

April 13, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a regular meeting on April 13, 2022.

Present were: James Eisel Sr., Supervisor  
Matthew J. Taylor, Councilmember  
Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember  
Lisa M. Driscoll, Councilmember  
Erik R. Reeve, Councilmember

Also present: Russell Hatch, Supt. of Highways  
Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk  
Kevin Young, Town Attorney  
Lindsay Dodd, Attorney from Young/Sommer LLC  
Thomas D. Little, Town Code Enforcement Officer

Also present: L. Chris Santomassino  
William Nicholson  
Steve Weiner  
Gloria Anderson  
Duane Martin, reporter for The Reporter  
Elizabeth Page, Editor for The Mountain Eagle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor James Eisel Sr..

Supervisor Eisel led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Eisel asked if the Board had received the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 9, 2022? The Board had received the minutes. Supervisor Eisel asked the Board if they had any questions, comments or corrections to be made to the minutes? The Board had no questions, comments or corrections to be made to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 9, 2022 as presented was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Matthew J. Taylor. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel recognized William Nicholson and L. Chris Santomassino representing the Harpersfield Historical Society. Mr. Nicholson informed the Board that he had delivered a letter addressed to Supervisor Eisel. The letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Jim Eisel:

The members of the Harpersfield Historical Society extend an invitation to you and the members of the Harpersfield Town Board to view our newly renovated facility.

The Society was revived in 2003, with a commitment to our founding purposes:

1. To promote and encourage original historical research.
2. To disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of the State of New York, Delaware County, and particularly the Town of Harpersfield and its environs.
3. To gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history of the State of New York and particularly the Town of Harpersfield and the surrounding area.
4. To encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest.

Our goal is to share the experience of viewing our wide collection of documents, artifacts, photos, artwork and research catalogues with organizations in the community. Individuals have come to us for research on their family ancestry, study of town architecture, and the changing face of commerce in the area. It would be our pleasure to host a meeting of your organization in our main building and/or provide a customized tour designed for your group which would include our main building and the adjacent collection of agricultural artifacts. Please let us know of a time convenient for your members during the months of April and early May. A member of the Harpersfield Historical Society will be available to host your visit.

We cordially invite you to tour the ancestry of the Town of Harpersfield and surrounding areas.

Tom Kendall, President, Phone # 607-214-6468

Bill Nicholson, Event Coordinator, Phone # 607-652-3664

Mr. Nicholson informed the Board that the Historical Society opens their museum on Memorial Day. He would like to invite the Town Board to come for a tour of the facility any time. They have gotten 27,000 pages of The Mirror Recorder preserved and put on computer. They have shared this with the Stamford Library and the public. The Historical Society has 130 years of The Mirror Recorder newspapers. The Historical Society has also had ten Historical markers made that will be put up sometime this spring. The discussion continued. Supervisor Eisel asked if the Board would like to meet over at the Historical Society museum at their next meeting which will be held on May 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The Board agreed to meet at the Historical Society on May 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Eisel recognized Thomas Little, Town Code Enforcement Officer to update the Board on Austin Road. Mr. Little informed the Board that he has been to the area several times during the winter before he had his accident. They had a court date on December 20, 2022. Three of the properties had cleaned up quite a bit. He then had an accident and was unable to

