

Town Board Minutes  
March 12, 2024

The monthly town board meeting held on March 12, 2024 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath

Excused: Colby Petersen

Others present: George Dowse, Gary McIntee, Tim Chambers, Linda Downs, John & Joy Russell, Tom & Patty Boccacci, Donna Rae Sutherland, Richard Harper District Legislator,

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Martini stated the public hearing of the Local Law entitled Short Term Rental Law is tabled to allow the Yates County Planning Board review it.

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

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. McGrath, the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 14,646.87 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 7,863.92 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Henderson, the bills on the Water District 1 in the amount of \$ 48,121.50 carried.

**February minutes** Motion by Mr. Downs to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson carried.

**Short term Rental Law** Mr. Martini introduced the Short term Law with the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Amend the Town of Torrey Zoning Law Regarding Short-Term Rentals"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law

attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Torrey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Torrey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on April 9, 2024, at 7:30 PM at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspaper of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Torrey sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for its consideration. The Town will hold a public hearing of this law in April 9,, 2024 at 7:30PM in the town meeting room. Clerk will have copy of proposed law available on the website and in her office.

Motion by Mr. Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr.Downs to hold public hearing on Short Term Rental Law

Roll Call Vote: Martini-Aye Downs-Aye Henderson-Aye  
McGrath - Aye (4 Ayes 0 Nays ) Adopted

**Office of Court Administration** has requested a 2023 Financial Audit of Justice Books. Mrs. McGrath and Mr. Henderson will conduct the audit later this month and give report at the April meeting.

**Water District 1 Payment App 10** Motion by Mrs. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson the the Pay App 10 for Nardozzi Construction in the amount of \$117,980.32 to be paid, carried by all

**Highway Report** Superintendent Tim Chambers reported the interior of shop walls have been painted. The separator on the septic system has been installed and working great,old septic has been removed. Two loads of scrap metal went to the recycler's in Guyanoga. Replaced sign at Ed Nutt Rd.

Water District 1 has leftover inventory that the highway has built a storage rack for. Mr Chambers will check to

see what inventory can be returned to suppliers and if Benton or the Village of Dresden are interested.  
Fuel Tank at stone pile needs maintenance so no diesel deliveries until completed.

**Code Report:** Code Officer is at training in Rochester, submitted report. 18 STR Renewals, 1 C of C, 2 Special Use permit applications, 2 Sub Division applications, 1 site visit, 1 Plan under review , 13 building progress inspections traveled 87 miles.

**Water District 1:** Last two bores ( Davy & Caton) should be completed by end of month. Albany Rd there was an issue with pipes as ground water was flooding the pipe through pipe above ground. All lines have been pressurized, flushed and tested. Will speak to Jeremy Delyser about the annual water reports to be sent out.  
Discussion on hooking up time table, after the first year there will be a tap fee charge.

Mr. Downs did a comparison study of the Towns yearly cost for electric and gas to Starkey's. Torreys cost are 1/3. Starkey applied and received a green energy grant to install solar panels on their buildings.  
Discussion on Host agreements for solar collections fields. The annual payment would run for the life of the project.  
Decommission Bonds are to be in place for project.

Donna Rae Sutherland announced earth day April 22 plans. Asked if Torrey would join in this effort. Mr. Martini agreed it is a terrific idea that the community joins in this effort. Torrey Town Clean Up roadsides date is April 20, 2024.

Ms. Sutherland reported clean up on the Outlet trail. May 4 the Friends of the Outlet will host a dedication of the new rustic campgrounds atop of the hill off of Hopeton Rd. time of event is 12-2.

Mr. Downs reported the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Yates County is near completion.

Discussion on public beach, there is a potential access point to launch boats from the walkway recently installed to the beach. Mr Chambers will install a barrier to avoid this problem.

Richard Harper, District Legislator reported the construction on the new highway barn is moving along well tentative completion date in November. Fire EMS radio tower is near completion also. Has been applied for.

There has been a Public Safety Building Ad Hoc committee appointed to research updating the old facility.

A new grant for reconnect 5 has been applied for.

A Block grant for septic systems upgrading has been applied for.

Celebration at Airport for the eclipse there will be food trucks.

County material bids have been set.

Brief discussion on sales tax. Town has received a check.

There no further business, motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson to adjourn carried at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Daggett