

Town Board Minutes  
March 8, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Torrey Town Board was held on March 8, 2022 at 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and called to order by Supervisor Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Peter Martini Councilmen: Colby Petersen, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson

Others present: Legislator District II- Richard Willson, George Thompson, James Smith, Robert Miller, Jim Riesenberger, Donald Jensen, Betsy Jensen, Nancy Sarver, Tim Chambers, Dwight James.

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts for review.

**Motion** by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen that the bills on the General A & B Funds in the amount of \$ 17,345.43 be paid, carried by all.

**Motion** by Mr. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Funds in the amount of \$ 7,023.48 be paid, carried by all.

**February minutes:** Motion by Mr. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs approving the February minutes, carried by all.

**Assessor:** Supervisor reported a meeting with Benton Supervisor Prendergast to discuss filling the Assessor position. Present assessor Patricia Brede is planning on retiring by 2023. Plan to place ad to advertise the position. A re-val is needed in 2023. Mr. Martini hopes to be interviewing candidates by May. Discussion on contracting an outside source, no action, County determined that a centralized assessor is not financially feasible.

Supervisor attended Tier 3 training for State of Emergency Planning. The town needs to develop a state of emergency plan, Councilmen Downs & Henderson will assist in developing this plan. They will contact Yates County Director of Public Health Sara Christensen for help.

**Yates County Voting Redistricting:** Discussion on the pros and cons of the Yates County Voting redistricting plans.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martini supporting the position of adding a 15<sup>th</sup> legislator, and requested Richard Willson report to Yates County Legislator of the Towns stance on redistricting. Torrey District II would have 4 legislators.

After a discussion the following resolution introduced by Supervisor Martini;

**WHEREAS**, The Yates County Legislature has been considering a plan of reapportionment of legislative districts based upon county and town population data from the 2010 Census, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yates County Legislature appointed an AdHoc committee to draft a plan in regards to the rearrangement of boundaries prepared by Yates Co. Planning and Soil and Water and other alternatives to achieve more equalized representation as required by NYS County Law, and,

**WHEREAS**, an alternative to rearranging voting district boundaries would be the addition of a 15<sup>th</sup> legislator to the County Board, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Torrey Town Board supports the addition of a 15<sup>th</sup> legislator, to the Yates County Legislature.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson

Adopted by a vote of- Martini Aye, Petersen Aye, Martin Aye, Downs Aye, Henderson Aye 5 Ayes 0 Nays

**Highway Report;** Tim Chambers updated on the JD loader repair. Has sent out the injector pump for repair. Has been seeking quotes for new loader with 10' broom without or with trade-in prices.

Cat \$ 200,301 with trade in \$ 170,301.

Case \$ 250,680 with trade in \$ 205,689.

Volvo\$ 205,864 with trade in \$ 187,864.

JD \$ 227,434 with trade in \$ 202,434

Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen declaring the 1997 644G John Deere Loader as surplus, carried by all.

**2022 Cat Loader**-Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to order a 2022 Cat 938M Loader with 10' broom attachment for \$ 170,301. with 1997 John Deere 644G Loader as trade in, carried by all. Tentative delivery date 6 months.

**Lower Leach Rd** there has been some movement on bank at lower end.

**Generator**- Mr. Chambers discussed the need for backup generator now that elections is being moved back to the Town buildings and for emergency lighting. No action taken.

**CHIPS** Consolidated Highway Improvement Program funding amounts remain the same with an addition of POP "Pave our Potholes" funds.

**Code Report:** Issued 2 C of C, 5 permits, 1 site plan review, 8 site visits, 23 Short term renewals, 25 Special Use Permit renewals,

traveled 58 miles and will be at school for recertification training March 14-16<sup>th</sup> .

**Water District I-** Working on petition revisions to send to OSC for approval of additional funding. Nardozzi has agreed to hold bid for additional period.

**Perry Pt. Water District:** Discussion on Attorney Greico review of Village water contract draft. Mr. Greico inserted a few comments to paragraphs and a termination clause. Board asked Mr. Martin to present the draft changes to the Village.

**Torrey Station:** County Treasurer sent an email stating NYS DEC is now involved with the site being in non-compliance state.

Jim Smith remarked the Town and County review this situation at Torrey Station as an example to prevent future repetition of this.

Discussion on legal fees of Greenidge & Town are codefendants in Art. 78 lawsuit pending in superior court.

As the County and School have interest in taxes received from Greenidge, a letter will be sent to each entity asking for financial support defending the Town in the Art.78 action.

Donald "Skip" Jensen appeared before the board; he is now a property owner in Torrey.

He stated NYS DEC decision on Greenidge Permits application is approaching.

January due to the cold snap Bitcoin production was shut down when electricity demand rose. The electricity went to the grid.

**Beach Project:** Mr. Downs reported that the County Legislature approved funding allocation of \$ 12,000. For the park project. Tim Chambers stated NYSEG is relocating the electricity supply line at the beach house.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson carried at 9:18PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Daggett