drive for the next two months. A lot of the articles that were in the complaint and violations were taken care of by the three parties. One of the parties you can actually see the ground now. At the time they had a pile of tires in the front of the property. He believes that they have been removed in February. They are making strides to clean up. With winter weather the process has slowed down. Supervisor Eisel asked Mr. Little if he has been to the area in the last week or two? Mr. Little answered yes he went by there yesterday as he was checking on the violations on Titus Lake Road. Mr. Little has telephoned Town Attorney Allyson Phillips on Monday about the Titus Lake Road property. She was going to speak to Kevin Young and Lindsay Dodd about the situation. Mr. Little with the help of Young/Sommer will again be contacting the property owner on Titus Lake Road. Yesterday he did drive by the properties and has taken new pictures. Supervisor Eisel asked if the property owner on Titus Lake Road has removed their vehicles out of the Town's right-of-way? Mr. Little answered for the most part. There is one car that is an issue. Back in the fall they did a good job and removed all of the big obstacles. The discussion continued. Supervisor Eisel asked Steven Weiner if he had given the Town Clerk a copy of pictures he had taken and were they current? Mr. Weiner answered yes they were taken yesterday and the day before. The Board reviewed the pictures. Mr. Weiner informed the Board that the first five pages of his pictures are what he sees when he takes a walk in his backyard. Councilmember Taylor reported that he had taken a ride up to Austin Road today. From his observations one of the properties is compliant or very near compliant. The property on the corner of Wood Road looks like they are working on cleaning up the property. They are making progress. The next property up Austin Road looks like very little has been done to clean up the property. Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Little if that property owner has been cited? Mr. Little answered yes they have been cited. The property that is behind the one that little progress has been made the only new vehicle is a camper. The camper was moved there fairly recently. The property owner has a plan for the camper. The camper will be leaving the property. Councilmember Taylor has spoken to the property owner today. Mr. Little added that the property where very little progress has been made is because they have their barnyard right up to the road. Then they park right on the road. There was some attempt to clean up some of the materials between the road and the trailer back in December. Councilmember Taylor stated before winter and he understands that. The discussion continued. Mr. Weiner added that the first five pages of the pictures that he has submitted there are nine photographs that stuff is visible from his backyard. The junk is not supposed to be visible. That is in the Harpersfield Junkyard Law. The discussion continued. Kevin Young reminded the Board that the Town decides how to prosecute and whether to prosecute. What you do has to be even handed. The Town has a Code Enforcement Officer and Town Board and you have to decide if something is actionable or not. Whatever you do you have to do it equally. The discussion continued. Gloria Anderson informed the Board that there are another two properties on Austin Road that should be look at. The first property's tax map number is 12.-1-17. The house is not habitable. The whole porch is caved in. Nobody lives there. The second property's tax map number is 12.-1-16.3 has campers in the woods with

trees growing up through them. The discussion continued. Supervisor Eisel concluded that the Town will keep working on this issue.

Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board that he has a ballot for nominations for the Executive Committee for the Coalition of Watershed Towns. The terms are two year terms. For regular members there is Wayland (Bud) Gladstone, Supervisor, Town of Andes, Edward H. Snow Jr., Mayor, Village of Walton, and Winifred Zubin, Mayor, Village of Fleischmanns. For alternate members there is Shayne Mosier, Town Board Member, Town of Andes, Christine Viafore, Town Board Member, Town of Delhi and Will Outsen, Town Council Member, Town of Meredith. A motion to vote for the following individuals to be on the Executive Committee for the Coalition of Watershed Towns with the regular members to be Wayland (Bud) Gladstone, Edward H. Snow Jr., Winifred Zubin and alternate members to be Shayne Mosier, Christine Viafore and Will Outsen was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that he has received a check from the Delaware County DPW for snow removal, from 01/20/2022 to 02/11/2022 in the amount of \$8,089.99.

Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board that the amount of funds collected in 2021 from bottle deposits and scrap metal over at the Transfer Station the total was \$10,227.57. For bottle deposits the total was \$8,258.16. For scrap metal the total was \$1,969.41.

Supervisor Eisel updated the Board on tire disposal. The County contracts with a company called MBI which is out of Ohio. We can dispose tires to them, they are cheaper, but the mileage to get the tires there is very, very expensive. They haul C & D to Buffalo for the County. They no longer want to take mattresses. So now we need to find a place for mattresses. No one wants to take mattresses. The County is looking into buying a machine called a Terminator. This is because hauling has become so expensive. The cost of this machine is one million dollars. The company Casings Tires has a machine called the guillotine which chops up car tires and truck tires up to 24 inches. The chopped up tires are then sent out for landfill cover. Councilmember Taylor asked Supervisor Eisel at what point is the County in this decision making process? Will this be coming along soon or will it be in a year from now? Supervisor Eisel answered it will probably take more than a year. Councilmember Driscoll asked will this be for all tires? Supervisor Eisel answered tires up to 24 inches. Councilmember Reeve added that will not take care of the bigger tire problem. Supervisor Eisel added that Casing Tires are located in Hudson, NY. Anyone wanting to dispose of larger tires can take them there themselves and pay a fee to dispose of them. That is what the County is also doing. The discussion continued.

Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that today there was a County Board meeting. Discussed was the New York Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Climate Action Council that he appointed voted on the Acts passage. This Council is in the public comment period for the CLCPA. Within the draft are:

- Moratoriums on new gas infrastructure – Immediately.
- NO new natural gas service to existing buildings – Immediately.
- Prohibit natural gas, propane and oil equipment in new homes by 2024.
- Prohibit traditional heating systems in existing homes by 2030.
- Ban use of natural gas appliances (dryers/stoves/etc) in homes by 2030.
- NO GAS VEHICLES sold in New York by 2035.

Mr. Little added that this is also going into the building codes now. Mr. Young explained in 2019 the New York State legislature passed the Green Act. This Green Act states that New York State has to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 85% from what they were in 1990 by 2050. Your carbon footprint in 1990 was 22.7 tons. By 2050 there needs to be a reduction to a 3 ton carbon footprint. As the population increases that 3 ton number decreases. This is a law and it is mandated. When you look at what greenhouse gas emissions are 16% is for electric generation, 30% is for land transportation car, truck etc. and the other 32% is for heating buildings. In order to accomplish this goal you have to convert all land travel and building heating to electric. This also effects the electric grid. By 2040 they have to eliminate any fossil fuel to create electricity. By 2040 the electric grid needs to be powered by renewable energy or nuclear energy. There is no additional hydropower for renewable energy. It will have to be wind or solar energy. In order to make up all of that electricity to heat your home and power your vehicle the grid will have to double. Governor Cuomo set up a committee to figure out how to do this. Because this is a law the committee is not looking at whether this is feasible or practicable they are looking at how to achieve this. The committee has come up with its draft plan on December 31, 2021 which will be final by December 31, 2022. This draft plan is now out for comment. The plan basically says for new construction in 2024 the power source has to be electric. That means your heating, clothes dryer, stove, hot water heater etc. Mr. Little added these things will need to be powered by electric, geothermal or solar. There is going to be no fossil fuel for heating. Mr. Young continued that the committee wants to put someone from NYSERDA and someone from the PFC on the International Code Council (ICC) which regulates building codes. Then they want to change the purpose of the building code to reduce greenhouse gas emission. That changed building code is going to make every single house very expensive. Mr. Little added that he has gone through a NYSERDA training last week and this is going to be an expensive proposition for anyone who is putting in any new home. This is already going to print. The State is already going to adopt this through the NYS Energy Code Council and they have already been trained on how to approach this. Councilmember Taylor asked is this something that NY State is trying to be on the cutting edge of? What is going on in Missouri etc.? Mr. Young answered that is the point. The NYS Legislature wanted to be a world leader. New York State's economy is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. Our Representatives were all at Glasgow promoting what New York is doing. The only other state that is doing this type of legislation is California. This is a law which can be enforced by any aggrieved party. The law also has in it a provision that says any State agency making any decision has to evaluate whether that decision is consistent with this carbon footprint mandate. If it is not consistent

