**Town of Scio, NY Council Board Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes October 11, 2022**

Present: Alissa Ramsey, Supervisor; Glen Layfield, Deputy Supervisor; Rob Harms, Councilman.

Additional Attendees: 8

Called to order with pledge to the flag at 7:02 pm.

Glen made a motion to appoint Scott Lanphier as Councilman to carry out the term of previous member, Kyle Spier. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alissa made a motion to appoint Cathy Farwell as a new Councilman. Glen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reviewed minutes from 09/14/2022 meeting. Glen made a motion to approve. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water Department Expenditures reviewed.**

Glen made a motion to approve water expenditures/bills. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Nate reported on Water Department.**

* #2 pump installed, tested & works great.
* 2 hydrants were installed on Riverside.
* Shop was cleaned and organized.
* Steve proficiently completed labs.
* Discussion of inflationary surcharges as we are behind on water rates. Scott made a motion to update water rates based on local surrounding towns. Glen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Discussion of leak on Sinon Street which almost required digging but homeowner was able to respond.
* Discussion of tax levies sent out on unpaid water bills in the amount of approximately $26,000.00.
* Pre-COVID rules will return with late fees being added to unpaid water bills.

**Highway Department Expenditures reviewed.**

Glen made a motion to approve highway expenditures/bills. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

 **Skip reported on the Highway Department.**

* Internet at shop is not working. Asked for this to be looked into with possible upgrades.
* 2023-2025 Snow & Ice Removal Contract discussed between the Town of Scio and Allegany County. The County will pay the Town of Scio approximately $62,000.00 for 2023, $65,000.00 for 2024 and $64,000.00 for 2025. The County furnishes the sand and salt. Rob made a motion to approve the contract. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Resolution approved.
* Skip needs to set up a meeting to discuss chips account.
* Discussion of request to use chips for blacktop which will be reimbursed. Approved. This leaves 40,000 chips to rollover for use next year.
* Discussion of payroll for Steve Gianatiempo who was hired for one-year, shared services contract. Skip also stated the Town of Scio will be receiving a bill from Jones Memorial Hospital for pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
* Discussion of accusations of person claimed to have sustained multiple physical injuries after falling down a ravine in the Town of Scio. Skip received a call from the town’s lawyer reporting this information and requesting an affidavit. After discussion and investigation, the location of the incident took place in the Town of Amity, CR 31A. The lawyer asked for an affidavit from Skip which was completed and notarized. Scott made a motion to confirm person representing the Town of Scio lawyer. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Discussion of the purchase of plow-blades and tires for the upcoming season in the amount of $3,836.00 for plow blades and $5,066.00 for tires.
* Patched areas on Wolf Spring Road and Wienhauer Hill.

**General Expenditures reviewed.**

Alissa made a motion to approve general expenditures/bills. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

* Discussion of the Scio Library asking Town Highway Department to plow their parking lot
* Discussion of the Scio Library asking about the town Historian position.
* Discussion of the Scio Library asking for an increase in funding. Pending. Glen will speak with library committee as well as ask Raeanne to attend next meeting.
* Discussion of Halloween Trick or Treating date and hours. This will be held on 10/31/22 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
* Discussion of tax payments being made in-person or by mail. Scott made a motion for payments to be made in-person. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Discussion of Scio town residents (present at the meeting) asking outcome of whether they are permitted to put a well on their property (for gardening use only) depending on cost, etc. Glen made a motion to proceed with contacting Roots for estimate. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried. Residents will report back with their findings.
* Discussion of the Town of Scio to create a separate bank account for the Bicentennial Committee that would have their own treasurer. Glen made a motion to approve creating this account. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Discussion of allocation of funds from the budget to the Bicentennial Committee as well as obtaining an event insurance policy.
* Discussion of COVID funds used for repairs and projects.
* Discussion of whether Steve is eligible to become a union member. Glen made a motion for fact finding on this topic. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Reviewed Town Dog Control Expenditures. (Submitted by Connie Livergood, DCO)**

Glen made a motion to approve DCO expenditures/bills. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connie submitted a report and invoice for the month of September. Kennel/impound fees: $20.00 paid to the Town of Friendship and mileage $10.82 paid to DCO.

* Discussion of DCO attending monthly town meetings.

**Code Enforcement. No report**

**Assessor: No report**

**Hall Cleaning/Deposit Refund:** 9/27/22 rental. Cleaned appropriately; asking for approval to refund cleaning deposit of $100. Rob made a motion to approve refund. Scott seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Reviewed Town Justice Report:** $1713.00. Scott made a motion to approve. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to go to executive session at 7:20 pm. Carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:17 pm. Carried.

Glen made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 pm. Alissa seconded this motion. Motion carried.