**REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, JULY 11, 2022**

The Great Valley Town Board held a regular meeting on July 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT Supervisor Daniel Brown

Deputy Supervisor Gerry Musall

Councilwoman Lori Finch

Councilwoman Becky Kruszynski

Councilwoman Sandra Goode

Code Officer Rich Rinko

Plan Brd Chair Chris Schena

Highway Supt Jack Harrington

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Planning Board member Al Pusczc, Cole and Bob Slevinski, Kathy Nerogic, Kathy Kellogg, Kallen Quigley. Ashley Smith from GoBike Bufalo

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Ashley Smith, GoBikeBuffalo, gave an overview of the program, which promotes active mobility and helps provide access to community services. She described different grants available that are accessible by Towns to connect different bike trails around the County, such as an award to the Town of Olean of a TAP Grant to construct a bike trail to connect Hinsdale to the Town of Olean. The preliminary feasibility study has shown that more work needs to be done to pick the actual route of the proposed bike path expected to run through Great Valley. Currently, the program has bike racks available. They can also help write grants for playground equipment for the KillBuck Pavilion Park site, and can help with the equipment to conduct speed studies.

MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Goode, to approve the minutes from the June 13 meeting with the corrections mentioned to change Kill Buck to two separate words. All in agreement.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilman Musall to accept the Supervisor’s Reports for June. All in agreement.

NAITONAL GRID STREET LIGHT UPGRADE

Supervisor Brown reported he was notified of a program to upgrade the street lights within the Town at a reduced rate, but that program would expire on July 31.

RESOLUTION 8-2022 CONVERSION OF STREET LIGHTS TO LED

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Great Valley has decided to upgrade all street lights town wide to LED Energy Efficient bulbs,

WHEREAS, the cost of this upgrade will be in the amount of $3342.10,

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Great Valley does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor, Daniel Brown, to enter into contract with NationalGrid to complete this upgrade for all street lights within the Town, with work to begin immediately, and to be completed by December 31, 2022.

ADOPTED VOTE: 5 YES, 0 NOES

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MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATE

Supervisor Brown reported that Andy Toth negotiated a new interest rate for our Money Market Account, raising the rate from .025% to 1.25%

ELECTRIC SERVICE IN TOWN HALL

Supervisor Brown noted there were issues with the electric service during a rental over the weekend. A refund was given to the renters, and upon inspection, it was discovered that many of the outlets were damaged. LED Electric has been called, and will be here next Friday to fix the problem.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Councilwoman Kruszynski reported the Youth program is underway, with about 11 kids and 4 teen workers today, the first day of the summer program.

BASKETBALL COURT

Supervisor Brown discussed correspondence received from Pengilly Corp voicing complaints from the Green Valley Estates residents about the noise of the basketball court after dark. The fence will be installed on Wednesday, and signs have been ordered with rules of the basketball court-specifically the hours of the court are dawn to dusk. It is the Board’s hopes that these two items will help eliminate the noise of the basketball court after dark.

REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor – Supervisor Brown reported the following for Kate Harrington:

* The 2022 roll year has been finalized. These assessments will be used for all 2022 taxes. A copy of the 2022 Final Assessment Roll is available at: <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls>
* The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions
* There were 10 property transfers in May. Sales from March and April have been updated.

Planning Board – Chris Schena reported the following:

* There was a Comprehensive Plan work session with the focus of short-term rentals and AirBnB’s
* This month’s agenda includes a minor subdivision of the Harold Wilkins property on Bear Hollow Road.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to schedule a public hearing on August 8 to review and discuss the proposed Local Law regulating short-term rentals. All in agreement.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Chris Schena reported the following:

* They will conduct a Public Hearing to discuss a Special Use Permit and a Setback Variance request for an Event Center at 5540 Humphrey Road.

Building Code Officer –Rich Rinko reported the following:

* Issued 3 building permits for a total of 464.85
* Still working on getting members for the Property Maintenance Committee.

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Highway Superintendent – Jack Harrington reported the following:

* Mowing
* Weedeating
* Bought tires for tractor
* Working on roller
* Took delivery on trailer
* Put equipment up to be auctioned 7/19: Fire Truck, York rake, old tractor, old brush hog

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Brown reported the historical sign for the Willoughby Area School has been ordered.

Supervisor Brown reported the paperwork has been signed requesting approval from New York State giving the Town permission to move forward with the boat launch on the Fish property at Route 219.

Al Puszsc brought up issues at the corner of Howe Hill and Davis Road. Discussion of who currently owns the property and how to fix the problem. Jack Harrington will look into the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 to discuss COVID fund usage. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Supervisor Brown to adjourn Executive Session at 7:56. All in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Peter Sorgi secured 6 sets of soccer nets for the Town from the East Aurora Youth Commission.

Councilwoman Kruszynski reported Julie’s Flower Box completed landscaping around the Town Hall flower bed.

AUDIT

Claims No. 90 through No. 111 General Fund totaling $16,506.21 were audited.

Claims No. 66 through No. 77 Highway Fund totaling $9,776.21 were audited.

Claims No. 26 through No. 27 Special Districts totaling $333.61 were audited.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to adjourn at 8:15 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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