

TOWN OF MENTZ

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Councilman Matt Poyneer and Councilman Jesse Lamouroux. Absent: Councilman Chris Hutchings.

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, Constable Bill Mammoliti, Planning Board Chair Fred Whiting, Alexander Woodson, Scott Stoneburg, Donna Trumble, Heather Mahunik, Joyce Decker, Steve & Becky Siracusa, Martha Robinson, Bill & Deb Applebee, Polly Lyn Davies, Robert Hadden, Sandra Loveless, David Lipiska, Lori Siracusa, Mark Gauthier, Sara Casler, Catlin Bacon, and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the August 20, 2024, Meeting:
Under Public to be Heard: Question as to whether trees could be replaced – the answer is NO. Question as to why Mentz Highway was the lowest paid, response was working to bring it up to scale with employee evaluations.
Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 4-0 with Chris Hutchings 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 Chris Hutchings absent.

General A	\$21,470.71	VO 147-164
General B	\$ 7,415.39	VO 49-55
Highway DB	\$ 1,429.98	VO 40-50

We are moving Public to be Heard to after report so there is ample time for questions, some of which might be answered under reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: **Little League** – Matt Poyneer & Sara Casler
There are 3 projects that the Little League is undertaking:
Bricks to be laid in front of boys' concession stand; Mark Usowski from J&M Landscaping agreed to do the work in late October.

Vitale has agreed to donate the dirt for the boys' and girls' fields. Adam Wiggins, owner of Dippin Docks, has agreed to do the excavation and place the new dirt down.

Grant received for new concession stand for the girls. With the grant money would remove the current storage shed; move the current concession stand against fence and use it for storage; build new 12 X 16 concession stand with a 12 X 16 covered area attached. Adam Wiggins would do the whole project. He is insured and licensed and there will be a gravel foundation.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the Little League request with proper insurance. Motion carried 3-1-0 with NAY from Mark Emerson and Chris Hutchings absent.

Reports:

- Highway Department** – David Nielens – Written Report
- Roads & Bridges** – Barbara Clancy – All running smooth
- Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – Written Report
- Dog Control** – Lucy Ware – Written Report
- Youth, Parks & Rec** – Matt Poyneer – Thanked Highway Department for digging the waterline.
- Landfill & Recycling** – Jesse Lamouroux – All running smooth
- Cemetery – Lucy Ware – selling graves; doing burials; cemetery looks good.
- Planning Board** – Fred Whiting – requested constable presence at Planning Board meetings.
- ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – No Report
- Historian** – Mike Riley – No Report
- Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – All running smooth
- ZBA & Planning Board Liaison** – Matt Poyneer – No Report
- Veteran's Memorial** – Lucy Ware – Two bricks ordered – flags OK.

To be Heard: Discussion on referendum for waterline – cannot be on this year's ballot too late – can be put on next year's ballot.

The Supervisor stated that there would be no discussion on the Solar/Planning Board decision.

Question as if the Town Board could rescind the action of the Planning Board

Who represents the Planning Board?

Need engineer for decommissioning procedure.

Town does not benefit from solar project.

Planning Board disrespectful to the public

Will there be another mosquito spray - NO

Mr. Woodson would like to place a foot bridge from his property over the canal. He was advised to contact the Canal Authority.

Supervisor Report – Mark Emerson- stated that Year-to-date NYCLASS had earned us \$69,387.52 during a three year period.

Attorney for Town: Kevin Cox – No Report

Communications: None

Executive Session: None Required

Motion by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion carried 4-0 with Chris Hutchings absent.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk