**Town of Ellenburg**

**Office of the Town Clerk**

**Minutes of the Town Board**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Supervisor, Jason Dezan, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for friends that have passed on, Service men and women and first responders.

Roll Call: Jason Dezan Yes

Debra Grogan Yes

Neil Trombley Yes

Deryl Gregory Yes

Nathan Bombard Yes

The first item on the agenda was old business.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to old business

* Jason stated that for EMS we have done 68 calls for the year, 18 of them in April. Tori stated we are at 75 calls for the year and we have had much success with insurance reimbursement.
* The mausoleum has done about $90,000 in sales. We are working on taking some trees down at the mausoleum, they seem to all be down, the stumps are still there, but the highway department will take them out this summer.
* Jason is asking for donations for planting trees at the mausoleum and we would put plaques up with donator names (In memory of).
* We are hoping to start construction in July at the Highway Department with the Salt Shed. It should take no more than a month to put up the building because it is pre-fab.
* The Coupal’s are asking that we allow them to use a portion of the property at the mausoleum behind their building until they are able to buy it. There was an issue with paperwork preventing them from purchasing that piece right now. But it is being worked on and should be resolved soon.
* Jason asked Creighton and Manning if New Leaf had put in an application to the county. A representative stated that the County got a copy of the application that was sent to the town. It was just sharing materials to the county, the first page stated that it was a seeker. It stated that the Town was seeking lead agency on the project. There was deeper conversation regarding setbacks and what the Clinton County Planning Board has stated to the Town of Ellenburg regarding the materials that were sent to them. The representative from Creighton and Manning stated that they would like any correspondence sent to them that the Town is receiving regarding this property. It was stated that in June we should be declaring we are the lead agency. Jason stated he was going to have Bill Empsall, president of the zoning board, meet with Adam and the board.
  + The HOST agreement needs to make its way to the attorneys that are working on this project.
  + Creighton and Manning has asked for a copy of the letter that came from the County Planning Committee.
* Stewart Seguin said that in regards to the wind tower assessments, Governor Hochul put in her budget, that the preliminary figures show they are going down to $400,000. She made it so that the windmills are going to get a big break.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to new business

* Bethany Fortin is going to have sign up sheets for groups that need to use the town hall for- meeting purposes and also the pavilion. Bethany can be contacted at 518-578-3912 to reserve a time slot.
* Gina DeCoste has volunteered to help Debbie Grogan work on the website.
* There was a boy scout, Jason Vanvalkenburg, who made a flag box where folks can bring flags to be properly disposed of. It is currently at the Town Hall.

The resolutions are the next topic of discussion:

**Resolution 23-53**

To pay vouchers 158 to 193 in the General Fund in the amount of $42,787.16.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Bombard-Yes, Gregory-Yes

**Resolution 23-54**

To pay vouchers 78 to 96 in the General Fund in the amount of $64,747.12.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Deryl Gregory

Vote: Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Bombard-Yes, Gregory-Yes

**Resolution 23-55**

To adjust April General Fund Voucher Total from $41,587.87 to $41,495.37, a difference of $92.50 (Voucher 126)

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Deryl Gregory

Vote: Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Bombard-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Trombley-Yes

**Resolution 23-56**

To hold a special meeting on August 15, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Ellenburg Town Hall to discuss 2023-2024 Town Insurance Renewal Contract.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Nathan Bombard

Vote: Bombard-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Grogan-Yes

**Resolution 23-57**

To allocate $500 to the FFA Alumni for the purpose of supporting the FFA Chapter at Northern Adirondack Central School for the 2023 year.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

Vote: Grogan-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Bombard-Yes, Trombley-Yes

Supervisor Dezan then read the monthly financial report for April 2023.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Dezan-Abstain, Bombard-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Trombley-Yes, Grogan-Yes

Supervisor Dezan asked for a motion to pass the minutes from the April regular meeting.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Grogan-Yes, Trombley-Yes, Bombard-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Dezan-Yes

Supervisor Dezan called for the town clerk’s report. Bethany Fortin stated that CDC sent a survey for the Town of Ellenburg. Also, Bethany wanted to remind everyone if you do have a dog in the town, you are supposed to have them licensed. In the event that your dog does get picked up by dog control, you do need a license to get the dog back. Friendly reminder. It is $10 for spayed and neutered dogs and $20 if they are not spayed or neutered.

Supervisor Dezan asked if the Highway Superintendent had anything to report, Bradley was absent this meeting but Jason wanted to send a sincere thank you to Keith Trombley who will be retiring at the end of this month.

JCEO report was next on the agenda. Dale Buskey is the JCEO coordinator now and is in town two days a week.

Supervisor Dezan then asked for the code officer’s report. Adam Trombley provided a full report which is attached to these minutes. Mountain Mart had to re-do the septic tanks and those have been completed.

Supervisor Dezan then called for the Historian’s report, Joan Hobbs reported that Anita Bombard had taken some photos of the steeple at the Catholic church when they were taking it down. Joan has put the photos in the folder for the church. May 22nd and 23rd she and the team that put up the Hometown Hero banners will be putting them up and Thursday and Friday she will be working on putting out the flags in the cemetery for the veterans. Last week Joan went to DC and went to the Vietnam wall and took a photo of Gerard McDonald’s name and that will go on the website. Joan also stated that June 24th will be the Town Wide Yard Sale in Ellenburg. There will be maps detailing where the garage sales are at Erin LeClair’s, Lori Hobbs and B’s Country Quick Stop.

Supervisor Dezan stated that the Youth report was that baseball and softball is being worked on right now. The Swim Program will be in July and they are looking for lifeguards now.

The next item on the agenda were council member reports:

Deryl Gregory – Deryl Gregory reported the following:

* Deryl reported that the KofC does a dance for seniors but there was a conflict last month so no one showed up. But, the next dance will be next month.
* Deryl and Debbie attended the alternate energy meetings but he will let Debbie report because she was able to attend an additional meeting he was not.

Nathan Bombard – Nathan Bombard reported the following:

* Nathan reported everything is so far so good.

Debra Grogan – Debra Grogan reported the following

* Debra reported that they had a phone call with the lawyers from AES. They had not spoken to the IDA. Town of Clinton and Town of Ellenburg programs have ended and this is a big deal for both towns. Debbie sent emails to Billy Jones and Francis Peryea and within an hour she had a call from IDA. The PILOT programs have been approved for two more years until the repowering.

Neil Trombley – Neil Trombley reported the following:

* Neil reported he has heard a lot of controversy over the new windmill that is being discussed.
* Neil stated that the grant for the generator, we already had one in process, and we need to look at how that is going to work with one of the grants we already have going.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to questions and comments:

* Joan Hobbs asked if the Town could supply 150 zip ties to help with the Hometown Hero Banners.
* Gina DeCoste stated the Stop sign at the end of her road is gone. Jason asked Jeremy to let Bradley know.

Supervisor Dezan then closed the floor as there were no more public comments.

Supervisor Dezan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM

Motion: Jason Dezan Second: Nathan Bombard

All ayes

The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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Bethany Drown Fortin, Ellenburg Town Clerk