

August 10, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a regular meeting on August 10, 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: Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk

Absent: Russell Hatch, Supt. of Highways

Also Present: Henry L. Browning
Elizabeth Page, Editor for The Mountain Eagle
Gloria Anderson
Susan Fortier

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor James Eisel Sr..

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

Supervisor Eisel asked if the Board had received the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 13, 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 July 13, 2022 as presented was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel asked the Board if they had the Code Enforcement Officers report for July 13, 2022 – August 9, 2022? The Board had the Code Enforcement Officers report. Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that the property owners with violations have complied. The Town Attorney is working with the Code Enforcement Officer on violation notices for properties with violations.

Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that he has received the second check from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$55,692.13. The total amount received by the Town is \$111,384.26.

Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board about the purchase of a new dump truck. He will need the Board to make a motion to approve that Russell Hatch get on a waiting list to purchase a

new dump truck as the delivery date will be in late 2023. Supervisor Eisel has spoken to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation about writing a grant for this new dump truck. He is concerned about the amount of funding the Foundation will be able to give the Town towards the new dump truck. Councilmember Funk added that the Town needs to get a new dump truck. Supervisor Eisel agreed. Councilmember Taylor stated that Russell has reached out to the Highway Committee and is also looking into purchasing a used truck. Councilmember Funk added that because the cost of a new dump truck is so high, Russell is looking on auction sites for a good used dump truck. Supervisor Eisel continued that he has found a 2011 dump truck on Auctions International that is in good shape. Russell has gone out to look at this vehicle. The used dump truck is already set up with a box and plow package. Supervisor Eisel added that Russell is currently on the auction site. The auction site thinks that the truck will sell for \$30,000.00. The discussion continued. Patrick F. Funk made a motion to approve Russell Hatch get put on a list to purchase a new dump truck seconded by Matthew J. Taylor. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board that he has received a request for two letters of support from the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc. (WCCRC). The WCCRC is applying for Access to Home and RESTORE grants. The Access to Home grant will assist elderly area residents as well as individuals with disabilities by installing accessible bathrooms, rails, doors, ramps and other improvements that will increase their independence and improve quality of life. The Restore grant will assist senior area residents with the cost of addressing emergencies and code violations that pose a threat to their health and safety. Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that the Town will be under no financial obligation to WCCRC if he signs these letters of support. Supervisor Eisel read the letters to the Board. A discussion was had. A motion to approve Supervisor Eisel sign the two letters of support to the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc. for the Access to Home and RESTORE grants was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that though Russell Hatch is not here the Town has a bid opening for fuel. One bid was received from Mirabito Energy Products. The bid is as follows:

Mirabito Energy Products proposes the following for the Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and Ultra Low Sulfur Kerosene bid:

PRODUCT	POSTING	FIRM DIFFERENTIAL	FLUCTUATING BID PRICE AS OF 8/9/2022	FIXED PRICE (PAY PER DELIVERY)
ULSD (15PPM) (Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel	Journal of Commerce Albany, NY	+0.0270 per gallon	\$3.4113 per gallon	No Bid

PRODUCT	POSTING	FIRM DIFFERENTIAL	FLUCTUATING BID PRICE AS OF 8/9/2022	FIXED PRICE (PAY PER DELIVERY)
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	Average \$3.3843/gal			
KEROSENE (for winter blend with diesel)	Journal of Commerce Albany, NY Average 8/9/2022 \$3.8977/gal	+0.0574 per gallon	\$3.9551 per gallon	No Bid

Term of Contract: August 10, 2022 – August 10, 2023.

Fluctuating prices are based on the Journal of Commerce the day of delivery plus the Firm Differential.

A discussion was had. The bid was tabled until Russell Hatch has had a chance to look the bid over and also check State bid. Supervisor Eisel after talking to Russell will contact the Board to approve the bid or not.

Gloria Anderson asked if Russell Hatch has said anything about the Austin Road Project? Supervisor Eisel answered no he has not.

Gloria Anderson asked about the speed limit on Austin Road or the speed limit signs for Titus Lake Road? Supervisor Eisel answered that he has not heard. NYS DOT will contact the Town after the survey has been completed on Austin Road.

A motion to accept the Town Clerk's July report in the amount of \$782.23 was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

Councilmember Funk asked if the Town has heard when the County's Clean Sweep days will be? No one has heard. Linda E. Goss will contact the County to see when Clean Sweep days will be.

The abstract and vouchers for the month of July were presented to the Board. Presented were General Claims #170 to #195 in the amount of \$9,539.66, Highway Claims #113A to #130 in the amount of \$117,424.98 and Transfer Station Claims #031 to #036 in the amount of \$5,616.99. Councilmember Driscoll asked about the Town's annual \$400.00 contribution to the Delaware

County Historical Association. Why do we contribute to the Delaware County Historical Association? Supervisor Eisel answered that it has a lot of Town of Harpersfield's items and all of the Towns have contributed over the years. All of the Towns try to give them contributions to help keep them going. Councilmember Driscoll asked where is the Delaware County Historical Association located? Supervisor Eisel answered that they are located right on State Hwy 10, where the Brisbee house is before you get into Delhi on the right hand side. Councilmember Reeve added right by Curtis Lumber. The Brisbee house used to hold the County Board of Supervisor's meetings. Gloria Anderson added that the Delaware County Historical Association has an interactive program for the fourth graders from the area schools. They visit all of the buildings and have arts and craft projects for the kids to do. Councilmember Taylor continued that they have done a lot of work on the site. He helped rebuild the black smith shop and forge. The discussion continued. Supervisor Eisel added that upstairs they have all period clothing. The discussion continued. Councilmember Funk asked Supervisor Eisel if the County has come up with anything to dispose of the large tires? Supervisor Eisel answered no. The County will have to purchase their own tub grinder or terminator to dispose of the large tires. It is a million dollar deal. Councilmember Reeve asked Supervisor Eisel if the Transfer Station employees are keeping a good eye on the tire trailer? He was at the Transfer Station very recently and there was a big tractor tire in the trailer. Councilmember Reeve talked to a Transfer Station employee who did not know anything about that they were not supposed to take the larger tires. Supervisor Eisel asked when was this? Councilmember Reeve answered a couple of weeks ago. Supervisor Eisel continued that I guess we will hear about it. Unless the employee in charge took the tractor tire out. Councilmember Reeve continued that he spoke to a second Transfer Station employee about taking the tractor tire out of the trailer. The Transfer Station employee answered that they have to get rid of them somehow so they are putting one or two in the trailer at a time. Supervisor Eisel continued that the second employee should have given Councilmember Reeve a better answer than that. Everyone is aware that the Transfer Station is not taking large tires. The discussion continued. Councilmember Driscoll asked where did we catch a beaver? Linda E. Goss answered on South Worcester Hill Road. A discussion was had. A motion to pay the vouchers as presented was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

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

A motion at 7:34 PM to go into executive session for a personnel matter was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

A motion at 8:02 PM to come out of executive session was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye. No action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Linda E. Goss

Town Clerk