Town of Dayton Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Present: Angie Mardino-Miller; Town Supervisor, Paul Luce; Deputy Town Supervisor, Don Bartlett; Town Council, Christine Rupp; Town Council, Tom Chupa; Town Highway Superintendent, Frank Watson; Town Code Enforcement Officer, Rachelle Cook; Town Clerk, John Grennell; Town Attorney, Carrie Tomczak; Catt. County Assessor’s Data Collector, Lee Ellis; Town Bailiff, Visitors: Allen Jones, Lloyd Jones, and Ray Troutman. *Absent: Jake Hansen-Ivett; Town Council, Linda Frost; Town Justice, Town Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Coordinator*

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

Minutes: Town Clerk Cook emailed and mailed a copy of the August minutes to each board member last month. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce and second by Councilman Bartlett. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Cook updated the board on where we stand with utility bills letting them know that we have one last bill to cancel before all departments are 100% together on the same utility bills.

Town Clerk Cook brought to the board’s attention that she had spoken with Sarah from Southern Tier West about doing retention on all the files in our building. Sarah stated that she could do it for $200.00 a day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. which would get all the files in the building organized and up to date. Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller stated that there are Historical Society documents that need to be separated from all the other files so we’re not ready to discuss having Southern Tier West come in at this time.

Code Enforcement Town Code Enforcement Officer Watson reported that there were no permits this month.

Officer:

Assessor: Catt. County Assessor’s Data Collector Tomczak read the assessor’s report which read as follows: “The August report is as follows: School tax bills were mailed on September 1. This release of school taxes, the first to be issued from the new tax roll, can make some assessment errors obvious (e.g. missing STAR exemption). If you notice that an error has been made please notify our office immediately: 716-938-2343. Because a resolution supporting my office keeping Dayton's Equalization Rate at 100% was not passed, the Town's 2023 Equalization Rate will be determined by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. The Town Board will be notified of this new rate when it is made available. The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. There were six property transfers in July. You can find more information about these sales here: https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales”

Highway: Town Highway Superintendent Chupa reported that the highway department did culvert replacement on Cottage Nashville Rd with the help from the Town of Perrysburg Highway Department. Chupa also reported that the highway department went to the Village of South Dayton and did some skid paving. Chupa stated that with all the major rain we’ve had, there were lots of washouts with most of them being on Townline Rd. Highway Superintendent Chupa stated that he hired a new employee by the name of Scott Pfeifer.

Supervisor: Town Supervisor Mardino-Miller addressed the board to pay the monthly bills. General Fund claims-voucher #s 108-125 in the amount of $3,382.01 as set forth in Abstract #9, dated September 14, 2022, Highway Fund claims- voucher #s 103-110, in the amount of $3,172.64 as set forth in Abstract #9 dated September 14, 2022, Street Lighting Fund claims- voucher # 10, in the amount of $221.91 as set forth in Abstract #9 dated September 14, 2022.. A motion to pay August 2022 bills was made by Councilman Bartlett and second by Deputy Supervisor Luce. All Aye- Motion carried.

Fund transfers: $60.00 from account A1620.4 (Building-Contractual) to account A9050.8 (Employee Benefits-Unemployment), $43.00 from account B9010.8 (Employee Benefits-Social Security) to account B9050.8 (Employee Benefits-Unemployment). A motion to accept these fund transfers was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Luce and second by Councilwoman Rupp. All Aye- Motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness/

Disaster Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Attorney: Town Attorney Grennell updated the board on where we stand with the Kellogg/Earl Hill situation. He ran through the story from start to finish ending with the fact that the County now realizes that this is their issue to deal with. Grennell stated that the County drew up a memorandum for the board to look at and that the County engineer made marks on Kellogg/Earl Hill so that they can monitor the slippage of the road.

Town Attorney Grennell spoke on the ongoing issue with the new truck for the highway department. Grennell has been in contact with the people in charge and mentioned that he needs to have a sit-down meeting with Highway Superintendent Chupa to discuss it.

Public: Allen Jones stated that he is sick of the ongoing problem with bees because he and his family and friends are repeatedly being stung. Jones said that the owner of the bees is not following the rules and that the Law Book says that bees need to be registered.

Town Attorney Grennell instructed Jones to bring in proof of where it states the rules of beekeeping and who the bees need to be registered to. Grennell questioned Jones as to how do we know that the bees aren’t already registered and to bring that proof in to Code Enforcement Officer Watson. Grennell also suggested that Jones save and bring in (if able) the bodies of the dead bees that Jones and his family and friends kill after being stung.

Town Code Enforcement Officer Watson says there is currently no law in place in this municipality having to do with bees. Watson stated that it’s going to be a long road to figure out a structure on how to handle the bee issue but that in the meantime, there are bee programs out there for current help.

Justice: No report available.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Supervisor Luce and second by Councilman Bartlett at 8:30 p.m. All Aye- Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Rachelle Cook

Town of Dayton Town Clerk