

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD  
May 20, 2024

**OPENING** of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Cammarata 6:30PM  
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

**ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisor John Cammarata  
Board members: Bob Whitmore  
Shane Butler  
Russell Wark  
Fred Heisler

ALSO: Alison Owens, Town Clerk  
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't

**FUEL BIDS** **2 Bids received** 6:35PM

**BID OPENING:** 2 companies, Mirabito and Hinds Energy submitted bids for fuel products delivered to the Town of Smithville. Hinds Energy fuel bid was only for propane for the Community Center and the Highway Dept. These were opened at 6:35PM and read as follows:

**2024 Fuel Bids:**

VENDOR	PRODUCT	RACK PRICE	DIFFERENT'L	FLUCTUATING	FIRM BID PRICE
Mirabito Energy Products PO Box 5306 Binghamton, NY 13902	LSD	\$ 2.6330/gal OPIS Bing/Vestal 5/17/2024	\$.2425/gal	\$ 2.8755/gal	\$ 3.0783/gal
	Winter Bld ULSD	\$ 3.1802/gal	\$.2425/gal	\$ 3.4227/gal	\$ 3.5783/gal
	Propane, both CC/HWY	XX	XX	NB	\$1.4700/gal
	Unleaded gas '87	\$2.6748 /gal	\$.3232/gal	\$ 2.9980/gal	NB
Hinds Fuel PO Box 100 Montrose, PA 18801	LSD	XX	XX	NB	NB
	Kerosene	XX	XX	NB	NB
	Winter Bld	XX	XX	NB	NB
	Propane, both CC/HWY	\$1.81/gal Selkirk, 4/26/24	\$.80/gal	\$ varies/gal Based on Selkirk	\$ 1.99/gal
	Unleaded gas '87	XX	XX	NB	NB

**NB3) Consider award of fuel bids**

Board members agreed that Mirabito's propane bid was less expensive than Hinds Fuel for propane and the only bid for all four products: propane, low sulfur diesel, winter blend and unleaded gas. The following Resolution accepting the three firm bids from Mirabito for LSD, ULSD and propane and the fluctuating bid price for '87 octane gas was made:

**RESOLUTION #23 (2024): ACCEPT MIRABITO'S FIRM BID FOR 3 FUEL PRODUCTS: LSD, ULSD and PROPANE and ACCEPT MIRABITO'S FLUCTUATING BID FOR '87 OCTANE GASOLINE.**

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Heisler the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

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AYES: Butler, Heisler, Cammarata  
NAYES: 0  
ABSTAIN: Whitmore, Wark

RESOLVED to accept three of Mirabito's firm bid prices for LSD, ULSD and Propane; also Mirabito's fluctuating bid price for '87 octane gasoline for the term June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

It was suggested that next year, more targeted efforts be made to contact prospective fuel bidders rather than relying on the required legal ad in the newspaper.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

6:45PM

C1) email of resignation from Josh Brigham of the Planning Board

**RESOLUTION #24 (2024): ACCEPT JOSH BRIGHAM'S RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD**

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Whitmore the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Butler, Heisler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata  
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Planning Board member Josh Brigham effective immediately.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6:50PM

NB1) Minutes of the JRC meeting (forwarded earlier to the Board). The minutes reflected that for the next few years there would be increases to the JRC agreement with the Town of Smithville. The \$1100. difference from last year was sent to the JRC this last week.

NB2) consider Resolutions for the November ballot. This was tabled until next month.

NB4) consider options for a new attorney for the Town as there has not been any communication from the current att'y. Several can be available. Supervisor Cammarata will call around to get prices.

**OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)**

7:10PM

OB1) Att'y response to request for Genegantslet Gas/Oil: no new news from the Att'y on this

OB2) additional camera for outside the Community Center: Supervisor Cammarata said Maximum Security Systems can install one but they are backed up for 2 months on installation

OB2) update on letters to unkempt properties: they were sent out, some were returned as not deliverable. The Att'y for the Town has not responded

OB4) from last month re: further consideration on the NY Citizen's Audit movement? Board members said no, not at this time

**REPORTS**

7:00PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted

- Used new flail for Engaard and Stone Quarry Rds
- Working on North Tyner starting in the 1st week in June
- Met with Mid West Industries who will be doing N. Tyner Rd.; they will be building a new road base which will be topped later. This can be put under CHIPS for payment
- Will need a sprayer unit for the 550

