

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE MANSFIELD TOWN HALL IN EDDYVILLE  
JUNE 20, 2022, AT 700 P.M.**

**PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS**

**Carl Calarco, Town Supervisor  
Nancy Meeder, Councilwoman  
Andrew Pascarella, Councilman  
Robert Schmidt, Councilman  
Michael Telaak, Councilman**

**PRESENT, ALSO**

**Brad Hurley, Highway Superintendent**

**GUESTS**

**Those representing the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department: Joyce Telaak, David Telaak, Ed Chapman, Sydney Telaak, Rigel Johnson, Joe Folts, Cheryl Folts, Reggie Goodemote, Chris Dowd**

**ABSENT:**

**Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

After Supervisor Calarco brought the June 20, 2022, meeting to order, all those present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/APPROVED**

For approval of the May 16, 2022, Town Board Meeting Minutes **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Pascarella, no opposed carried to approve the May 16, 2022, Town Board Minutes by inserting (has made a request to the Planning Board for approval) under heading Supervisor's Report on page 2. Also under heading General Discussion three members is changed to (four). It is noted that the minutes were recorded.

**MANSFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

With regard to continued discussion to reinstate or dissolve the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department, Supervisor Calarco noted that a decision must be made before budget time.

Councilman Telaak acting spokesman for the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department was given Privilege of the Floor to give a presentation/statement about the fire department.

Councilman Telaak informed Board members the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department was founded, when Ed Dubke, in 1962 with a group of volunteers teamed up together and succeeded in establishing a fire company, which was done, without the help of local government.

He also explained what a fire company does, for their own community, and helping other fire departments through the mutual aid system. The fire company currently has 14 members, who would like to have reasons for people to come together at the fire hall. And to again conduct Easter and Christmas parties, and hold their annual ham and turkey raffle, as was done in years past. Councilman Telaak stated that the fire companies are supportive along with Cattaraugus County Fire Coordinator Chris Baker,

Councilman Telaak stated if reinstated the fire company proposes, to recruit members, members to attend additional training, apply for Grants for such as a new pumper. The fire company currently has about \$130,000.00 in the bank. Joyce Telaak, noted the fire company has current Liability Insurance Coverage.

Board members discussed the process should the Board, reinstall the fire company, which last year fire coverage was apportioned between Ellicottville and Little Valley Joint Fire Districts, dividing lines were drawn between Ellicottville and Little Valley. It was noted that in the past money was budgeted for the three fire companies.

Supervisor Calarco, stated he would like to look at what led to the decision, in 2021 to absolve Mansfield Fire Department. Also he will contact Town Attorney. Councilwoman Meeder stated that she would like to see the fire company back to before, as they are a unique organization.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent reported that highway has spent more money then planned on, due to locking in on prices. Highway is behind on patching he planned for June. With regard to the bucket for the New 2022 Milton Cat Excavator, after discussion it was decided to wait on ordering the bucket that has more flexibility, and go with the standard bucket, due to not knowing what is ahead financially. The bucket could be ordered later. Also Superintendent Hurley stated that highway should have some carryover.

**PLANNING BOARD UPDATE**

Supervisor Calarco gave an update regarding the Planning Board, currently property owners are coming before the Planning Board for approval to subdivide lots. Also brought before the Planning Board was an inquiry from a developer who has a successful business, building RV Parks, who is interested in land located on Kahler Hill Road. The developer proposes a Luxury RV Park, where they would subdivide, rent and sell RV lots. However, the person does not own the land, requests approval first. The Planning Board at this time has not heard from Westmont.

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

For approval of Supervisor Calarco's monthly report **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Pascarella seconded by Councilwoman Meeder no opposed to approve Supervisors monthly report as presented. Town Clerk's monthly report was not available.

Councilman Telaak suggested if Supervisor could indicate, on his monthly report the general and highway amounts of cash on hand at end of each month. Also the percentage expended, in the general and highway accounts.

**SUPERVISOR CALARCO BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS/APPROVED**

After Board members audited Supervisor's books of accounts **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Pascarella seconded by Councilwoman Meeder to acknowledge and approve Supervisor's financial reports as presented.

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

After Board members audited all the bills submitted for payment **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Pascarella seconded by Councilwoman Meeder no opposed carried to approve to pay the following:

General Fund Voucher Numbers 96 to 113, in the amount of \$26,833.41

Highway Fund Voucher Numbers 82 to 101, in the amount of \$236,311.59

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chris Dowd was present to ask if he could have some gravel to stabilize some cemetery grave stone monuments, located on the Jersey Hollow Road. He noted that he resides on the Jersey Hollow Road, and has volunteered himself a couple times a week, to take care of the monuments, of which some have shattered. These grave stone monuments are dated in the 1700s to 1918. Chris is removing surface stain off the monuments, by using a professional cleaner. Chris noted that he has taken classes to further study the preservation of gravestones.

After discussion Superintendent Hurley will make arrangements with Chris for delivery of some gravel.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Telaak.

The next meeting of the Town Board will be held on July 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Betty Jane Horning*, Town Clerk