

# TOWN OF MENTZ

## REGULAR MEETING

### APRIL 16, 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 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, Constable Bill Mammoliti, Polly Lym Davies, Laurie Powers, Deb & Bill Applebee, Brenda & Al Coleman, Martha Robinson, Joyce Decker, Heather Mahunik, Sandy Loveless, Steve Morgan, Damon Ritter, Irene Lamphere, Lori Siracusa and others that did not sign the roster.

**Minutes Approval: Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Meeting:**

**Motion** made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Chris Hutchings to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Public Hearing:**

**Councilman Poyneer** stated that he had requested the petitions against Solar project be given to the Planning Board Chair prior to their meeting. The Clerk failed to give them to the Planning Board in a timely fashion.

Correction to the April minutes will be made putting the request in and the petitions will be given to the Planning Board Chair as requested as soon as possible.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 4-0 with Chris Hutchings abstaining.

**Audit of Bills:** **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to approve the following audit of bills with Mark Emerson abstaining on Voucher A56. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$5,810.67	VO 56-69
General B	\$1,291.08	VO 21-25
Highway DB	\$1,866.65	VO 20-23

**Old Business:** **Fee Schedule** – Jesse Lamouroux/Jay Moose – in progress, ZBA Board reviewing 4/22/24.

**Waterline** – Jesse Lamouroux/ Matt Poyneer - Jesse gave an update on the project and advised that further updates would be forth coming.

**Dog Control Contract** – Finger Lakes Dog Control Contract for \$700.00 per month.

**Motion** made by Mark Emerson and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Dog Control contract. Motion carried 3-2 with NAY from Barbara Clancy and Matt Poyneer.

**New Business:** **Global LED Proposal** – Chris Hutchings – stated that to change our building it would be \$2359.40 to put the lighting in with an annual savings of \$1290.00. Chris will investigate further.

**Planning Board Meeting May 8** – Morgan Solid Waste Transfer Station site review public hearing.

**Transfer Solid Waste Transfer Station Moratorium – Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to schedule the moratorium for April 30 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion on Solar Decommissioning – Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Mark Emerson to search for an engineer at the cost to New Leaf Energy Co. to provide a decommissioning plan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports:** **Highway Department** – David Nielens – written report – stated that he was working on the waterline to the ballfield and was going to work off the water pit from the Vets Memorial. Matt Poyneer thanked the Highway Department for their work on the fields.

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

**Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – written report

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chris Hutchings – previously discussed lighting

**Dog Control** – Lucy Ware – written report

**Youth, Parks & Rec** – Matt Poyneer – all ok – discussed the placement of the storage unit – **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to place unit on pavement as originally discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

**Landfill & Recycling** – Jesse Lamouroux – stated vandalism at the recycling center - door and window damage. Visited Verdi Container and got a quote of approximately \$13,000 for a container to house recycling office. Further investigation is needed.

**Cemetery** – Lucy Ware – burials and cremations are in process.

**Planning Board** – previously addressed.

**ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – meeting 4/22/24 @ 7 for Dymock area variance

**Historian** – Mike Riley – no report – Lock 52 & Montezuma merged and is now called Old Mentz Heritage Center.

**Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – taxes have been completed and balanced with the county.

**ZBA & Planning Board Liaison** – Matt Poyneer – previously discussed.

**Village Liaison** – Mark Emerson – all quiet

**Veteran’s Memorial** – Lucy Ware – American flagpole needs new cable – in process of securing needed parts.

**Supervisor’s Report: Mark Emerson**

**Interest** on CD is coming due should we give interest to Historical Society for head stone cleaning? **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to donate the interest to Historical Society for head stone cleaning. Motion carried 5-0.

**Duflou Contract** – **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux authorizing the supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings to forward a resolution for the election audit. Motion carried 5-0.

**Supervisor** stated that there would be no Memorial Day Parade and that ceremony would be held at the Veteran’s Memorial.

**We** received a \$175.00 check from Comp Alliance for safety.

**Attorney for Town:** Kevin Cox – No report

**Communications/Reminders:** Burger Night Wednesday and Polich Night Thursday  
Suggestion for a cross walk from parking lot to Library  
Comments on Planning Board to rescind their variance decision.  
Mr. Morgan distributed his fliers for potential clean-up day.

Jesse Lamouroux stated that the Food Truck was coming May 21,2024 at 1PM. He is working with the Highway Superintendent to alleviate traffic jams.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy into Executive Session for personnel issues at 8:55 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to come out of Executive Session at 9:38 PM with no action taken. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 9:40. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood  
Town Clerk