with this mandate then they have to determine whatever they are looking at is it necessary. If it is not necessary terminate. If it is necessary require offsets. Look at the new Buffalo Bills stadium that they want to construct. Look at the three new casinos that they want to build in New York City. Look at a new high rise building that they want to construct in New York City. Currently New York City's electricity is 90% to 95% fossil fueled. The electricity in upstate New York is 90% zero emission. It is hydropower, nuclear, wind and solar. The whole idea is you need to get upstate to build solar and wind energy to supply New York City. Off shore down state you are going to have to build wind power. They are proposing two transmission lines one going from Hydro Quebec to New York City and the other one starting in Delhi, New York will be going through Delaware County, then through Sullivan County and then across the Hudson River to New York City. Those two transmission lines cost \$24,000,000.00. No one has even given Delaware County notice. Supervisor Eisel added that none of the Counties have been given any notice. Mr. Young continued that the cost for those two transmission lines are being shared by the rate payers across the state. Those two transmission lines will bring 18 million terawatt hours of electricity to New York City. The Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant which they closed in 2020 was generating 16.7 terawatt hours of zero emission electricity to New York City. These two huge projects are basically replacing Indian Point which was a political decision not a scientific decision. Councilmember Reeve asked is there anything that we can do about this from our Town? Supervisor Eisel answered that we are going to oppose this. Mr. Young added that there is a white paper that explains this. He is the one that wrote the white paper not as an attorney for any Town or the County. It is all based on the DEC and State documents. Delaware County is adopting a resolution to say these are our comments on this white paper. What we argue in the white paper is climate change is here. Climate change is going to have certain impacts and what we do is not going to slow climate change. As a wealthier economy we should do what we can to reduce climate change but it can't come at the expense of our healthful environment. In other words we have to have heat for our houses. We have to be able to get from here to there. What we say is don't mandate these changes. If you want to spend taxpayer money making it practical or feasible with preferred technology we are all for it. Also do not do it as a carbon tax. If they do it as a carbon tax your gas is going to go up. Heating your house is going to go up. If you look at NYSEG the amount of people that are behind on their utility bill has doubled since March of 2020. There is legislation now to figure out how to deal with this. It is not like you need any less incentive to heat your house. So make it an income tax. Fund it through income tax and make it a choice. The discussion continued. Councilmember Driscoll added that we don't have the infrastructure. It is the cart before the horse. The discussion continued. Supervisor Eisel added that 25% of people in Delaware County have a 100 amp electric service. Most people have a 200 amp electric service. The cost to run the line to change the service will cost between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00. To put an electric station in your home for an electric car you need a 400 amp service. Which is expensive. Delaware County Electric Coop can not guarantee that they can supply that energy. The discussion continued. Mr. Young added that as of 2030 if your oil heater or gas heater breaks down it will have to be replaced with an electric heater. The discussion continued. Mr.

Young continued that if the Board would like to pass a resolution adopting those comments in the white paper he will prepare a resolution for the Town's next Board meeting. The Board can read the white paper and decide what they agree with or don't agree with. The discussion continued.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that the Town owns a truck that had its frame damaged a year and a half ago. We did try and get the frame straightened but it didn't work. What he would like to do is replace the frame rails in the truck. This is a 2001 truck and is a good truck. Good trucks are getting harder to come by. Councilmember Driscoll asked how many miles are on the truck? Russell answered about 300,000. The frame rails will cost approximately \$12,555.00 for the pair. There will be approximately \$1,000.00 worth of bolts that will be needed as well. This repair can be done in the Highway Garage.

Russell Hatch informed the Board that he ordered a new dump box for a different truck back in July of 2020. That is supposed to be here April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that the loader that was ordered in January is scheduled to arrive here at the end of September.

Russell Hatch informed the Board that they are still going ahead with the Austin Road project. He did have a set of plans that the Board reviewed. This whole structure is going to be in the Town's right-of-way. It has been surveyed. One thing we are going to have to do is place a culvert pipe on Anderson's property to temporarily divert the stream. Delaware Engineering will be drawing up the paperwork to accomplish this. Once Russell receives this paperwork he will forward it on to Kevin Young to look over. The discussion continued. Russell with Delaware Engineering's help got approximate bid figures from \$50,000.00 to \$85,000.00. One of the biggest obstacles will be can this concrete structure be built this construction season. He would like to get the bid for the concrete structure out and have the bid opening at the next Town Board meeting. A discussion was had. Russell added that this structure will have precast footings. This road is going to be closed so we are hoping if we go with precast footings we won't have to wait for cure time for the concrete. We will just set them in and then set the structure in on top of them. Councilmember Driscoll asked how long will the road be closed for? Russell answered he did not know yet. Supervisor Eisel asked if you had to guess would it be a couple of days? Russell answered a couple of weeks. This is the first project of this kind that the Highway Department has done so they are learning as they go. Councilmember Reeve asked Russell will you be able to drive the heavy plow trucks over this structure? Russell answered yes this structure is going to be unrated. Supervisor Eisel asked will they give you a time frame when they can do this? Russell answered that he is going to talk with Delaware Engineering about adding on the specs that the structure needs to be complete by a certain date. We have a limited time that we can work in the stream. The Town's NYS DEC stream permit is only good from June to September. Delaware Engineering has already sent in the paperwork for the NYS DEC stream permit and the Army Corp of Engineer's permit. Hopefully we will be getting them back. The discussion continued.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that we are closing one of our gravel banks. We have been mining in this location since the mid 1980's and it is pretty much played out. We will be opening up another gravel bank. We still have two other mines. One is on Brandow's property and the other is on Butts' property.

