

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board  
January 18, 2021

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Cammarata 6:30PM

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Cammarata:

Councilman Bob Whitmore (arrived late)  
Councilman Karl Ludwig  
Councilman Mike Evans  
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb

ALSO:  
Alison Owens, Town Clerk  
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't  
  
Assessor Jeff Lowe  
Marie Kehl, resident

6:32PM

PRESENTATION FROM BRENDAN BECKER OF LAMONT ENGINEERING RE: WATER SYSTEM 6:35PM

**CORRESPONDENCE** 6:50PM

C1) Association of Towns Annual Business (Supervisor Cammarata)  
Information read by Supervisor Cammarata

**NEW BUSINESS** 6:50PM

NB1) Consider appointment of Deb Lilley to Planning Board  
Board members wished to have the position advertised in the Norwich Evening Sun. It has been advertised on the website since last month.

**RESOLUTION # 1 (2021) ADVERTISE VACANT PLANNING BOARD POSITION IN EVENING SUN**

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans, the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to advertise vacant Planning Board position in the Norwich Evening Sun.

NB2) Review/Changes/Approval of Town Officers and Officials List for 2021

**RESOLUTION # 2 (2021) APPROVE THE LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS/OFFICIALS FOR 2021**

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans, the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to approve the 2021 list of Town Officers and Officials for 2021. (see separate page)

NB3) Review/Changes/Approval of hourly General employees (Clerks, Custodian, Groundskeeper) for 2021  
No changes to hourly wages of Town General employees were made

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NB4) Review/Changes/Approval of 2021 Town of Smithville fee schedule

**RESOLUTION # 3 (2021)                      APPROVE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Ludwig, the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to approve the Town Fee Schedule for 2021 as is with no changes

NB5) Discuss purchase of new Hwy truck

- Hwy Sup't Witkowski reported the Highway trucks are not in good shape and a lot of money is being put into them to keep them going. There are major problems with 2 of the 4
- Supervisor Cammarata went over Town finances to make the Board aware of accounts some of the monies for a new truck could come from
- Resolution to write specs for a new truck and get financial #'s for the cost

**RESOLUTION # 4 (2021)                      APPROVE HWY SUPT TO WRITE SPECS/GATHER COST INFO FOR NEW TRUCK**

On a motion by Councilwoman Holcomb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans, the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to approve the Highway Sup't to write specs for new Hwy truck and to gather information as to cost

NB6) Discussion of tool purchase for the Hwy Dept

- Tools are starting to be purchased by Hwy Supt Witkowski
- There is a line item in the budget DA 5130.2 for tools

NB7) Consider proposal for updated fixtures for LED lighting at the Town Office building

- Proposal would replace the ballasts out of the current 12 fluorescent light fixtures and replaced with LED material for \$850.00 After some discussion, the Board approved this in the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION # 5 (2021)                      APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO REPLACE FLOURESCENT BALLASTS WITH LED MATERIAL IN COMMUNITY CENTER FOR \$850**

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Whitmore, the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to approve \$850. Expenditure to replace the Community Center 12 fluorescent light fixtures with LED material.

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OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

8:00PM

OB1) Discussion of Community/Grange garden area

No one was available

OB2) Cincinnatus Lake Watershed Protection District: Att’y Chris Neville, Att’y for the buyers of the property on Cincinnatus Lake where the Dam is located, says the Association (Cincinnatus Lake Watershed Protection District) owns the dam and is responsible for the upkeep/insurance. The only Town responsibility is to cut the grass twice a year. Gates-Cole Insurance company of Norwich says this should bring the cost of the Town Insurance down as the Town would not have to insure the dam. The Att’y for the Town will be consulted. There will be further discussion on this topic.

OB3) further discussion of hamlet water system: As Lamont Engineering gave their presentation there were additional concerns Board members were asked to consider the proposal over the next couple of weeks. Supervisor Cammarata will contact each Board member to find out their opinion on whether to move forward with the study or not.

OB4) Last month the Genegantslet Fire Co. asked for Town Board approval of a new member to add to the roster. Att’y for the Town, Dave Berger, responded there is no voting on fire company members now as we do not pay their salaries.

**NEW SERVICE REQUESTS SINCE LAST MEETING**

8:10PM

2 new service requests—one for help at Sandy Wahlers’ driveway entrance (McBirney Rd); one request for sign at Scribner Lane (private lane)

**REPORTS**

8:15PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted

- Trucks were down,
- tools were purchased
- 1 employee is out for an unknown time period on an injury

R2) Assessor: report submitted:

- Working on ag exemptions
- County still dealing with computer issues

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted

R4.) Planning Board: minutes

R5.) DCO: report submitted

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

- Work on transitioning to a fiber optic system with Frontier is on hold until the Town receives answers to a couple of questions. At question is an additional \$330 installation fee.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor’s Report: submitted

- Supervisor Cammarata asked Board members concerning monies leftover from the 2020 Budget. Board members concurred to leave these leftover where they are and see how the progress goes when searching for a truck

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- A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Holcomb. All five Board members were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for December 21, 2020

8:40PM

The minutes of the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept these minutes was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans. All five Board members were in favor, motion carried.

**WARRANTS**

8:45PM

General Warrant # 1, Vouchers # 1-12, in the amount of \$2,551.75 were reviewed for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Whitmore to approve payment of these claims. All five Board members were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 1, Vouchers # 1-9, in the amount of \$ 28,498.92 were reviewed for payment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Holcomb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Evans to approve payment of these claims. All five Board members were in favor, motion carried.

There was nothing else to come before the Board. The next Board meeting is February 15, 2021.

CLOSE

by Supervisor Cammarata

8:50PM

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk