Town of Dayton Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Luce; Town Supervisor, Jake Hansen-Ivett; Town Council, Don Bartlett; Town Council, Christine Rupp; Town Council, Rachelle Cook; Town Clerk, Jackie MacDonald; Deputy Town Clerk, John Grennell; Town Attorney, Frank Watson; Town Code Enforcement Officer, Public: Susan Taber, Brian Taber, Jeffrey Cook, David Kohler, Kristy Kohler, Dennis Parker, Randy LaChausse, Larry Zollinger, James Giegerick, Pat MacDonald. *Absent: Linda Frost; Town Justice, Larry Miller; Town Highway Superintendent, Town Assessor*

Call to Order: Supervisor Luce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood and said the Pledge to the Flag.

 Supervisor Luce announced to the public that his goal is to post our monthly meeting agenda on our website each month prior to the meeting.

Minutes: Town Clerk Cook emailed a copy of January’s minutes to each board member last month. A hard copy of those minutes was handed to each board member at the beginning of the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Councilwoman Rupp. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Town Clerk: Clerk Cook explained to the board that there is a $2 late fee that goes onto the tax bills after March 1st each year. She explained that she reached out to the county in regards to this matter and the county stated that this is a Town decision whether to have the $2 fee or not. Clerk Cook expressed to the board how difficult that $2 fee makes it to collect taxes having to constantly waste the money on postage and waste time on sending checks back over that $2. A motion to waive the $2 fee from the tax bills was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Councilwoman Rupp. All Aye- motion carried. Roll Call vote taken. Councilman Hansen-Ivett-yes, Councilwoman Rupp-yes, Councilman Bartlett-yes, Town Supervisor Luce-yes.

 Clerk Cook presented her Monthly Clerk Report which is as follows:

Hours: Clerk- scheduled for 24 hrs/month, worked 74.75 hours in January

 Deputy Clerk- scheduled 28 hrs/month, worked 34.5 hours in January

Money in/out for the month of January:

-1 marriage license, 4 dump tickets, 34 dog licenses, 1 dog redemption fee, 8 certified copies, and 1 building permit for a total of $623.00.

Cash: $214.00 // Checks: $409.00

$330.10 was paid to the supervisor for the General Fund

$160.00 was paid to the supervisor for the Part Town Fund

$54.00 was paid to NYS Animal Population Control Program

$22.50 was paid to NYS Health Dept. for marriage licenses

$56.40 was paid to County Treasurer for landfill

 Clerk Cook presented her Monthly Tax Collection Report which is as follows:

 -Total amount of taxes collected in the month of January: $1,077,111.15

-I will be sending out checks dispersing this money to its appropriate areas within the coming week.

Code Enforcement CEO Watson announced that there is not much going on right now and stated that things

Officer: have been pretty quiet

Assessor: Clerk Cook read the assessor’s report. The January report is as follows: Renewal applications for Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption are being submitted and processed. So far, 69% of Agricultural Assessment and 31% of Senior Citizen renewal applications have been processed. These applications are due March 1, 2023. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM with any questions. Pursuant to Section 501 of NYS Real Property Tax Law the Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Data must be displayed on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and published in the town's official paper. I have provided a copy of this notice for you to post on your bulletin board and send to your official paper. The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. There were three property transfers in December. You can find more information about these sales here:

https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales

Highway: Town Supervisor Luce announced on behalf of Town Superintendent Miller that there have been no issues in the highway department and that they’re on schedule for the new garage door.

Supervisor: Supervisor Luce announced to the board that he would like to appoint Christine Rupp as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Dayton. Christine Rupp accepted.

There were no fund transfers this month.

Supervisor Luce read to the board, a request for resolution to oppose the ban of gas stoves and other fossil fuel heating equipment. A motion to accept a resolution opposing the ban of gas stoves and other fossil fuel heating equipment was made by Deputy Supervisor Rupp and second by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. All Aye- motion carried. Roll Call vote taken. Deputy Supervisor Rupp-yes, Councilman Hansen-Ivett-yes, Councilman Bartlett-yes, Supervisor Luce-yes.

After a small discussion held by the public opposing the ban of other heat sources as well, Attorney Grennell suggested that a 2nd resolution be made to oppose the ban of all incinuary devices, including, but not limited to, wood burners, oil burners, pellet stoves, kerosene burners, oil burners, natural gas heating, propane heating, and coal burners.

Code Enforcement Officer Watson spoke on the specific codes and municipal standards of incinuary devices which he stated that the restrictions depend on the personal situation. A motion to accept a 2nd resolution to oppose the ban of all other incinuary devices was made by Deputy Supervisor Rupp and second by Councilman Bartlett. All Aye- motion carried. Roll Call vote taken. Deputy Supervisor Rupp-yes, Councilman Bartlett-yes, Councilman Hansen-Ivett-yes, Supervisor Luce-yes.

Supervisor Luce addressed the need of credit card machines in the building. One for the clerk’s office and one for the court room by request of the town’s people and the judge. He stated that it was of no cost to the town and said we currently have 2 providers that we’ve used and asked the board if they want to take out bids or stick with our current providers. The board agreed to stick with our current providers. A motion to get credit card machines in in the building was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Deputy Supervisor Rupp. All Aye- motion carried

Supervisor Luce stated that it would be a good idea to get a deposit scanner for the Clerk’s office from Evans Bank to make it more convenient to deposit checks into the town accounts. This came about after the Forestville location temporarily closed leaving Clerk Cook and Supervisor Luce having to drive to Angola to make deposits. The scanner can only deposit checks. Cash would still need to be driven to the bank to get deposited. Supervisor Luce reported that the scanner is also no cost to the town.

Concerns from the public included why we have several banks for all the different town accounts and that as a town, we should want to help keep jobs in the town. Attorney Grennell suggested that we reach out to Bahgat & Laurito Bahgat to see what would need to be done to transfer all accounts to one bank location. A motion to approve the installation of a deposit scanner in the Clerk’s office was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Councilman Bartlett. All Aye- motion carried

Supervisor Luce addressed the summons letter of Dowdy vs Town of Dayton stating this was from 2021 and had already been sent to our insurance carrier and was denied so we can disregard this 2nd summons letter.

Supervisor Luce nominates David Kohler for Town Councilman expressing the importance of having a full board so that the Town has enough people on the board to help make important decisions. The board members agreed with the nomination. David Kohler accepted and gave an inspiring speech about his role as a new board member. A motion to appoint David Kohler as Town Councilman was made by Deputy Supervisor Rupp and second by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. All Aye- motion carried. Roll Call vote taken. Deputy Supervisor Rupp-yes, Councilman Hansen-Ivett-yes, Councilman Bartlett-yes, Supervisor Luce-yes.

Emergency

Preparedness/ Nothing to report.

Disaster Coordinator:

Attorney: Nothing to report.

Public: Kristy Kohler expressed her interest in the Town Historian position. She asked if the vacancy had been put in the paper after the passing of Ruth Bennett so that people were aware of the vacancy. Supervisor Luce said he would look into that for her. Kristy then spoke with Attorney Grennell questioning where his office is located and if the Town pays him for mileage in which Grennell answered her questions with “Angola” and “No”.

 Larry Zollinger brought to the board’s attention that the old elementary school that has been converted into a park has been paying horribly less in taxes on the value of the property than they ought to be and has a pilot agreement with the County IDA. The County IDA agreement will be expiring soon and Zollinger states that he will be bringing this up to the school board and wanted to make the town board aware of this as well. Attorney Grennell asked for the address of this location and suggested we speak with the county assessors about this. Supervisor Luce said we need to find out exactly when the agreement will expire, in which Zollinger stated that Ruth Bennett had these records in a file in her office. Clerk Cook stated that she would look for these records.

 Brian Taber questioned how the Town stands financially. He asked if the Town has any debt in which Supervisor Luce explained that all debt will be paid up by the end of this year, 2023.

Justice: Nothing to report

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Councilwoman Rupp, at 7:39 p.m. All Aye- Motion carried.

 Supervisor Luce reopens the meeting at 7:41 p.m. to pay the January bills. Supervisor Luce addressed the board to pay the monthly bills. General Fund claims-voucher #s 12-20 in the amount of $13,428.12 as set forth in Abstract #2, dated February 8, 2023, Highway Fund claims- voucher #s 11-17, in the amount of $10,380.94 as set forth in Abstract #2 dated February 8, 2023, Street Lighting Fund claims- voucher # 2, in the amount of $262.29 as set forth in Abstract #2 dated February 8, 2023. A motion to pay Jan 2023 bills was made by Councilman Bartlett and second by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. All Aye- motion carried.

 A motion to re-adjourn was made by Councilman Hansen-Ivett and second by Councilman Bartlett, at 7:42 p.m. All Aye- Motion carried.

 Following the meeting, Christine Rupp and David Kohler were sworn in.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2023 at 7 p.m.

 Respectively Submitted,

 Rachelle Cook

 Town of Dayton Town Clerk