Russell Hatch informed the Board that he has completed the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys for 2022. The State has passed the budget but we do not know how much CHIPs funds we will be getting. The total for this agreement is approximately \$309,871.00 for the culvert project, sealing and paving 10.82 miles of roads. Typically we pave and seal over 10 miles of roads each year. Last year the Town received approximately \$300,000.00 in CHIPs funds. Russell rolled over between \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 of last year's CHIPs funds to help offset the culvert project this year. Without knowing the total cost of the culvert project and/or the price of oil this agreement is the best estimates that Russell can give the Board. A discussion was had.

AGREEMENT NO. 003 OF THE YEAR 2022

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk offered the following agreement and moved its adoption:

TITLE: AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS FOR 2022.

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$309,871.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 10.82 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewal thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of town highways and culverts:
  - (a) On the road commencing at Champlin Road starting at Titus Lake Road and leading to Austin Road, a distance of .62 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$10,230.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface: 20'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
  - (b) On the road commencing at Dibble Road starting at Whiskey Hollow Road and leading to a dead end, a distance of .45 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,425.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface: 18'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.



- (c) On the road commencing at Hornbeck Road starting at State Hwy 23 and leading to Fenn Hill Road, a distance of 1 mile, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$16,503.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface: 20'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (d) On the road commencing at Johnson Road starting at the Town line and leading to a dead end, a distance of .87 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$14,355.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface 18'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (e) On the road commencing at Odell Lake Road starting at State Hwy 23 and leading to Odell Lake Road Extension, a distance of 2.44 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$40,260.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface: 20'. Thickness: 1/2". Subbase: pavement.
- (f) On the road commencing at Shaver Road starting on the gravel and leading to a dead end, a distance of .4 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$37,938.00. Type: pave. Width of traveled surface 20'. Thickness: 3". Subbase: gravel.
- (g) On the road commencing at Streeter Hill Road starting at Co Hwy 29 and leading to Tedle Brook Road, a distance of 1.89 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$31,185.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface: 20'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (h) On the road commencing at Truax Road starting at Whiskey Hollow Road and leading to a dead end, a distance of .67 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$11,055.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled base: 18'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (i) On the road commencing at Truesdell Road starting at State Hwy 23 and leading to Harper Hill Road, a distance of .32 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,280.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface 20'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (j) On the road commencing at Weaver Road starting at Co Hwy 30 and leading to a dead end, a distance of .24 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$3,960.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface 18'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (k) On the road commencing at Whiskey Hollow Road starting at Odell Lake Road and leading to a dead end, a distance of .7 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$11,550.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface 20'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (l) On the road commencing at West View Road starting at Truax Road leading to a dead end, a distance of .33 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,445.00. Type: single seal. Width of traveled surface 18'. Thickness: ½". Subbase: pavement.
- (m) On Austin Road there shall be expended not over the sum of \$100,000.00. Culvert replacement.

Seconded by Councilmember Lisa M. Driscoll with the vote as follows:

Adopted:	James Eisel Sr., Supervisor	Aye.
	Matthew J. Taylor, Councilmember	Aye.
	Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember	Aye.
	Lisa M. Driscoll, Councilmember	Aye.
	Erik R. Reeve, Councilmember	Aye.

Councilmember Lisa Driscoll reported to the Board that some of Bloomville Disposal’s employees that were picking up garbage were putting all of the garbage into the back of the trucks and were not recycling. Some of the customers have complained to the employees about this and the employees have started putting the recycling in the right places. Hopefully that will continue. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Eisel submitted to the Board the Town Justice’s annual report. The documents submitted to the Board were the letter addressed to the Town Supervisor advising the Town that the records and docket for the Court calendar year 2021 are available to be presented for examination, the Appendix 10 – Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records and the docket. The Town Board reviewed the documents presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 007 OF THE YEAR 2022

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: TOWN JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT.

WHEREAS, Town Justice Lawrence R. Musella has presented the Town Supervisor with a letter advising him that the records and docket for the Town of Harpersfield Court, Calendar Year 2021, are available to be presented for examination.

