

**TOWN OF GAINES**

**Regular Board Meeting – May 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

The following town officials were present:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 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 individuals were present: 1 Town resident.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 – 0521**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2021 MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 – 0521**

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported April income as \$971.45 paid to the Town Supervisor; \$59.00 to New York State Ag & Markets for dog licenses; and one marriage license paid the NYS Health Department in the amount of \$22.50. The Clerk reported the total tax collection for 2021 was 96%.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 – 0521**

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

The Supervisor presented the Supervisor’s report including the Balance sheet for all Funds and Accounts. All accounts appear within reason for the time of the year; he expressed concern over Water District 7, but it was pointed out he was looking at the Debt Service for District 7, not the balance sheet. No further comments or questions from the Board.

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to accept the monthly report of the Town Supervisor.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 – 0521**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for the month of April as 174 gallons of Gas and 164 gallons of Diesel. He wanted to note the tree in the front yard (towards the west) does not appear to have made it through the winter, and has been struggling for a few years, and will be cut down unless it perks up. He also mentioned the front yard of the Town Hall will be sprayed for weed control.

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

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 47 – 0521**

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| General | \$14,191.76 |
| Highway | \$ 3,579.12 |
| Water   | \$62,291.40 |

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 48 – 0521**

**SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALBION AND ALBION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

Moved by Councilperson Mannella and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to hold a Public Hearing relating to the contract for fire protection services with the Village of Albion and Albion Fire Department at 7:00 P. M. on June 14, 2021 at the Town Hall, 14087 Ridge Road, Albion, NY. The Town Clerk to publish said legal notice.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

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

Supervisor Allport mentioned he has included in the packet some information from Sherman Gittens, MBR Group, regarding a tentative law on Solar Battery Storage. He received a notice from Dick Remley, Albion Town Supervisor, about revisions to the water contract (and will get further clarification regarding this matter). Also mentioned the topic discussed with Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Strong, in relation to clean up costs, decommissioning costs, etc. for the various Solar projects. The Town of Albion was passing their resolution at their May meeting, and we should consider adopting a resolution to establish the Town of Gaines fee schedule.

Councilperson Mannella mentioned the Union contract with the Highway employees, and the Board should review the current contract, the proposed changes, and discuss in an executive session at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Executive session would be appropriate as this discusses personnel matters.

Susan Paul asked if the Town could install a “pedestrian walking” sign on Route 98 as cars speed by her house, and she is required to cross the road to get her mail. She said she can’t run like she used to be able to and fears she could be hit by a car. Route 98 is a State Highway therefore the Town has no jurisdiction to install any traffic signs. Councilperson Neilans suggested she contact the local State DOT to see if they can assist her or contact the U. S. Post Office and request the mailbox be moved to the other side of the street or affixed to her house because of handicapped status.

No further business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P. M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0