

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
Extra Meeting
August 10, 2021

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor John Cammarata 6:33PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Cammarata:

Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb

ALSO:
Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Councilman Mike Evans, absent

Executive Session to interview candidates for the vacant position of Assessor, discuss employment issues and the Teamsters Union contract.

Into Executive Session @ 6:33pm on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried

Out of Executive Session @ 7:42pm on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 4 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

The following business was conducted:

RESOLUTION # 44 (2021): HIRE FALINE WARD AS ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE TO START SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM SEPT 30, 2025.

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig to hire Faline Ward as Assessor for the Town of Smithville with the term to start Sept. 1, 2021 and ending Sept 30, 2025.*

AYES Ludwig, Holcomb, Whitmore, Cammarata
NAYES 0
ABSENT Evans

RESOLVED to hire Faline Ward to fill the vacancy in the Assessor position created by Jeff Lowe. Faline will start September 1, 2021 through the end of term Sept. 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION # 45 (2021): REQUEST THE RESIGNATION OF DCO CHRISTINE STARK

On a motion by Councilwoman Holcomb, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig to request the resignation of DCO Christine Stark and to ask her to return all Town owned equipment to the Town.

AYES Ludwig, Holcomb, Whitmore, Cammarata

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NAYES 0
ABSENT Evans

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ELECTRONIC SIGN BOARD

The electronic signboard outside was working but has recently quit. Supervisor Cammarata has worked on it, replacing the circuit breaker and another part but it has quit again. Producers of the product say it may have been struck by lightning and advised Supervisor Cammarata to further take it apart and fix it at home with via app and remote. If it doesn't work, Town Insurance may be able to cover repair.

AMERICAN RELIEF PLAN

The American Relief Plan for 2021 will put \$64,709.97 into the Town Budget this year and next. It is not quite clear what that can be used for. Supervisor Cammarata asked Board members for a wish list for this grant. It was also recommended it be put on website.

JRC PAYMENT

Foil requests were sent out by Councilwoman Holcomb to the Village and Town of Greene for Budgets for the JRC 2019, 2020, 2021.. The JRC has asked for their payment for 2021. There is no money from Chenango County for their part of the JRC budget. The Town Board passed a Resolution earlier this year saying payment to the JRC would be withheld because previous FOIL requests remained unanswered.

LOCAL LAW # 4 (2021)

Local Law # 4 (2021) "Cannabis Law~131 OPT-OUT" to opt out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Town of Smithville boundaries was brought before the Board. It has been recommended each Municipality take immediate action on this legislation before New York State mandates the sale and consumption of cannabis within local jurisdictions. Town Board members discussed this and then brought forth the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 46 (2021): ADOPT Local Law # 4 (2021) "Cannabis Law~131 OPT-OUT"

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore to ADOPT this Local Law # 4 and to approve the advertising of a legal ad in the Evening Sun for Local Law # 4 "Cannabis Law~131 OPT-OUT"; an additional such posting is required for 30 days and will appear on the Town website and at the Town Clerk's Office. The proposed Local Law is also subject to a permissive referendum if there is a written petition against it. If there are no petitions for a referendum during that 30 day period, then the Town Board will consider the adoption of this proposed Local Law legal and binding. Board members also called for a Public Hearing to be

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held on Monday Sept. 20, 2021 at 6:35pm at the Community Center during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Smithville Town Board.

AYES Ludwig, Holcomb, Whitmore, Cammarata
NAYES 0
ABSENT Evans

RESOLVED TO ADOPT Local Law # 4 (2021) "Cannabis Law~131 OPT-OUT", to post a legal notice in the Evening Sun, also the Town website and outside the Town Clerk's Office. RESOLVED ALSO to call for a Public Hearing on Monday Sept. 20, 2021 at 6:35pm to hear all persons, for or against.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a communication from a firm (Campanelli & Associates, P.C.) seeking to update the Town of Smithville's zoning codes to control placement of 5g roll-out wireless facilities within the Town jurisdiction.

A communication was received from NYSEG: they have employed Nelson Tree Service to prune and remove trees/brush near power lines in areas of the Town. Supervisor Cammarata will call NYSEG as there have been complaints about the way Nelson is doing the job.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting is Monday August 16, 2021.

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk

*correction, originally indicated as 9/30/2024