

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans, State of New York was called to order by Town Supervisor Allport at 7:00 P. M. on the 14th day of December, 2020.

The following town officials were present:

Tyler Allport	Supervisor
James Kirby	Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Mannella	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Ken Rush	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Mark Radzinski	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town of Gaines

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Three (3) Town residents; James Bell, Attorney; Douglas Farley and Erin Anheier, representing the Cobblestone Society

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 87 – 1220

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 88 – 1220

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported a light month for November, paying the Town Supervisor \$640.16; NYS Ag & Markets \$18.00 for dog licenses; NYS Environmental Conservation \$306.29 for hunting licenses; and NYS Health Dept. \$22.50 for one Marriage License.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 89 – 1220

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Town Supervisor handed out the monthly cash reports for the month of November showing the balances in each account and each fund. All appear to be in line to finish the end of year in good standing.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 90 – 1220

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent reported fuel usage of 203 gallons of Diesel and 135 gallons of Gas for the month of November. Reported a main water line break on November 9th on Waterport Road; and a new water meter was installed at the Five Corners pit, splitting the cost with the Village of Albion. He participates in the Water Advisory Committee meeting every month, which has been trying to get water to the Town of Ridgeway, still a few years down the road.

The Superintendent found a cost-effective alternative for the Random Drug testing performed and would like the Board to pass a resolution to enter into an agreement with Orleans Community Health, which not only saves the Town money, but also travel time to Batavia or Rochester for testing. All testing is administered under Federal DOT rules and guidelines.

The Highway Superintendent handed out a package to each Board member to consider the purchase of a Geode GPS for locating water lines, shut-off valves, etc. The Board will hold this over until the next meeting.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 91 – 1220

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ORLEANS COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR RANDOM DRUG TESTING

The Town of Gaines wishes to enter into the 2020-2021 Occupational Health Agreement with Orleans Community Health, 14789 Route 31, Albion, New York 14411 to perform Random Drug/Alcohol testing, as well as pre-employment testing, as needed. Said compensation will be as listed in the agreement with Orleans Community Health.

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve agreement with Orleans Community Health for Random Drug Testing.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 92 – 1220
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

General Fund	\$90,243.80
Highway	\$ 6,690.92
Water	\$ 9,133.68

Discussion: The General Fund includes the annual Retirement costs, annual Insurance premiums, ½ year payment for Code Enforcement and 4th Qtr. Payment for the Assessor contract

Ayes 5; Nays 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby at 7:17 P. M. to move into an Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person and/or discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Neilans at 7:58 P.M. to resume regular meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 93 – 1220
APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE
JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to appoint Joyce Riley to the vacant position on the Town of Gaines Zoning Board of Appeals. The term of office will commence January 1, 2021 and be for the full five-year term of office, ending December 31, 2025.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 94 – 1220

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Rush to re-appoint Carole Patterson to the Town of Gaines Planning Board for a five-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 95 – 1220

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a vacant Planning Board position. This position will fill the remaining term of office for the vacancy created by Al Capurso's resignation, through December 31, 2022.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

PRESENTATION FROM THE COBBLESTONE SOCIETY REGARDING "FIVE TO REVIVE" AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Doug Farley, Director of the Cobblestone Society, spoke of the designation the hamlet of Childs received late in 2019 as a "Five to Revive" project. This is creating historic recognition for our community. They have been working with the Landmark Society of Western New York and publishing stories relating to our little "hub" in the middle of the County. Opportunities have arisen to move forward with grants.

Erin Anheier, from the Landmark Society of Western New York, spoke of various grants the Cobblestone Society and hamlet of Childs would be eligible for. The first is a grant from Heritage Wind, who will nominate the hamlet of Childs to the National Register of Historical Places.

This enables tax credits as well as a marketing tool for the Town.

The second grant requires a Community Engagement Project and Visioning Enhancement Project, working with a local steering committee to survey and do concept development. This requires the Town Board to be involved, and perhaps have a member of the Board serve on the steering committee. To move forward, the Landmark Society of WNY would need a resolution from the Town Board.

Doug Farley and Erin Anheier thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to speak to them.

RESOLUTION NO. 96 – 1220

**AUTHORIZING INVOLVMENT IN THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VISION ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT FOR THE COBBLESTONE SOCIETY AND “FIVE TO REVIVE”**

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to be involved and work with a local steering committee to do survey and concept development relating to the hamlet of Childs and “Five to Revive”.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – No comments

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Rush to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P. M.