

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
May 16, 2022

OPENING of Town Board meeting
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Shane Butler
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb
Councilman Russell Wark

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't
Faline Ward, Assessor
Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer
Don Conklin, resident
Marie Kehl, PB member

FUEL BID OPENING

6:35PM

There were 2 fuel bidders, Mirabito Energy Products and Reese Marshall. Supervisor Cammarata opened both sets of bids and read as follows:

VENDOR	PRODUCT	RACK PRICE	DIFFERENT'L	FLUCTUATING	FIRM BID PRICE
Mirabito Energy Products PO Box 5306 Binghamton, NY 13902	LSD	\$5.4252/gal	\$.1875	\$5.6127/gal	NB
	Winter Bld	\$6.8381/gal	\$.1875/gal	\$7.0256/gal	NB
	Propane				\$1.8400/gal
	Unleaded gas '87	\$3.8262/gal	\$.3232/gal	\$4.1494	NB
Reese-Marshall 6254 County Rd. 32 Norwich, NY 13815	LSD	\$5.242/gal	\$.18/gal	\$5.422/gal	\$4.509/gal
	Kerosene	\$5.376/gal	\$.18/gal	\$5.556/gal	\$4.509/gal
	Winter Bld				\$4.959/gal
	Propane				\$2.099/gal
	Unleaded gas '87	\$3.7574	\$.18/gal	\$3.9374	NB

After a brief discussion Board members decided to award the bids as follows:

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RESOLUTION # 20 (2022): CONTRACT WITH REESE-MARSHALL FOR UNLEADED GAS, KEROSENE AND LOW SULFUR DIESEL TO THE TOWN BARN; CONTRACT WITH MIRABITO FOR PROPANE DELIVERY TO THE TOWN BARN AND TOWN OFFICES

On a motion by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: abstain
Whitmore: abstain
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to contract with Reese-Marshall of Norwich for FIRM prices of:
\$4.509/gal LSD delivered to the Town Barn
\$4.509/gal Kerosene delivered to the Town Barn
\$4.959/gal Winter Blend delivered to the Town Barn
And FLUCTUATING price of
\$3.9374/gal '87 Octane gas

RESOLVED to contract with Mirabito Energy Products, Binghamton for the FIRM price of:
\$1.8400 for propane delivered to both the Town Barn and the Town Offices

All contracts run June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

6:50PM

C1) none

NEW BUSINESS

6:50PM

NB1) Don Conklin: discussion of garden area; He indicated dimensions have been taken of the garden area and wanted to know if donations to the area have been approved by the Board.
Supervisor Cammarata said repair of the garden area is needed, whether replacement of the "ties" or something similar to stonework. It would make a great Eagle project if there is anyone of the area Scout troops needing one to do. No donations have been approved or accepted. There is \$9K left in Bottle Fund if those funds can be accessed. Due to covid over the last couple of years, the ideas for the project were not followed up on.

Other questions also asked were who would head up the project and if a landscape architect would be willing to be a consultant on the project. It was also suggested to get an idea or materials needed.

Don said he would take the ideas back to Mindy Eldred and the rest of the Grange

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

7:10PM

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OB1) Port-a-John service from Oneonta Rent-a-John was started @ a cost of \$155.00 per/month for 6 months. This was done to get a Port-a-John to the park for the softball teams and the tractor pulls, both starting in early May. Last year's vendor had a price increase for 2022, charged per week for rental rather than by month and had various other fees for pick-up/delivery/cleaning so it was difficult to figure a monthly cost. Supervisor Cammarata found Oneonta Rent-a-John whose prices were all in one and could start service immediately. Approval for such is needed by the Town Board as well as approval to pay the 1st invoice.

RESOLUTION # 21 (2022): CONTRACT WITH ONEONTA PORT-A-JOHN FOR 6 MONTHS FOR SERVICE; PAY 1ST MONTH

On a motion by Councilman Wark, 2nd by Councilman Butler, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to contract with Oneonta Port-a-John for 6 months for Port-a-John rental for the Eagle Scout Park @ \$155.00 per month, and to pay the 1st invoice.

OB2) already done

OB3) further discussion on GPS trackers for Hwy trucks:

Hwy Sup't Witkowski reported that one company has returned an estimate of installation, mounting and monitoring of \$75./\$16./\$200 (annual) per truck for monitoring. He is hoping to have more information/other quotes for next month.

Board members said it would be up to the Hwy Sup't to enforce the monitoring, and also suggested a written policy be in place for any violations or damages/misuse

OB4) further discussion on ATV usage on Town Roads

While Ken Whitmore did talk with the Town of McDonough, and they are interested in ATV use on road, they would need to check with their insurance; he has not checked with other Towns.

Supervisor Cammarata indicated our Town insurance company has said they will NOT insure the Town if it allows ATV use

Board members felts there would not be enough revenue for the Town anyway; licensing would be too hard to enforce, and the Town insurance company has said it will not insure the Town if we allow ATV use.

It was further indicated that any further action on the use of ATV's on roads would have to come from Chenango County.

