

**TOWN OF GAINES**  
**Regular Meeting – May 18, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of May 11, 2020 was moved to May 18, 2020 due to the world-wide COVID-19 Pandemic.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. All social distancing requirements were followed (6 feet spacing; facial masks).

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
James Kirby	Councilperson
Ron Mannella	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Tyler Allport	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Mark Radzinski	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town

The following were present: 3 residents; and Dan Strong, Code Enforcement Officer

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 38 – 0520**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 – 0520**  
**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the March and April 2020 reports. The total paid to the Town Supervisor for March receipts was \$1, 208.10 and \$33.00 to NYS Ag & Markets for dog licenses. The total paid to the Town Supervisor for April receipts was \$357.00 and \$44.00 to Ag & Markets for dog licenses.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

The Town Supervisor monthly report will be posted on the website.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 – 0520  
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported a water leak on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Ridge Road and Route 98 at Crosby’s Gas station. Estimated water loss of 250,000 gallons. The salt for next year has been ordered. Fuel usage for April of 188 gallons of gas and 79 gallons of Diesel.

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to accept the report of the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 41 – 0520  
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

For the month of April:	General	\$13,761.56
	Highway	\$ 7,987.68
	Water	\$ 4,063.34
For the month of May:	General	\$ 6,744.42
	Highway	\$13,566.54
	Water	\$53,396.97

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 42 – 0520  
APPROVING CONTRACT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR POSTAL METER SERVICES**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to award a sixty (60) month contract with Pitney Bowes for postal meter services in the amount of \$55.50 per month.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 – 0520  
RESCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19**

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Allport to reschedule the public hearing approved in Resolution No. 37-0320 and scheduled for the April meeting to hear comments on the modifications to the Solar Local Law for June 8, 2020 at 7:00 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD**

Code Enforcement Dan Strong would like an approval for outside counsel regarding various code enforcement violations because the Town Attorney has some conflict of interest in an upcoming case. Mr. Strong indicated that Attorney James Bell has done some of this work in the past and he has spoken with him and he would be willing to continue this work. Doug Heath, the Town Attorney, indicated he has represented a client in the past, and would have a conflict. Attorney Heath recommends James Bell, Attorney be retained for the code enforcement matters.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 44 -0520**

#### **APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT MATTERS**

Moved by Supervisor Grube and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to hire James Bell, Attorney at Law, as outside counsel for code enforcement matters effective immediately.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No comments were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0