**Town of Ellenburg**

**Office of the Town Clerk**

**Minutes of the Town Board**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**August 15, 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 questions and comments.

* Kevin Carpenter asked if the Town Board should be speaking about the windmill to other townspeople. Kevin directed his questions to specific board members.
* Jason stated that he is still working on the issues for the Sharrett road. Jason stated he would be speaking with Brad to fill in potholes this week.

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

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

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

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

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Debra Grogan

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

Supervisor Dezan called for the town clerk’s report. Bethany Fortin stated that the office is functioning as usual.

Supervisor Dezan asked if the Highway Superintendent had anything to report, Bradley was absent this meeting.

Supervisor Dezan then asked for the code officer’s report. Adam Trombley stated he has received the application for the Met Tower at 109 Brandy Brook Road, from New Leaf Energy. Adam researched on this and he believes the town needs a signed statement that Kevin Carpenter knows that the tower is going there and then the town board is going to be able to make a decision on this matter. Adam stated he also didn’t receive the breakdown on schematics for the installation. Adam stated that some questions for zoning on the tower, is the setbacks for the towers, which will also effect Invenergy as well as New Leaf. Adam looked into the shadow flicker and visual aspects of the Invenergy study that was done. The towers that Invenergy are putting in are basically the same as the one that New Leaf wants.

* Jason also stated that Adam has been helping a family who’s home was lost to the flood in July, and there should be additional funding they can apply for in getting a home. This application for FEMA funds will also be put on the website.
* Adam stated that FEMA and the flood plain insurance maps have been changed, and the town is eligible for flood insurance in the future. We need to review it and then sign it fairly soon so that we can make sure we get that coverage.

Supervisor Dezan then called for the Historian’s report, Joan Hobbs reported that she has been researching two families, and helping get information for them. There is also a woman who comes every year during the summer, and she made copies of 29/30/31/32 yearbooks from Ellenburg Central. There is a lot of history in these and we are lucky that she shared them with us.

Supervisor Dezan stated that the Youth report was that the Swim program is done. It was very successful, the cost for four weeks of the program was $16,000, 60% came from Ellenburg, 30% from Altona, 5% from Dannemora and 3% from the town of Clinton and 2% from Mooers. The cost is about $103 per child for the Swim Program. Jason is proposing that next year, if you are not in the Town of Ellenburg, we charge those students $50, and we will cover the rest. We can submit bills to the other town boards for those kids.

The next item on the agenda were council member reports:

Deryl Gregory – Deryl Gregory reported the following:

* Deryl reported that KofC Had a blood drive today.
* School has a board meeting on Thursday. They are having the same problems that everyone else is running into.
* On the 10th of September there is a dinner at the Legion and you can call ahead and get a meal.
* Deryl had time to attend the Clinton County Fair and the Franklin County Fair and most of the exhibitors are from our town and the neighboring towns and we should be proud.

Nathan Bombard – Nathan Bombard reported the following:

* Nathan reported that there is still only one light out where Invenergy’s office is that is still not working.
* Adam stated there is a zoning meeting on Thursday at 7:00 PM for a gun shop in Merrill.

Debra Grogan – Debra Grogan reported the following

* Debra reported she went to the alternative energy meeting. They talked about the solar farms that are coming. They are doing vegetative screenings next month. We need to have a special meeting to sign the solar law.
* Debbie stated she has had two meetings with the Chateaugay Lake Foundation about herbicides that they want to use for the Milfoil. It is going to cost about $600,000 for the three years. They will do this with the hand harvesting which costs about $40,000 a year.

Neil Trombley – Neil Trombley reported the following:

* Neil reported he has been with Brad. Harris road, Sears road, Bigelow road, Pete Leclair road, are all done. They are waiting on Culverts for the Shutts road.

The next item on the agenda was old business.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to old business

* Jason stated that there is an application going on the website for people that need help for emergency services from the flooding.
* EMS-as of July we have 138 calls, Tori has let us know and we have a little over $70,000 in deposits.
* The parade is August 26-27th. Chicken BBQ at 11:00 and there are fireworks Saturday night and parade on Sunday with a lot of fun things for the kids.
* Mausoleum- each month, we will have a report of how many cremations we are doing and the revenue amount. As of July we have done 273 cremations for the year. At some point in the next few years, we are going to need an additional machine and we would have the capability to do two at once.
* Salt Shed-Jason was informed that by Thursday the construction will be done. The goal is by September 1, 2023 everything will be done.

Jason asked for a motion to discuss the Highway employee and the contract with New Leaf Energy

Motion: Nathan Bombard

Second: Debra Grogan

Executive Session entered at 6:46 PM

There was a motion Nathan Bombard from and seconded by Deryl Gregory to enter back in to regular session of the meeting. Executive session ended at 7:32 PM

* The application for New Leaf is incomplete at the moment on the Met Tower so we are unable to approve or deny the application at this time. New Leaf stated they would email the missing piece tomorrow to Adam. The goal is to put this up is in the Fall. Jason stated we will hold a special meeting to approve or deny the Met Tower.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to new business

The resolutions are the next topic of discussion:

**Resolution 23-71**

To pay vouchers 273 to 309 in the General Fund in the amount of $30,222.24.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Nathan Bombard

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

**Resolution 23-72**

To pay vouchers 141 to 162 in the General Fund in the amount of $93,721.85.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Deryl Gregory

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

**Resolution 23-73**

To hold a special meeting to discuss insurance quote from Sid Spears on August 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM, location Town Hall, Ellenburg Center, NY

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Nathan Bombard

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

**Resolution 23-74**

To hold a special meeting to pass a resolution to sign insurance renewal for the 2023-2024 year on August 30, 2023 immediately following the special meeting at 6:00 PM at the Ellenburg Town Hall.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Deryl Gregory

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

**Resolution 23-75**

To hold a special meeting on August 30, 2023 to discuss the Met Tower application from New Leaf Energy immediately following the special meeting before.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Neil Trombley

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

**Resolution 23-76**

To hold a special meeting on September 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM to do interviews with candidates for the Highway position and to pass a resolution to hire the new candidate.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Neil Trombley

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

**Resolution 23-77**

To hold a public hearing on September 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM to discuss the HOST agreement with Invenergy Solar Farm.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Nathan Bombard

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

**Resolution 23-78**

To hold a public hearing on September 19, 2023 at 5:45 PM to discuss the new flood zone mapping for Clinton County (FEMA flood insurance). Intermunicipal flood plan management agreement and local law.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

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

**Resolution 23-79**

To accept the bid from Josh Laware Construction to pave the salt shed.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Neil Trombley

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

**Resolution 23-80**

To allow the change to engineering fees from $40,300 to $70,300 for residential project representative and allow the supervisor to sign change order.

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Neil Trombley

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

Supervisor Dezan then closed the floor.

Supervisor Dezan asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Motion: Nathan Bombard Second: Debra Grogan

The next regular meeting will be held on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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Bethany Drown Fortin, Ellenburg Town Clerk