

**TOWN OF GENESEE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AND ZOOM
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JOINT TOWN BOARD
AND PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Chariman Leair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Leair, Town Board Superintendents Morris, Ross, Schmittinger, and Houston Via Zoom. Also present were Administrator/Planner Herrmann, Public Works Superintendent Berg, and Clerk Majeskie.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was said

Discussion/Action - Schultz Appraisal changing to an annual revaluation

Schultz explained to the Board that he would like to change to an annual revaluation. This would start this Year. There would be no extra charge this year. This would keep the assessments even with the economy. The Board discussed this option. Ross made a motion to approve switching to an annual revaluation going forward, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-1. Schmittinger voted against.

Discussion/Action – Garbage Contract – Nate- John’s Disposal

Nate from John’s Disposal discussed the new contract with the Board. There was a part of the contract that talked about getting a check from John’s for a portion of the recycling profits. The problem is there is no profit and has not been for years. Nate would like to change the contract to reflect the changes in recycling profits. He will bring back two revised contracts for the Board to review and they can choose which ever one they would like. This will be put on the agenda for March.

Reports –

Treasurer – Carol McCormick

Discussion/Action - Bills to be presented.

Ross made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Superintendent Mike Berg

Monthly Report

Houston asked how the snowplowing routes were changed.

Discussion/Action - Dave Salkin of Signs and Lines giving a short presentation on the Genesee Welcome sign, as well as a digital sign at Sunset Park.

Dave Salkin gave a presentation about the digital sign and informed the board that the price has increased. The Board will consider the sign and pricing and put this on the next agenda. The digital sign at Sunset Park is for some time in the future to locate fields.

Discussion/Action on purchase of loader grapples under 2023 budget and loader v-plow with ARPA money

The cost of the grapples is \$20,000.00 and it is budgeted for in 2023. Berg just wanted to get the Board’s approval. Morris made a motion to use the APRA funds to purchase a v-plow at a cost of about \$20,000.00, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Leair asked how we are doing getting a new plow truck. Berg said maybe we could have one by the end of 2023, there is no guarantee. Berg is still looking for a used plow truck.

Discussion/Action sale and delivery of wood chips and logs for \$50 to anyone within Town limits. Post on Website.

We have extra chips and logs that we would like to get rid of. The Board discussed the proposal. The Board said to go ahead with the proposal.

Discussion/Action to put a pickleball court in at Town Park under the road program.

This can be bid with the road program. Herrmann said we may need to be able to use public site fee money to pay for this. Herrmann will look into this. Ross made a motion to approve putting in a pickleball court at Town Park, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to put an outfield fence on Field 3 at Sunset Park at a cost of \$14,000

This would be paid for under the park maintenance budget. This is for baseball. Ross made a motion to put in an outfield fence on field 3 at a cost of \$14,000.00, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman – Sharon Leair

Update on WTA Waukesha County Unit Meeting of 1-26-2023

Ottawa gave a presentation on how they arrived at the fire fees.

Update on WTA District 6 meeting

Fire and EMS was the main topic. The Board of Commissioners of public lands they are lenders at 5.25% rate no additional fees. The interest that they make goes to school libraries. There is money for roads also.

LCFR Fire Board – James Morris

Discussion Action – Update on LCFR and possible action on maintenance of building.

The overhead doors have been replaced at the Fire Station. Morris asked if we should be putting money in an assigned for future maintenance. Morris said there was a letter sent to the legislatures asking for help with fire and EMS costs. Leair said that Towns have 28% of the State's population and we get 5.6% of municipal aids. When they first set up the tax system in Wisconsin in 1911.

The State was supposed to get 10% of everything collected and the municipalities /local government was to get 90%. Today it is opposite.

Discussion/Action - Contribution's to Wisconsin Town's Association for Land Development Legislation

Herrmann explained that the Town's Association is trying to get some legislation together for land use development for Towns. They are trying to promote development in the Town rather than the city or village. There would be requirements to qualify. They have set aside \$72,000.00 for lobbyist. They are trying to raise an additional \$63,000.00. Ross made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 out of the general fund to the WTA for lobbying for this legislation with two caveats, one if no one else donates we get the money back, second if they do not use all the money, we get our prorated share back. seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Contract with Keller Inc. for Architecture and Construction Management Agreement

Ross made a motion to approve the contract subject to the Town attorney giving his final ok along with Herrmann and Chairman Leair's approval, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Ordinance to repeal and re-create Chapter 474 of the Municipal Code concerning residency restrictions for sex offenders

The attorney made the changes to not have a residency board, and to just have the Town Board make the decision if someone appeals. Ross made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-1, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Memorandum of understanding Agreement Between the Town of Genesee and

Generac Power Systems, Inc. Regarding Reconstruction and widening of Hillside Road

Generac's attorney is reviewing the contract. Ross made a motion to approve the contract subject to the Town's attorney reviewing and approving the contract, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Billing Rates for 2023 for Short Elliot Hendrickson

Ross made a motion to approve the rates for Short Elliot Hendrickson, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action –Request for Temporary” Class B” Retailers License – St. Paul’s Church Fish Fry’s on 2/24/2023, 3/17/2023 and 3/31/2023

Ross made a motion to approve the “Class B” license for St Paul’s Church authorizing underage persons to be on the premise for which the license is issued, seconded by, Schmittinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Operator Permit applications Timothy McNeil, Douglas Batzler and Peter Lampe For St Paul Catholic Church and Harley Schubert for Cornerstone

Ross made a motion to approve operator permits for McNeil, Batzler, Lampe and Schubert, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action - Minutes to be approved- Special Town Board meeting 1-5-2023, Regular Town Board meeting 1-9-2023, Special and Closed Town Board meeting 1-19-2023.

Ross made a motion to approve the 1-5-2023 minutes, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0. Schmittinger abstained. Schmittinger made a motion to approve the 1-9-2023 minutes, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0. Morris abstained. Ross made a motion to approve the 1-9-2023 minutes, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0. Schmittinger abstained.

Correspondence

Herrmann asked about an agreement for Ellena Engineering for the new DPW building the total cost for the grading, stormwater and erosion control \$5250.00. Herrmann's question was does the Board want him to seek other bids. He knows Sunset Park well. The Board was ok with not getting other bids. The contract approval will be put on the next Town Board agenda.

Adjourn

Ross made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Majeskie, WCMC
Town Clerk