

TOWN OF GAINES
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans, State of New York was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Grube at 7:00 P.M. on the 11th day of February, 2019.

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
Corey Black	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Tyler Allport	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Ronald Mannella	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town

Excused: James Kirby

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 17 Town residents; 2 Albion Central School students; and Paul Gister, National Grid representative

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Edna Woolston, former Town Clerk, who passed away on January 21, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 – 0219
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11TH MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2019 combined Organizational and Regular meeting, with correction of Committee Appointments to read Mr. Allport.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 23 – 0219
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported the January receipts of \$425.80, with \$370.30 paid to the Town Supervisor; \$33.00 to NYS Ag & Markets; and \$22.50 to the State Health Dept. Reported tax collection was off to a great start, the total Town levy of \$632,786.09 has been paid to the Town Supervisor; \$875,000 for County taxes, and \$106,954 for 504.5 Recycling units has been paid to the County Treasurer.

The Town Clerk noted that the Town Historian's Annual Report for 2018 was submitted, and a copy of said report was placed in each Councilperson's mailbox.

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Allport to accept the monthly report of the Town Clerk.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0219

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Town Supervisor did a PowerPoint presentation listing the Balance Sheet for the General Fund, Highway Fund and Water District accounts. Supervisor Grube noted that Water District #1 is finally in the “black” again.

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Allport to accept the monthly report of the Town Supervisor.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0219

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for the month of January, 2019 with a total of 2,033 gallons of diesel and 208 gallons of gas. He noted he will be shopping around for a shoring box, and looking at the cost of either purchasing or borrowing a shoring box. This is a safety issue, and failing to use the shoring box could result in fines. Also, mentioned an estimate of \$900 to \$1000 from Environmental Conservation Group (ECG) if we need them to cut our transit water lines.

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Black to accept the report of the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 0219

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to approve the abstracts, as follows:

General	\$ 15,994.19
Highway	\$ 9,444.50
Water	\$ 56,912.85
Fire	\$102,000.00

Ayes 4; Nays 0

PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL GRID REGARDING LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSION PROGRAM

Paul Gister, representative from National Grid, made a presentation regarding changing and converting all the Town street lights to LED street lighting. The program started in 2016 and is open to all Upstate New York municipalities and governmental street lighting customers on a first come-first serve basis. The Town of Albion, Village of Albion and the Town of Clarendon recently converted their street lighting under this program. The up-front costs for the Town is \$673.29 (or an average of \$33.60 per bulb); with an approximate rebate of \$1,200. The town will pay to have the streetlights replaced, and then get an incentive from NYSERDA, as well as the monthly savings on our electric bills. The warranty is for 10

years, National Grid does all the work and with zero replacement cost to the Town. The Town decides the wattage for each location. Gaines would have a fairly large annual savings of \$500 on our bills. Highway Superintendent Mannella asked about adding another street light. We would only pay the electric cost on any additional lights. At this time, there is an approximate 8 to 10 weeks waiting period from receiving the request from the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 – 0219

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL GRID LED STREET LIGHTING CONVERSION PROGRAM

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to participate in the National Grid LED Street Light Conversion Program, and authorizing the Supervisor to execute all documents required for this program.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 28 – 0219

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR TOWN OFFICES

The criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justice for the year 2018 have been duly examined with the monthly cash summary being viewed and the fines and fees have been turned over to the proper officials; and

The records of the Town Clerk for the year 2018 have been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials; and

The records of the Town Tax Collector for the year 2018 have been duly examined and found all tax monies, late fees, recycling fees have been turned over to the proper officials.

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to declare all books for 2018 have been reviewed and audited by said Town Board.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 29 – 0219

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Black to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with the County of Orleans in the amount of \$130,000, as required by Highway Law, to approve the Superintendent of Highways expenditure of highway funds for improvements to Brown Road (area between the Village line and Ridge Road).

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 30 – 0219
APPROVAL TO RELEASE BID FOR MOWING SERVICES

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to release a bid package for lawn mowing services for the 2019 season, with the intention to award the bid at the March meeting.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 31 – 0219
AUTHORIZATION TO ADD EMAIL SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF ZONING BOARD AND TOWN BOARD, AS NEEDED

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to add services on the Towns email server for members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Board members, as needed.

Discussion: The cost per user is \$59.88 per year. This would allow all business to be conducted on the Town e-mail server, and make correspondences and other emails available for FOIL requests.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 32 – 0219
SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2020

Discussion: With the retirement of the current Superintendent at year end 2019, the Town Board is wishing to set a compensation range for the incoming Highway Superintendent, which allows for interested candidates to know what to expect prior to running for office.

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to set the total compensation range for a newly elected Highway Superintendent for the year 2020 between \$56,000 to \$80,000, including health insurance, if needed.

Motion was amended by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to add "The Town Board will create a metric in which to follow to make the pay, including benefits, fair to all candidates, based on average pay throughout the County, experience, degrees in engineering, and other measures by which the salary and benefits would be based."

Ayes 4; Nays 0

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Town Clerk was asked if she received any documents from anyone on the ZBA as required by the Town Board resolution passed in January. She replied that she had not. Attorney Heath said he would follow up with the former ZBA Chairman.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Gerard Morrisey, Chairman of the ZBA, reported on their recent meeting. Bill Lattin expressed his concern in one word, "Insubordination". Mark Radzinski questioned the Highway Superintendent's salary and benefits. Councilperson Neilans felt a new Highway Supt. should not make the current Superintendent salary, as it took 25 years to reach the current salary. The current Highway Superintendent does not take health insurance benefits. Jim Navarra asked whether there is still transit pipe carrying our water. The Highway Superintendent said approximately 30 miles of transit pipe is still in use. Patricia Morrisey asked the Board to address why Gaines doesn't have a Planning Board; Supervisor Grube responded this will be addressed by the Steering Committee during the Zoning Update.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P. M.
Ayes 4; Nays 0