

Town Board Minutes  
September 14, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on September 14, 2021 at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and called to order by Supervisor Flynn at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Patrick Flynn Councilmen: Colby Petersen Peter Martini, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs  
Others present: Matt Tette- Stork Insurance, Legislator District II- Terry Button, Gary McIntee, George Thompson, James Smith, Dave Granzin, Robert Miller, George Dowse, Dwight James, Linda Downs, John Ghidui, guest.

Mr. Flynn led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Insurance Proposal:** Matt Tette presented the 2021-2022 Insurance proposal from Stork Insurance. The town is presently enrolled in a dividend program and received a check for 2018 \$ 312.50. During Covid Selective provided a rebate due to reduced vehicle use.

He reviewed the package policy by policy, Buildings and Equipment, Liability, Crime, OCP, Mutual Aid showing no significant increase to premiums. He explained coverage and umbrellas. The new proposal is a 3% increase from 2020-2021. He added that next year with the addition of Water District 1, he will look at different entities for more pricing.

No action taken.

**August minutes:** Mr. Martin questioned the additional \$450. added to the previous General A amount, a July bill for the office sign was overlooked, members were emailed for permission to pay the \$450. It was then added to July audit, total of \$ 21,934.53. Motion to accept amended minutes by Mr. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant, carried.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Flynn presented the abstracts. Motion by Mr. Martini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 18459.71 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 12,914.31 be paid, carried

**Water District 1 Approval to seek construction bids**

Mr. Flynn introduces a resolution from Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) to advertise for construction bids for Water District 1. Motion by Mr. Martini 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen to authorize CPL with the following resolution:

"The Town of Torrey wishes to proceed with the solicitation of bids from contractors for the purpose of constructing a water distribution system in Water District No. 1. The Town Board hereby authorizes CPL (formerly Clark Patterson Lee) to provide Construction Bidding Documents in accordance with the scope of work within the Engineering Contract, including a summary and award recommendation after the opening of Bids for use by the Town Board."

Roll call vote:

Supervisor Flynn - Aye

Councilman Petersen - Aye

Councilman Downs - Aye,

Councilman Martini- Aye

Councilman Martin - Aye (5 Ayes- 0 Nays)

Budget workshop 7:00pm in Town meeting room September 21<sup>st</sup> and if needed September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Perry Point Water Contract** for wholesale water received from the Village last week.

Dave Granzin Chairman of Water Committee gave a report on the review of the Water Contract offered by the Village of Dresden. The Water Committee recommends approval of this contract.

The water committee is also working on the new town Water Law.

Mr. Flynn would like a comparison made between the two contracts offered, the one from March and the present one for wholesale water received from the Village last week.

Mr. Downs made the motion to have an independent attorney review the contract, Mr. Flynn stated he would like the earlier version of the contract also reviewed. Mr. Downs was authorized to contact counsel at Bond Schoeneck & King for the contract review.

**Water Committee:** Dave Granzin offered his resignation as Chairman of the Water Committee; he is relocating to Chicago.

Mr. Granzin then offered member Bob Miller as his replacement. Mr. Miller was present and stated his interest in the position.

Mr. Downs thanked Mr. Granzin for his many years of service to the Town leading the Planning Board and Water Committee Board.

Mr. Flynn made the motion to appoint Mr. Miller as Chairman of the Water Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen, carried.

**Highway Report:** Due to recent surgery Highway Supt. was unavailable.

**Code Report:** Mr. James gave his August 11- Sept.14 report

3- CoC CoA, 1 Special Use App. 1 Site Plan review, 1 complaint, 9 Building progress inspections, 1 short term rental, 1 Plan under review. July to present mileage 198.

**ZBA & Planning Board Training** Due to state mandatory training for Zoning Board and Planning Board members Mr. James is seeking a joint training with the Town of Benton. He and the clerk in the past have attended a training by Jerry Hoover of the Town of Seneca in Benton Offices. He would like to offer this training to Torrey board members for their certification.

Motion by Mr. Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs authorizing Mr James to arrange these classes for members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board at the Towns expense. Carried.

**Torrey Station** Mr. Downs asked the status of Torrey Station. Mr. James will contact Mr. Higgins for an update as last time he spoke with him he had a purchase offer on the property.

John Ghidiu asked the legality of changing the draft minutes, specifically adding the additional bill last month.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Petersen added this sign was already approved by the Town Board a few months ago in the minutes.

Mr. Ghidiu asked why the town does not ask for RFP's (Request for Proposals) for the insurance from other companies. It would help keep the proposals at a competitive edge.

Mr. Petersen stated that Mr. Tette gets competitive prices from different companies and quotes the best coverage for the taxpayer's money. Mr. Tette stated in his presentation that with the Water District 1 coming in he will look into more companies for quotes.

**Amend August Minutes-** August minutes to be approved with the removal of the \$ 450.  
August Gen A Abstract amount \$21,484.53, carried by all.

**Amend September General Abstract** amount to include the Sign \$450.00  
Motion Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Flynn September total of General A Abstract \$ 18,909.71 carried by all.

There being no further business before the board Mr. Downs made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin carried at 9:01PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Betty M.Daggett

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