

**Town of Ellenburg
Office of the Town Clerk**

**Minutes of the Town Board
Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 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	<u>Yes</u>
	Debra Grogan	<u>Yes</u>
	Neil Trombley	<u>Yes</u>
	Deryl Gregory	<u>Yes</u>
	Nathan Bombard	<u>Yes</u>

The first item on the agenda was old business.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to old business

- Jason stated that the mausoleum has their yearly inspection coming up so we have been waiting for that. In addition we should have some things coming up to be replaced and those items will be taken care of with savings.
- Glens Way, the road near senior housing, we are looking at doing an easement between the two of us (the town and Senior Housing). Mr.Murnane has been looking in to this with us, and Dean Lashway, the surveyor will be working with them to get this done.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to new business

The resolutions are the next topic of discussion:

Resolution 23-33

To pay vouchers 45 to 82 in the General Fund in the amount of \$33,970.50.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

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

Resolution 23-34

To pay vouchers 22 to 42 in the Highway Fund in the amount of \$75,261.66.

Motion: Deryl Gregory Second: Nathan Bombard

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

Resolution 23-35

To allocate \$500 of the youth contingency account to the NACS Peewee Wrestling Team for the year 2023.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Deryl Gregory

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

Resolution 23-36

To allow the supervisor to sign shared service agreement between NYSDOT and the Town of Ellenburg for the period of two years.

Motion: Deryl Gregory Second: Nathan Bombard

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

Resolution 23-37

To allow the supervisor to sign the contract with Bangor Animal Shelter for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

Motion: Deryl Gregory Second: Neil Trombley

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

Resolution 23-38

In the interest of fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, be it resolved that the Town of Ellenburg will now be charging .25 per page for any copies requested of town records, effective immediately.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

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

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

Motion: Debra Grogan 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 January organizational meeting minutes and the January regular meeting minutes.

Note: There was a question and answer session between a few town constituents and the town clerk, regarding questions about the January regular meeting minutes. All questions were answered by the town clerk or by the town attorney, Patrick McFarlin.

Motion: Deryl Gregory Second: Neil Trombley

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

Supervisor Dezan stated that the Tax collector summary report for this month is that she is at 62% and we are still waiting on NOBLE Wind Energy Checks and that is a large amount.

Supervisor Dezan called for the town clerk's report. Bethany Fortin stated that she has received notice from the state that town clerk's are now responsible for issuing one day marriage officiant licenses. There is still much to learn about this process but at the end of March we will be able to process those applications. Bethany also introduced Marie Agan, who will be the new face of Invenergy and will be able to take questions and concerns about the projects going on. She will be attending our meetings each month.

Supervisor Dezan asked if the Highway Superintendent had anything to report, Bradley reported there was a break down on a loader, and there was a service call for that, it was covered under warranty.

Tina Trombley is now officially retired and there is a number on the door of where to call if you need help with anything. JCEO report was there were 52 total households receiving services, 5 households receiving emergency food pantry, 8 adults receiving emergency food pantry, 1 child receiving emergency food pantry, 3 fresh food deliveries, 2 households receiving clothing, 48 information and referral, 8 emergency HEAP applications completed, 4 volunteers, 18 volunteer hours, 52 families receiving Sam's deliveries. Tina thanks everyone for allowing her 19.5 years of service to the Town through JCEO.

Supervisor Dezan then asked for the code officer's report. Adam Trombley was absent this meeting.

Supervisor Dezan then called for the Historian's report, Joan Hobbs reported that Jeann Drown came and brought a lot of older things that had very interesting pictures of Rowe's garage back in the day, and one of the Ellenburg Inn and B's Country Store which used to be the feed store. She is adding these things to the history room. Alex Dezan over at the reading center was given a book, Ellenburg Yesterday and Today, that was donated from someone in Chazy. We also had another donation of a plate that was donated of Rev. Ferris, he was the Methodist reverend in the 1800's. Keith Trombley brought in a Rowe Bros coloring book. All of the things donated will be going in to the history room. Danny Rabideau's mother donated yearbooks from 1928, 1929 and 1930. There is also a comb from when Leon Carter ran for highway supervisor. There was discussion about making the schoolhouse into a museum. Joan needs 419 flags for the memorial day

celebration for flags that Joan and the Girl Scouts put out on Memorial Day weekend.

Supervisor Dezan stated that the Youth report was that they are looking for life guards for this summer and Peggy Hogan will be putting a life guard certification course on. The swim program will be going on this summer.

The next item on the agenda were council member reports:

Deryl Gregory – Deryl Gregory reported the following:

- Deryl reported he and Debbie went to the alternate energy meeting in the Town of Clinton at the beginning of the month. Then they went to the open house for Invenergy after that and that was nice.
- This Sunday from 1-4 there will be a dance for the seniors at the church hall.
- The K of C blood drive resulted in 12 usable units at the last donation day they did.
- The school is working on their budget. We had a lot of interest in the last town board meeting, and it was from the tax bills that had come out. We work on our budget from July to November. The school is working on their budget and Deryl asked them about the hiring they did throughout COVID. The answer is that about for the next ten years, we are going to have more aids at the school from the kids not being in school throughout the pandemic because unfortunately kids were getting behind during those years from virtual learning.

Nathan Bombard – Nathan Bombard reported the following:

- Nathan reported there is a light out near Phil's that he needs to call and ask them about. They are LED lights and should not be out yet. He will call NYSEG.

Debra Grogan – Debra Grogan reported the following

- Debra reported she went with Deryl to the energy meetings.
- Jason asked Debbie to contact New Leaf Energy. They are a company that puts in single, large turbines, Debbie has contacted a lawyer and their company, and Debbie has started the process on getting information from them. New Leaf Energy is supposed to come to our meeting next month and talk.
 - Currently we have a height limit and we would have to do a variance. Current turbines are 400 feet and these new ones would be 600.

Neil Trombley – Neil Trombley reported the following:

- Neil reported that the grant he has been working on for new lighting went through. The town got \$8,300 towards the lights and we just need to get the plan together to get them installed. Additional cost to the town is \$1,100 but within a year we would probably save at least that off of our electric bill.
- He is now working on getting a back up generator for the Highway Department right now.

Side note, Jason stated we replaced four lights at the highway and that cost us \$1,100, whereas this whole project would only cost us that and we would be replacing in many different spots.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to questions and comments:

- Joan Hobbs wanted to know if when anyone was working on the church if anyone got pictures of the clocks. Shannon Barton answered that Jeff Matthews and Anita DeCoste both took photos.
- Brynn Ghostlaw wants to get a map of the town so she knows where her boundaries are. Jason is taking care of that.
- Sandra Smith asked about the uniforms charges from the previous month. Jason answered what each bill was for and what each person specifically got.
- Sandra Smith wanted to know the Code Officers hours. She wanted to know where he was last week during his hours. Debra Grogan stated he was with her at a meeting she needed him to attend with her. There was further comment made about the whereabouts of the town truck.

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 6:58 PM

Motion: Jason Dezan Second: Debra Grogan

The next regular meeting will be held on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Bethany Drown Fortin, Ellenburg Town Clerk