

# TOWN OF MENTZ

## REGULAR MEETING

### JANUARY 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Supervisor Mark Emerson who led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Emerson, Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilwoman Barbara Clancy, Councilman Mett 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, Don DeBois, Andrea Seamans, and Karen Kuhl.

**Minutes Approval: Minutes of January 2, 2024 Meeting:**  
Last sentence, first page motion should read: Motion carried 4-0-1 with Barbara Clancy abstaining.  
**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve/accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

**Audit of Bills:** **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$8,644.14	VO 1-14
General B	\$3,712.83	VO 1-4
Highway DB	\$3,897.54	VO 1-8

**Old Business:** **Solar Pilot for 9055 N. Main Street** –**Motion** by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to table this item until the attorney reviews documents. Motion carried 5-0.

**Fee Schedule** – Jesse Lamouroux/Jay Moose will be reviewing with ZBA and Planning Boards for their input

**Waterline** – Jesse Lamouroux/ Matt Poyneer – survey to be mailed by mid-February.

**Five-Year Plan** – Barbara Clancy/Mark Emerson – work in progress

**Employee Evaluation** – Barbara Clancy – work in progress

**New Business:** **Dog Control Contract** – tabled until February 20 and the attorney reviews documents

**Canal Society Presentation** – Andrea Seamans/Karen Kuhl discussed Montezuma, Mentz & Brutus banning together and hopefully securing a grant to support the towns as rail towns and Erie Canal towns. They are requesting a letter of support. They feel that with the three towns banned together we stand a better chance of securing a grant. Questions were answered. **Motion** made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Mark Emerson to write a letter of support for the Canal Society. Motion carried 5-0.

There will be monthly presentations, the first one on January 27 on the Canal Schooner Lois McClure which will be relocated at the Erie House. Doug's to go will be at the Samuel Center on 1/19.

**Reports:**

**Highway Department** – David Nielens – No report

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

**Code Enforcement** – Jay Moose – Written report

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

**Dog Control** – Lucy Ware – Report given at re-org meeting.

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

**Landfill & Recycling** – Jesse Lamouroux

**Cemetery** – Lucy Ware – closed for season – debris being picked up- some trees need to be taken down – Barbara Clancy will secure estimates.

**Planning Board** – Barbara Clancy reported that she attended the meeting on January 10 and stated that Mr. Morgan would like a meeting with the Planning Board Chair and the two attorneys.

**ZBA Board** – Lucy Ware – No report

**Historian** – Mike Riley – Written report

**Town Clerk** – Charleen Wood – collecting taxes and working with Planning Board chair to mail documents for solar project.

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

**Village Liaison** – Mark Emerson – working on language for the fire contract.

**Veteran's Memorial** – Lucy Ware – No report – Kelly Tanner will handle the landscaping this year.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings authorizing the Supervisor to sign the MCA for the 2023 and 2024 health insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

**Supervisor's Report** – Mark Emerson – working on various projects.

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

**Communications/Reminders:**

Don Debois approached the board regarding the property on the corner of Route 31 and Centerport Road stating that he is anticipating a home-based business. He was referred to the Code Enforcement Officer.

**Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood  
Town Clerk