

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Meeting – July 8, 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 Grube at 7:00 P. M. on the 8th of July, 2019.

The following town officials were present:

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

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Tim Hungerford, Bookkeeper for the Town and (4) four town residents.

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 66 – 0719
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10TH MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to approve the minutes of the June 10th meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 67 – 0719
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported total local revenue to the Town Supervisor of \$2,087.96 for the month of June; \$31.00 paid to NYS Ag & Markets; \$28.34 paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for fishing licenses; and \$67.50 paid the State Health Dept. for marriage licenses.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 68 – 0719

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Grube turned the floor over to the Town Bookkeeper, Tim Hungerford, for a half-year update regarding the Town expenses. Mr. Hungerford explained to the audience how the government looks at the accounts; how each fund within in the town is allocated; and the category where each belongs. All funds, with the exception of the Fire District, are at approximately 42% spent at the half-year, well below the 50%. The Fire District is 100% spent, as we collect the taxes in January, and pay the Village in full. Water District #1 is in the negative again, which this month is partly due to the allocation of retirement costs. Over the years, prior administrations charged Water District #1 the bulk of the water-related costs because it was the largest district, rather than spreading costs to other districts. This administration has corrected this, but it is taking time to fix. Mr. Hungerford said the Town is in great shape at the half year mark. Supervisor Grube thanked Mr. Hungerford for the report.

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to accept the Town Supervisor report.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 69 – 0719

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent suggested to the Board they might want to consider advertising for a MEO (Motor Equipment Operator) in order to get someone in place by October or November before snow plowing begins. The Highway department is still in need of a loader and there appears to be no grant money forthcoming, no member item money available to help offset the expense.

Discussion: Supervisor Grube said we may need to look at cost of borrowing (BAN) versus leasing for the loader. The rates on BAN’s are very good at the moment. The discussion turned to the Highway Superintendent’s job duties and whether or not the Town should create or set metrics regarding the duties expected for the position.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 70 – 0719

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

General	\$11,085.25
Highway	\$85,078.92
Water	\$ 1,594.59

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 71 – 0719

SETTING NEW DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 AND MOVING REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING TO SAME DATE

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Allport to set the public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2019 entitled “Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy Farms” for August 5, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. with the Regular August meeting being moved from August 12th to be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

Discussion: In place of holding two separate meetings in August, it was decided to move the regularly scheduled August meeting to August 5th immediately following the Public Hearing. The date would work well as the Zoning Steering Committee is scheduled to hold a public informational meeting at 7:00 P. M. on the same date to present the updated Zoning Ordinance for the Town. The Clerk was advised to publish notice.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 72 – 0719

AWARD OF PARKING LOT SEALING AND STRIPING BID

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to authorize the Highway Superintendent to utilize J-Co Driveway Sealing, Albion, NY as the lowest quote received for blacktop sealing and striping, for the Town Hall (upper and lower parking lots) and Otter Creek cemetery in the amount of \$1,100.00.

Discussion: Quotes were requested from three separate vendors, with only J-Co Driveway Sealing responding to the request. Councilperson Kirby wondered about the cracks and if they could be repaired. The Highway Superintendent said he would have J-Co use some filler material.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

Bids were opened for the surplus office furniture and the generator. The following resolutions were then adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 73 – 0719

REJECTION OF BID FOR THE SURPLUS OFFICE FURNITURE

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Allport to reject the bid of \$84.52 for the surplus office furniture.

Discussion: Placing advertisements for the sale of the furniture exceeded the bid price. We could try to sell on Craigslist, or another on-line auction might be worth examining. Attorney Heath said as long as it was open to competitive bidding, it would be allowable.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 74 – 0719
APPROVAL OF SALE OF SURPLUS GENERATOR

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Black to authorize the sale of the surplus generator, after opening of the sealed bids, to Charles Ruble for the amount of \$1,350.00.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 75 – 0719
OFFERING OFFICIAL THANK YOU TO THE PANEK FAMILY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE ERIE CANAL ACCESS PATH ON GAINES BASIN ROAD

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to acknowledge the Panek Family for their assistance, by way of use of access to their farm land adjoining the Erie Canal, in the rehabilitation of access path to the Erie Canal Trail at Gaines Basin Road, offering the official thank you from the Town of Gaines.

Discussion: Supervisor Grube showed various PointPower screen shots of the new tow-path, and the access path and it looks great and it wouldn't have been possible without the Panek Family.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 76 – 0719
APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to place an advertisement seeking candidates to fill a Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) later this year. Applications will be accepted until August 22nd, interviewing in September or October. Salary will be set from the Union contract, or based on prior experience, if applicable.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ZBA Chairman Morrisey wanted to remind the Board the ZBA meets on the second Tuesday each month.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0