WHEREAS, the Appendix 10 – Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records, the monthly reports and the report certifications have been presented to the Town Board for review.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield acknowledges that the required examination has been conducted at their regular meeting held on April 13, 2022.

Seconded by Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor with the vote as follows:

Adopted:	Supervisor	James Eisel Sr.	Aye.
	Councilmember	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.
Adopted:	Councilmember	Patrick F. Funk	Aye.
	Councilmember	Lisa M. Driscoll	Aye.
	Councilmember	Erik R. Reeve	Aye.

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's March monthly report with the Town receiving penalties in the amount of \$1,909.73, bank interest in the amount of \$2.12 and the County Treasurer's Office receiving taxes collected in the amount of \$99,009.75, bank interest in the amount of \$2.12 was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

A motion to accept the Town Clerk's March report in the amount of \$198.00 was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

The abstract and vouchers for the month of March were presented to the Board. Presented were General Claims #063 to #088 in the amount of \$44,831.73; Highway Claims #048 to #068B in the amount of \$30,910.47 and Transfer Station Claims #013 to #019 in the amount of \$7,513.72. Councilmember Taylor asked Russell Hatch about voucher #050 to Delaware Engineering DPC in the amount of \$5,008.75 is this just the planning part of the Austin Road project? Russell answered yes. A brief discussion was had. A motion to pay the vouchers as presented was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

The Supervisor's report for the month of February was issued to the Board.

Councilmember Funk asked where things are with purchasing a defibrillator for the Transfer Station? Councilmember Taylor answered that he has done some research and would like more time to do more research. Last month he gave the Board an approximate cost for a defibrillator of \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00. With the research that he has done the cost is between \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The defibrillator has a ten year life span. It will need a replacement battery that costs \$300.00 to \$400.00 at the five year mark. The discussion continued.

Councilmember Funk asked Supervisor Eisel if the County has decided to have AMR set in a particular location? Councilmember Taylor asked Supervisor Eisel for an update as he was sure that it was talked about in the Supervisor meeting that was held today? Supervisor Eisel answered that they had a resolution but it was tabled. The resolution was with AMR. There is a group from Walton and they want the County to establish a County run ambulance service. The resolution that was tabled today was to contract with AMR for a year, up to two years, so that the County can get their feet on the ground and see what is going on. The contract with AMR is a temporary thing and then go from there. The group from Walton did not like this and they want more time. They are going to bring it back at the next Supervisor's meeting. I don't know where this is going.

Councilmember Taylor updated the Board on the not for profit ambulance service for Harpersfield, Stamford and Kortright. The Board has been set. Duane Martin who sits on the Board added that they have been incorporated. Their next meeting is Wednesday night (April, 20, 2022). The Board is looking to add another board member. They are working on bylaws. The Board is also going to look at hiring a billing agency. They also will be looking at naming a director. Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Martin about getting another board member? Mr. Martin answered that someone is interested from Stamford Fire Department. Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Martin why are you looking for another board member? Mr. Martin answered

because one of the original board members has stepped away. The total number of board members will still be seven. The question was asked will there be a conflict with the person that they are looking at because they are involved with the Stamford Fire Department? Councilmember Taylor answered that one of the current members is also a member of the Stamford Fire Department. The discussion continued. Councilmember Taylor asked do you have a Chairperson for the Board? Mr. Martin answered that will be part of working on the bylaws. Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Martin is there somebody that he can contact to get updates for the Board? Mr. Martin said that he will leave his information with Councilmember Taylor so that he can get updated information for the Board. The discussion continued.

Councilmember Funk asked Supervisor Eisel about the maintenance that they are going to be doing on the Veteran's Memorial in Delhi with a cost of half a million dollars? Supervisor Eisel answered that the Veteran's Memorial has been leaning. The County has hired an engineer to come in to look at it. The Memorial will probably have to be dismantled and a new foundation be put in. The COVID funds will be paying for the project.

A motion at 8:49 PM to go into executive session for discussion of proposed litigation for establishing a special district for an ambulance was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Matthew J. Taylor. All voting Aye.

A motion at 9:42 PM to come out of executive session was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye. No action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. The Board will meet at 6:00 PM at the Harpersfield Historical Society building for a tour. The meeting will follow at the Town Hall once the tour has been completed.

Linda E. Goss

Town Clerk

