

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
March 15, 2021

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

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Cammarata:

	ALSO:
Councilman Bob Whitmore	Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Councilman Karl Ludwig	Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't
Councilman Mike Evans	
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb	Assessor Jeff Lowe

Townspersons: Russell and Kelly Wark, Troy and Breanna Boardman

RFQ's from Lamont Engineering, Delaware Engineering and Depot Engineering 6:35PM

The RFQ's from the above companies were reviewed. Delaware and Depot are new. Board members felt it best to accept Lamont Engineering and to proceed with them

RESOLUTION # 19 (2021): ACCEPT LAMONT ENGINEERING RFQ PROPOSAL AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THEM TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore, this Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to accept Lamont Engineering to provide Engineering Services for the Town of Smithville.

CORRESPONDENCE 6:50PM

C1) none

NEW BUSINESS 6:50PM

NB1) **Spectrum Contract:** an email and subsequent contract was received from the Spectrum CFO/Business Dept. who took over from Haefle TV. The last contract was with Haefle TV many years ago but there has not been a contract with Spectrum. Supervisor Cammarata reviewed the contracts, both the prior Haefle contract and the new proposed contract with Spectrum and recommended their referral to Att'y Berger for review. There will need to be a Public Hearing for a new contract.

RESOLUTION # 20 (2021): REFER PROPOSED SPECTRUM CONTRACT TO ATT'Y DAVE BERGER (ATT'Y FOR THE TOWN)

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb, this Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to refer the new Spectrum contract and previous Haefle TV contract to the Att’y for the Town, Dave Berger for his comments.

NB2) **NYSEG Communication re: Christmas lights.** NYSEG has said there will not be the outlets on the new poles to hang Christmas lights on the new poles. If there are outlets on old poles they can be used until the old poles are removed. As an alternative the Town can apply for a banner permit which will allow banners (no lights) to be placed on the poles. There is no cost for the application but pictures/ #'s on the poles must be included. Board members suggested adding more poles to the current 14 as once the application is in, no more poles can be added Can do banners instead with an application and pictures of the poles. No cost for the banner application. It was suggested to add more poles on the application than are currently being used. Supervisor Cammarata will be collecting the information.

NB3) **JRC contract for 2021:** No information or previous requests for Budgets from the JRC have been received by the Town. Supervisor Cammarata asked the County Treasurer’s office about the \$1,000. supposedly in the County Budget for the JRC but he has not yet received an answer. Supervisor Cammarata asked what the Board would like to do. All Board members felt that until the requests are responded to then payments to JRC should not be made.

RESOLUTION # 21 (2021): WITHHOLD PAYMENTS TO JRC UNTIL REQUESTS FOR BUDGET INFORMATION ARE ANSWERED

On a motion by Councilman Evans, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig, this Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to withhold payments to JRC until requests for Budget information are made to the Town of Smithville.

OLD BUSINESS

7:00PM

OB1) **Cincinnatus Lake Watershed Protection District.** According to Att’y for the Town, Dave Burger, the Town has no responsibility for insuring the dam as it is on private property, and as is reflected on the new insurance policy. Supervisor Cammarata says the County would like to see a line item in the Town budget and a special taxing district with tax levied to collect monies for the Lake Association to use for repair and maintenance. There are no bylaws from the Lake Association. Supervisor Cammarata is still working on a resolution.

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OB2) **Hamlet water system:** Lamont Engineering is still moving forward with the grant for the study of the water quality in the hamlet of Smithville Flats. They are also working on 2 other grants for the Town—one for a truck(s) for the Highway; one for 50/50 DEC grant for a salt shed.

OB3) **RESOLUTION # 22 (2021): SECURE ANNUAL TOWN INSURANCE THROUGH GATES-COLE INSURANCE FROM NORWICH, NY AND PAY THE ANNUAL POLICY OF \$18,772.32**

This Resolution was done by phone call and was unanimous.

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

RESOLVED to secure the annual insurance policy through Gates-Cole Insurance and to pay the annual policy of \$18,772.32.

OB4) Action items from Chenango County Code Enforcement Office on both TB and CC: Rich Barnes will check on lights; door will be left alone for now as the frost has been retreating and Supervisor Cammarata is reluctant to shorten door.

OB5) Update on both Resolutions for Election Board from last month. There were questions about the wisdom of back to back Resolutions at last month's meeting. Some counsel given felt the Resolutions should be staggered to avoid new terms starting at the same time. Board members agreed and decided to move forward with applying the Supervisor's position a 4 year term initially, then later moving the Hwy Superintendent's position to 4 years. This was put to Resolution in the following:

RESOLUTION # 23 (2021): MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TOWN SUPERVISOR'S POSITION TO 4 YEARS FROM 2; LEAVE HWY SUP'T AT 2 YEARS FOR NOW.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Evans, this Resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED to move forward with Resolution to extend the Town Supervisor's position from 2 years to 4 by Public Referendum and to leave the Hwy Superintendent's term as is for the time being.

OB6) Waste Oil Burner: Last month Supervisor Cammarata spoke of installing a waste oil burner for heating the Town Barn. It is expected purchasing one will save about ½-3/4 of the cost of burning propane. The sales rep for the company said he would reduce the cost of the unit by \$1250. to \$10,080. with an additional \$2400 for installation + the cost of 110v electric installation plus man-lift, if the purchase were made by April 1st. Also included would be a 500 gal oil tank for storage.

Supervisor Cammarata indicated both the County and the DOT site in Oxford would donate used oil. The Town Barn location can also be used to collect the used oil to burn. Councilman Whitmore suggested not allowing Town collection

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- Dog license from DogEnumeration.com. This was discussed and a short video clip from the website was shown by Town Clerk Owens. There were still some questions that would need to be answered and it was decided to table action on a dog enumeration for another month.
- The Bookkeeper's Financial report for the month of February 2021 was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb to accept the Supervisor's report. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for February 15, 2021

7:45PM

- Councilman Whitmore indicated Resolution # 14 (2021) should read the Town of Smithville has "the right of 1st refusal" in purchasing the 2018 MACK truck from the Town of Sherburne. A motion to accept the minutes with the correction was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Evans. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:20PM

General Warrant # 3, Vouchers # 30-48, except # 40 which was voided, in the amount of \$24,676.13

- # 30 Barnes Electric paid at 2/15/21 meeting
- #39 Gates-Cole Insurance paid 3/8/21, prior to 3/15/21 meeting
- # 40 is deleted

After review, a motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried

Highway Warrant # 3, Vouchers # 21-34, in the amount of \$12,570.70

Voucher # 29 was removed and put on General Warrant # 3, Voucher # 48 was deleted

After review, a motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Evans. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

The next Board meeting is April 19, 2021

OTHER/CLOSE:

by Supervisor Cammarata

8:30PM

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk