

Town of Harmony
Date: February 14, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm Regular meeting
Place: Town Building
1001 Blockville - Watts Flats Rd
Ashville, NY 14710

Members Present:	John Brown	Supervisor
	Peter Radka	Councilman
	David Hinderer	Councilman
	Jeff Jordan	Councilman
	Tim Covey	Councilman
	Shelly Johnson	Town Clerk
	Amy Ecker	Deputy Town Clerk
	Bryan Manwaring	Highway Superintendent
	Jeff Swanson	CEO

Absent:

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Town Attorney; Travis Heiser, County Representative

Supervisor Brown opened the regular meeting of the Town of Harmony at 6:00 pm at the above time and place.

Town Clerk Shelly Johnson presented her resignation to the Board.

Resolution 2-24

On a motion by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilman Radka, the resignation is accepted with regrets. All aye. So moved.

Resolution 3-24

On a motion by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilman Covey, Appointment of Amy Ecker to the position of Town Clerk effective 2/14/24 through 12/31/24. Position up for election in November of 2024 with candidate serving remainder of 3 years of 4-year term. All aye. So moved.

Resolution 4-24

On a motion by Councilman Radka and seconded by Councilman Jordan, to combine the salaries of the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector to become one salary in the amount of \$14,540.

Adopted	John Brown, Supervisor	Aye
	David Hinderer, Councilman	Aye
	Peter Radka, Councilman	Aye
	Jeffrey Jordan, Councilman	Aye
	Tim Covey, Councilman	Aye

Resolution #5-24

On a motion by Councilman Jordan and seconded by Councilman Covey, abolishing the Tax Collector/Receiver of Taxes position and combining said duties with the office of the Town Clerk.

Adopted subject to a permissive referendum

John Brown, Supervisor	Aye
David Hinderer, Councilman	Aye
Peter Radka, Councilman	Aye
Jeffrey Jordan, Councilman	Aye
Tim Covey, Councilman	Aye

Shelly Johnson was appointed Deputy Town Clerk and sworn in by Amy Ecker.

Approval of minutes

Resolution 6-24

On a motion by Councilman Radka, seconded by Councilman Hinderer the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 ayes 0 nays

Resolved that the minutes of January 3, 2024 be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comment

CEO's Report:

- Mr. Swanson reported 1 building permit granted.
- Mr. Swanson spoke with the board about the Clean Energy Communities grant money available to the Town
- Looking at properties going into foreclosure to determine if they can be cleaned up and remedied for use.
- Met with Kevin Meyers of Harmony Auto. Mr. Meyers is buying out partner and plans to use the building for a storage facility. Possible future plans to provide self-storage buildings on property.

ZBA Board Update:

- The board did not meet.

Animal Control Officers Report:

- One dog was brought to the ACO. It was reunited with owner. Owner was given a verbal warning about dog running and told him to get her licensed.

Court Report

- 8 cases started and 3 closed
- Court Audit tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2024

Assessor's Report

- Tera Darts sent a report stating that the Assessment office is processing exemptions and sending notices to those they haven't received. Have had a great response this year.
- Will be working in the towns on permits and with the Cos to get everything for Taxable Status Day, while weather is nice.
- If the town needs further assistance with questions on any of the exemptions, please contact the assessment office.

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Superintendent Manwaring reported that tree work is in progress. Has been working with Asplundh Tree Service to clear trees in the Town Park and on Button Valley Rd.
- Mechanical inspection of the bucket truck was completed; Body work being done by Steven Enlow; Undercoated; Hydraulic testing done; Boom cleaned.
- Training for the Bucket truck took place with Harmony and Clymer with Councilman Tim Covey coming in and helping out.
- Superintendent Manwaring also requesting a debit card to use for purchasing due to the inability to open accounts with some suppliers.

Town Clerk Report

- Financial report of the Town Clerk's Office was given.

Supervisor's Report:

- Financial report of the Town included in the meeting packet.
- Investments are averaging \$3396/mo. Expressed thoughts on using that money toward renovations to the Town Office Building.
- Supervisor Brown proposing a project to the Board for the paving of the parking lot at the Historical Society. \$7500 for materials, at last years pricing, possibly split with North Harmony equaling \$3750 each. Asking Board to consider doing project. All in favor of consideration.
- Blockville WF Solar site progressing. They hope to be active by the end of year.

Old Business:

- Court merger – Mrs. Johnson states that she has not heard anything recent. There was 100% approval by the Assembly and is currently stalled in the Senate. Could be May or June before anything is heard. Mr. Heiser stated he will reach out to Senator Borillo.
- Vittoria Dairy – One of the two major investors passed away. The 2nd investor pulled out after the passing of the first. There are 3 possible options.
 - #1. There are two minor investors trying with a possible third investor.
 - #2. Could be used as a packaging plant
 - #3. Sell out

New Business:

- *Resolution 7-24*

On a motion by Councilman Jordan and seconded by Councilman Radka, authorizing Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swanson to apply for grant funding on the Town's behalf. All Aye. So moved.

Resolution 8-24

On a motion by Councilman Radka and seconded by Councilman Hinderer, authorizing Supervisor Brown to acquire a debit card for Highway Superintendent Manwaring to use with a \$3000 spending limit.

Adopted	John Brown, Supervisor	Aye
	David Hinderer, Councilman	Aye
	Peter Radka, Councilman	Aye
	Jeffrey Jordan, Councilman	Aye
	Tim Covey, Councilman	Aye

Town Clerk presents bills for payment:

On a Motion of Councilman Hinderer and Seconded by Councilman Covey, the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 ayes 0 nays

Resolved that the bill be paid on Abstract #2 in the following amounts

General \$9800.50	Voucher #'s 1-19
Highway \$17,216.42	Voucher #'s 1-20

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Covey the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amy Ecker, Town Clerk

The next meeting will be held on March 13 @ 6:00 PM.