

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF WELLSVILLE, January 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Wellsville, County of Allegany and the State of New York was held at the Wellsville Municipal Airport 2600 Tarantine Blvd on the 12th day of January 2022.

PRESENT: Shad Alsworth, Supervisor
Patricia Graves, Council Member
Jesse Case, Council Member
Mike Miller, Council Member (Via phone)
Brian Smith, Acting Highway Superintendent
Sally Boehl, Deputy Clerk
Willis Shutt, Airport Manager
Michelle Dunbar, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

ABSENT: Michael Finn, Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Potter, Daily Reporter, Mike Roeske, Village Trustee, Thad & Tonya Lorshbaugh, Bill & Elaine Simms, Chris Martelle, Tom Englebaugh

Alsworth opened the meeting at 7:00 pm Patricia Graves led the pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES: Accepted as written with a motion made by Graves, seconded by Miller. Motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as presented

COMMUNITY COMMENT: Bill Simms stated he is with a group of people who have concerns with the wind turbines. He lives in the Town of Independence and they are participating in other town meetings. Trying to get all four towns on the same page (Wellsville, Willing, Andover and Independence) on the Former Valley Wind Project getting a lawyer that is experience in this field to write a law that would cover all four towns and the cost could be split 4 ways for each township. This would cover all the townships from lawsuits and its entire people of the townships. Simms stated Town of Independence law has some major holes in it and does not protect the town or the people of the town. Alsworth asked that the Solar and Wind committee members reach out to the other townships involved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PLANNING BOARD: Miller stated that at the meeting they had a discussion on wind turbines and come up with the suggestion of getting a law into place. For a temporary solution is to put into a moratorium put in place that may take a couple months until a law can be put into place for wind turbines. Look over other townships laws that are being put into place to get a law that works for the Town of Wellsville. If a law is unable to be brought to the table, an announcement at the February meeting to do a public hearing to put a moratorium into place for the time being.

HIGHWAY: On January 11, 2022, Acting Highway Superintendent received a

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resignation letter from Richard Graves effective January 26, 2022 and will be using his paid time off until then. Mr. Graves had been on medical leave and has not worked at all this year of 2022. Was released from the doctor and waited until he received his new compensated time to hand in his resignation letter. Mr. Smith is planning to advertise the HMEO position. Letter of interest and resumes should be sent to the Highway building at 41 W. Hanover Street, Wellsville NY 14895 by February 1, 2022. Person to be hired will be presented to the board at the February 9th regular board meeting.

AIRPORT: Two quotes from George and Swede were presented to the board. Airport manager said the broom that was originally found and quoted on also possibility of price going up. Airport manager looked into a different one, with an increase of \$1,800.00 with an expected April-May delivery.

Motion: A motion was made by Case, seconded by Graves to approve the purchase of \$24,800 for the broom from George and Swede. Motion was carried.

Alsworth thanked George and Swede on behalf of the Town Board for working to get this deal that was a lot better suited for the Airport.

Motion: A motion was made by Graves, seconded by Case to transfer monies from EA230ER to EA5610.202 for \$24,800. Motion was carried.

FIRE CONTRACT: A fire contract was handed to Mrs. Graves at the Village meeting from Mr. Roeske, Village Trustee. Mr. Roeske handed a contract to Alsworth to be approved by the Town that the Village agreed to present to the town for a contract.

ACME BUSINESS: Clerk & Bookkeeper new copy machines. A discussion was had by the Town Board to buy or lease the new machines that was presented by ACME Business due to the age of the current machine and being able to replace parts.

Motion: A motion was made by Graves, seconded by Case to approve the buyout of the two new machines presented on sales quote # 211202-003 in the amount of \$7,090.16, Monies coming from the unallocated fund balance A201 to A1620.2. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE: A motion was by Graves, seconded by Case to change the committee name from solar to solar/wind. Motion was carried.

SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN REPORTS:

Case: Spoke to Mr. Finn and expecting to have a draft for the Ethics Law presented at the next meeting.

Alsworth: Mr. Jones who was the consultant to the Supervisor for New Municipal Building has since left and taken a position with another college. Met with Jones and Costello and Jack recommended Kevin Costello be the new consultant to the Supervisor as Liaison to the Town Board, Highway Department, Emergency Management Coordinator and the College.

A motion was made by Graves, seconded by Case to appoint Kevin Costello to Consultant to the Supervisor. Motion was carried.

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There will need to have a meeting with Mr. Costello, Mr. Graves (New Justice), engineer Tom Swift and Alsworth to have a discussion to review any and all new modifications and have everyone on the same page. May have a need for a special need for a special meeting later in the month, Alsworth will call for this meeting if there is a need.

An email from Mia Thompson was presented to the board to approve a support group for Alzheimer's be added to our website for Wellsville families. Board asks for the Clerk to review the site and discuss again at the next town board meeting in February.

MS Charity Walk: Utilize Whole Park for charity walk on May 15, 2022. A permit would need to be filed with the Village.

Motion: A motion was made by Graves, seconded by Case approve the event with a \$300 fee to be refunded upon satisfaction of clean up and proper paperwork to be filled out by the Village. Motion was carried.

AUDIT/PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Motion: A motion was made by Case to accept and pay Abstract #01 of 2022, seconded by Graves / carried

A – General Fund – Vouchers – 1- 22 - \$224,121.95

B – Outside Village – Vouchers –

DA –Highway Town wide – Vouchers – 1 - 9- \$22,027.34

DB – Highway Outside – Vouchers – 5 - 9 – \$20,593.41

EA – Airport – Vouchers – 1 – 26 - \$134,599.37

ESA – Assessor – Vouchers – 1 - 3 – \$13,338.29

SL- Hill Crest Lighting District – 1- \$21.43

Total \$414,701.79

ADJOURN: Graves/ Case / Carried

REOPEN MEETING: GRAVES / CASE / CARRIED

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

Motion: The following resolution was offered by Patricia Graves, Council Member who moved its adoption, seconded by Jesse Case, Council Member.

Resolution No 1

Resolution Approving the Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities of Allegany County, New York

Whereas, the Board of the Town of Wellsville hereby agrees to allow Brian Smith, Acting Highway Superintendent to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions.

This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement.

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This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: Shad Alsworth, Supervisor voting aye
Patricia Graves, Council Member voting aye
Jesse Case, Council Member voting aye
Mike Miller, Council Member - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,