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- CHIPS has changed the way purchases are made and approval now has to be given before the purchase in order to be reimbursed. Additional reimbursements were given from Pave NY; the rest with the remaining FEMA \$
- Mid West Industries took water samples for N. Tyner Rd back to Ohio to their facility for testing. The cost of water would be \$8.20 per/th; an extra roller is rented for compaction; the McDonough grader can be used. There might be a need for a different blade on the grader.
- There is a possible reduction on future road products if our example brings additional business to Mid West Industries
- Brush cutting is being worked on; Echo Lake residents were very pleased with the recent work done
- Town Barn roof leaks when it rains. Premier Roofing in Sydney was recommended but would need 3 bids
- Councilman Heisler requested a Hwy road plan for the year at next month's meeting

R2) Assessor: no report submitted. Grievance Day is June 5th

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted

R4.) Planning Board: no report submitted. Chair Kehl was not present to discuss revamping the Junk/Refuse Local Laws or a discussion of an application for the Site Plan Review.

R5.) DCO: no report submitted;

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: report submitted late. Mrs. Eldred listed the accomplishments at the playground/park on May 4th

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

- Groundskeeper Keith Sabin would like to purchase a pressure washer. Board members were ok but asked him to purchase it from a local source.

**RESOLUTION #25 (2024): PURCHASE PRESSURE WASHER FOR THE PARK/PLAYGROUND FROM LOCAL SOURCE**

On a motion by Board member Whitmore, 2nd by Board member Butler the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Butler, Heisler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

Resolved to purchase a pressure washer for the park/playground from a local source.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

- The invested CD's have netted \$3358.75 since last year or 4.5/%. NBT is recommending an ICS account for the Highway and the General which amounts to about \$990K. On a monthly basis Supervisor Cammarata can transfer from savings to checking like a high yield savings, in order to pay bills. The savings account still earns a higher rate of interest than what is being paid right now. It will be FDIC insured. Supervisor Cammarata will meet with someone from NBT, get information and report back to the Board at June's meeting.
- Oxford Fire Dept has said there will be no negotiation 2025 with a 5.8% rate increase for Fire and EMS service contract; for 2026 a 4.44% increase; 2027 a 3.8% increase; 2028 a 2.5% increase and 2029 a 2% increase.
- The Town Supervisor from Greene notified Supervisor Cammarata that there will be a 5% increase for JRC funding for each of the next 4 years. Board members asked how many children from the Town of Smithville attended the JRC program in Greene. The information was requested a couple of years ago and was difficult to obtain. Town Clerk Owens will write a FOIL request to the JRC.
- For the Town Barn roof, there is enough in the Hwy account for a roof repair. It will probably need 3 quotes as it will be over \$20K. The following Resolution was made:

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**RESOLUTION #26 (2024): OBTAIN 3 QUOTES FOR REPAIR TO THE TOWN BARN ROOF**

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Whitmore the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Butler, Heisler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata  
NAYES: 0

Resolved to obtain 3 quotes for repair to the Town Barn roof.

- Dave Tourno gave a quote for installing new mini-splits upstairs for heat and a/c at \$16,500. These would be replacing the aging ones, one of which is no longer working. The one in the kitchen is also no longer working and parts cannot be obtained. July 1st is the grant deadline. There is \$114K in the Building fund reserve. An additional unit is available. The following Resolution was extended to replace the 2 heaters upstairs:

**RESOLUTION #27 (2024): MOVE FORWARD WITH INSTALLATION OF MINI-SPLIT HEATER/AC IN UPSTAIRS OF CC**

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Heisler the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Butler, Heisler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata  
NAYES: 0

Resolved to move forward with installing 2 mini-split heaters/ac in the upstairs of the Community Center for a price of \$16,500. Grant monies of \$10K will be used against the final cost.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** for April 20th

7:20PM

These minutes were reviewed with some spelling corrections noted to be fixed. A motion to then accept the minutes as correction was made by Councilman Heisler, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All five Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

**WARRANTS**

7:25PM

General Warrant # 5, Vouchers # 58-81, # 66 is duplicate in the amount of \$6,191.71 submitted for payment Questions about the accounts of some of the Elan credit card purchases were taken and answered. Funeral flowers and donations have always been taken from A1990.4 but that account was removed from the budget a couple of years ago. It was suggested it be replaced for 2025. The purchase of the banners was also questioned. It is not immediately known what account the bookkeeper took those purchases from. After review, the Board authorized payment of these vouchers in a motion by Board member Heisler, 2nd by Board member Butler. All five Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 5, Vouchers # 40-54 in the amount of \$51,336.95 were submitted for payment. After review, a motion to accept and pay these claims was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Whitmore. All five Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: none** There was no other business to come before the Board. Next meeting June 17, 2024

CLOSE: by Supervisor Cammarata 8:20pm

Alison Owens  
Smithville Town Clerk