

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Board Meeting – July 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, State of New York was called to order by Supervisor Tyler J. Allport at 7:00 P. M. on the 12th day of July, 2021.

The following town officials were present:

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

The following were present: Five (5) Town residents; Dan Strong, Code Enforcement Officer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56 – 0721

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 57 – 0721

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported the income for the month of June as light, paying the Town Supervisor \$373.78; NYS Ag & Markets for Dog licenses \$20.00; and NYS Environmental Conservation \$4.72 for the sale of one fishing license. She said the building permits are normally a booming summer business but are slow this year.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 58 – 0721

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Supervisor gave the Board the breakdown of each Fund and Account, including General Fund, Highway Funds, Water Districts, etc. He commented all funds look very good at the half year point. Soon the 2022 Budget will be underway.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 59 – 0721

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent reported the fuel usage for the month of June as 571 gallons of Diesel and 181 gallons of Gas. Attended a meeting this morning with the County regarding the 2022 Snow & Ice contract. Nothing has been done at this time, but he will keep the Board informed as the talks continue.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 60 – 0721

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

General	\$15,328.16
Highway	\$ 4,747.46
Water	\$ 847.26

Ayes 5; Nays 0

OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Supervisor Allport said he had a note from the Town Clerk indicating Jim Navarra would like to address the Boards regarding a water issue.

Mr. Navarra was given the floor to explain the issue. A few years ago he was investigating the possibility of connecting to the Town of Gaines water line, which is the closest line to his residence. At the time, he spoke with the Highway Superintendent about how the process would work, and the cost of such installation. He was advised he would need 2900 feet of pipe, probably 2-inch diameter. He said he now has the money to move forward on this project and wondered what assistance might be available from the Town.

Councilperson Mannella indicated the Town Engineers, MRB Group, would have to look at the project and determine if the 2-inch pipe was still viable and what would be required; Highway Superintendent Radzinski will contact Paul Chatfield to take a look the site and he would obtain prices from Blair for the pipe, etc. The project would require an easement from the Town, and Attorney Doug Heath said he has forms available for the easement, as well as Out-of-District User forms.

Councilperson Mannella reminded Mr. Navarra that if the Town was to put in a water line that went directly by his house, he would be required to abandon this line and hook into the new line. Mr. Navarra was confident that would not be any time in the near future.

Mr. Navarra stated he was personally qualified to dig the trenches and do the work and would be happy to give the town his qualifications and experience, as he's been doing this type of work most of his adult life. Councilperson Rush asked what kind of tractor (equipment) he would be using.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Councilperson Mannella asked the Highway Superintendent if the new GPS system is operating. The Highway Superintendent said the iPad was arriving soon and he hopes to report at the August meeting how it is working.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Doug Bower wanted to discuss the Solar Law. He questioned how it's written, why the website has not been updated, and he would also like to suggest a moratorium on solar projects in Gaines. Mr. Bower said in the law the Solar company was supposed to notify the surrounding property owners, but that didn't happen, and he suggests in the future the town do the mailing. The signs were not displayed for the July meeting. After talking to a realtor, he thinks having a solar project in the neighborhood will lower the value of the homes.

Supervisor Allport said the board would look at a moratorium. Attorney Heath said a moratorium will not affect any existing projects, the Planning Board has not approved the project at this time, and they are taking a very strict look at this project. The Board agrees to draft a six-month moratorium on solar projects, Attorney Heath will work on the draft.

Lorienda Smith asked about the mowing of the ditch in front of her house. Highway Superintendent Radzinski said they are waiting for the ditches to dry out, and as soon as it dries out enough, they will get over there. It has been a damp spring and summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