OB5) 2nd request by Dave Merchant, 1637 County Rd.3 (trash blowing from neighbor's yard to his)

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Though neither Supervisor Cammarata nor EO Kinney have seen trash blowing to the complainant's yard Councilman Butler has seen garbage trapped in the line of pine trees on the property. It was suggested to call the Town Att'y and see if a form letter could be written; if so Town Clerk Owens and EO Kinney will author a form letter for this and future complaints.

OB6) **reconsider Resolution for fiber optic service by Point Broadband** for Town Offices and Town Barn (line has been installed to the buildings but we are still using Frontier) Supervisor Cammarata would like to move ahead with the installation of fiber optic service from Point Broadband @ \$59. each for Town Barn & Town Offices. This was put to Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 22 (2022): MOVE FORWARD WITH FIBER OPTIC SERVICE WITH POINT BROADBAND

On a motion by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to move forward with Point Broadband as the Town's fiber optic service contractor. This will not be completed until replacement equipment is in place. Such

OB7) reconsider Resolution for VOIP phone purchases quoted by AboveAllTelecom and service/monthly line rental.

OB8) reconsider Resolution for printer system for the CC by Ink/Print/Save

OB9) reconsider Resolution for mainframe computer systems for Town Offices by Digital Solutions

It was suggested to move forward with 1 Resolution for all 3 parts of this ARPA grant upgrade since these were tabled from last month. Following is a recap from the April 19th meeting:

- **Phone system at the CC and TB:** quote by AboveAll Telecom: purchase VOIP system phones as the Town is renting them right now. Cost of linework would be \$63.00 per month for phone service within the Town Offices and Town Barn. The outlay cost of phones, materials, labor for installation and training is quoted at \$3595. Monthly line rental is \$118. 1st month, then \$63.00 thereafter
- **Printer system for CC:** quote of \$4,770. by Ink/Print/Save: Replacement of current 2 printers with by HP color laser jets, refurbished (3 were quoted) and toner.
- **Mainframe computer for CC:** quote of \$4,473.98 by Digital Solutions for 2 Dell Vostro Desktops with 22" monitors, switch/cable to provide stronger internet to the main room and the Pavilion for the cameras, also refurbishment of 2 existing laptops for use with the camera equipment; includes installation and migration of data.

RESOLUTION # 23 (2022): MOVE FORWARD WITH PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, PRINTERS AND UPDATED COMPUTERS FOR THE TOWN OFFICES AND TOWN BARN WITH ARPA GRANT MONIES

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On a motion by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilman Wark, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye
Butler: aye
Wark: aye
Whitmore: aye
Cammarata: aye

RESOLVED to move forward with purchasing with ARPA grant fund monies as described above: telephone equipment, 3 printers, 2 desktop computers with monitors, other material for stronger internet and video equipment for security cameras. Included in the cost is the installation and migration of data.

REPORTS

7:55PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted.

- Still cleaning up from storm damage
- Grader transmission is down
- Truck from Sherburne has been received; He is doing some sand blasting and some other work on the truck
- A Bid on '02 International of \$4500. Has been received. The bidder would like it for the motor. The box will come off and be used on another truck. Should he break it down and sell individual parts?
Councilman Whitmore: let the other Township have it for that price
- New employee is working well
- Will probably hire retired guy for the summer
- Complaints during the storm that roads were not being plowed; the Hwy Dept did the best they could; the guys worked well
- The new truck is supposedly going back on the line soon
- The new fuel shed was delivered Friday and installed. He is very pleased with it.

R2) Assessor: an earlier report was not submitted but the Assessor distributed one for each Board member.
The Assessor

- Councilman Whitmore asked if the equalization rate could be adjusted because it is 57%; can a re-val be done? Have we waited too long? The Assessor will do some research to find out about doing a re-val

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted. Has signed a few building permits; inquiries into septic

R4.) Planning Board: April minutes submitted

R5.) DCO: report not submitted

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

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- Part of sales tax check went to Highway side of the budget to help with unexpected expenses
- Supervisor Cammarata said the Town is ahead on the budget; highway expenses are down this year
- The Generator for the Town Barn and its shed is supposed to come in next month
- All of the ARPA paperwork is done and filed as of 4/30/2022

- The electronic signboard is being repaired and the Town should have it back shortly. It was questioned whether it should have a surge protector installed on the sign as a lightning strike caused the initial damage. Supervisor Cammarata said he is planning to put one on

- A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb. All five Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for April 18, 2022

8:15PM

A motion to approve the April 18th minutes was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Butler. All five Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

8:20PM

General Warrant # 5, Vouchers # 63--76, in the amount of \$2,851.62 were submitted for payment.

General Vouchers paid early were # 63,64,65,70

A motion to pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Wark. All five Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 5, Vouchers # 57--66 in the amount of \$5,573.03 were submitted for payment. A motion to pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb. All five Board members: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

The corrected and final copy of the Nepotism policy was distributed.

There was no Executive Session.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting was declared adjourned; the next meeting is June 20, 2022.

9:03PM

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk