project. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:**

**Authorize Supervisor to sign the Scat Van contract for 2025** in amount of \$300.00.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

**Authorize Supervisor to sign Williamson Law Contract for Payroll** in the amount of \$1148.00. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports:**

**Highway Department** – David Nielens - Written Report

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

**Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – Written Report – Mr. Moose stated that he will be retiring at the end of 2024 but will be willing to assist his now Deputy Joe Donofrio.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chris Hutchings – working on the LED light issue.

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

**Youth, Parks & Rec** – Matt Poyneer – stated that there is a scheduled meeting with the coaches for tentative improvement to the fields.

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

**Cemetery** – Lucy Ware – Selling plots, tree removal; closing 11/1 for year. She has received a request asking the Town to buy back two plots in the amount of \$540.00.

**Motion** made by Chris Hutchings and seconded by Barbara Clancy to buy back the plot. Motion carried 5-0.

**Planning Board** – Matt Poyneer stated that the review committee had met and recommended that Thomas Green and Michael Gray both be put on the Planning Board as alternates. **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to appoint these gentlemen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Barbara Clancy** stated that she had attended the Planning Board meeting on August 14, and it was focused on the Solar issue.

**ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – No Report

**Historian** – Mike Riley – No Report

**Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – DEC sales running smoothly with the new procedure.

**ZBA & Planning Board** – Matt Poyneer – Previously given.

**Village Liaison** – Mark Emerson – No Report

**Veteran's Memorial** – Lucy Ware – Stated that the brick that was order has been received and put in by Jay Moose. Thanked the Town for the use of the field for the car show.

**Supervisor's Report:** Mark Emerson

The Thruway has contacted Montezuma to extend the waterline to their location.

NYCLASS has earned \$64,114.92 to date.

Mr. Emerson advised that Mr. Morgan had approached him requesting a meeting with the attorneys, himself, and a board member to try and locate another site for his transfer station.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux authorizing the Supervisor to contact Mr. Morgan and advise his that we were **NOT** interested in a meeting and there was a moratorium in place. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Lagoon

Insurance rate for 2025 is an increase of 14%.

Department of Transportation has received a letter requesting the speed limit on route 38, by Savarese trailer park, be reduced.

Sales check has been received in the amount of \$58,704.99.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 8:34 PM  
Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood  
Town Clerk