

**TOWN OF GENESEE
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

Chairman Leair called the meeting to order at 5:30 a.m. Present were Chairman Leair, Town Board Supervisors Ross, Morris, Houston and Braun. Also present were Administrator/Planner Herrmann, Attorney Eric Larson, Public Works Superintendent Berg, Clerk Treasurer Majeskie and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Jolly.

Pledge of allegiance

The Pledge was said.

Discussion/Action – New DPW Building Excavation for Fire Suppression Tank

Devin from Keller discussed the need to blast to get through bedrock where the fire suppression tank needs to be placed. He had three options. He suggests option three. Devin contacted SX Blasting and they are really busy and can't touch it for at least 2 months and the cost would be a minimum of \$18,000.00. Falcon Drilling & Blasting from Fox valley gave a price of \$7,750.00. Winter is a big concern, the tank is showing up on September 22nd if we delay that there could be a cost, delaying the digging or delay the concrete there could be extra costs. The Board discussed the water table and Chairman Leair asked if we have contacted sewer Pak. Herrmann did not have time to contact them. Devin said the bedrock is between 9-13 feet below finished floor and we need to hit an elevation of 1. So, 10 to 7ish. The neighbors have been notified. Herrmann asked what kind of liability do we as the General contractor have? Attorney ask if this is a contractor of ours or a subcontractor? Devin wanted Workman Enterprises, Inc to hold the Sub contract for Falcon. The contractor would be required to have insurance and should require the sub-contractor to have their own insurance. The Board agreed that this needs to get moving. Morris made a motion to have Falcon Drilling & Blasting do the Blasting, with the condition that they are licensed in the state. Our building inspector Paul Launer via zoom said that he spoke with the State of Wisconsin to the lead blasting inspector and he said they need a notice of blasting filed through ESHA it's a 10-day minimum, a pre blast survey, contact the residence in the area, designate a time of day for the blast, you want to make sure that there is not a train going through when you blast, also what size is the blast, how are you getting rid of the material, area that the blast is going to cover and how it could affect the neighbors. I think we are taking this kind of lightly, and moving through quick. The General Contractor and the Blaster should have insurance. Devin said the notice to the state and neighbors have been done. The Railroad has not been notified. With the charges the blaster intends to use he would be required to notify people within 350 feet away. The Board thinks that the railroad is within 300 feet and would need to be notified. Morris amended his motion subject to the blaster having proof of license in Wisconsin and providing proof of that to the administrator, and subject to work being done to all applicable codes and other laws, and subject to USA Fire Protection or Workman Enterprises, Inc hiring Falcon Drilling & Blasting as a subcontractor. This will not be a direct hire of the Town, seconded by Ross. The amended motion passed unanimously. Ross made a motion to have Falcon Drilling & Blasting do the Blasting, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously. Devin will get us the blasting license, notice that was sent to the residence. He will contact the railroad and get a subcontract signed with the USA Fire Protection or Workman Enterprises, Inc. to sub-contract with Falcon Drilling & Blasting.

Discussion/Action – Amendment to Lake County Fire and Rescue Intermunicipal Agreement to exceed CPI + 2% for 2024

This was voted on at the Lake County Fire and Rescue meeting on September 7, 2023.

Discussion/Action – Lake County Fire and Rescue 2024 Capital and Operational Budget

Ross made a motion to approve the operating and capital budget as presented by Lake County Fire and Rescue Chief Fennig of \$838,296.00 not to exceed \$455,707.00 for the operating budget. seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action - Vittles and Vine Liquor license review

Kristinia Verri told the Board that she is open Wednesday – Saturday starting at 4p.m. She is serving drinks and free snacks. She will be starting to sell food in the next couple of weeks. Chairman Lear thanked her for coming in.

Discussion/Action – Resolution 23-7R Gas Easement for new DPW Building

Ross made a motion to approve resolution 23-7R, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Report

Clerk Treasurer Meri Majeskie

Discussion/action-Bills to be presented

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

Public Works– Michael Berg

Discussion/Action - Report on Public works

Discussion/Action - Policy on downed trees

Berg asked that the DPW department take over taking the calls for downed trees from the 911 dispatchers instead of Fire Department going out on the call. This will lower our calls with the fire department. Discussion. Morris will talk to the Chief and have the Fire Department make the change.

Discussion/Action - 2019 Asphalt Hot Box purchase

Berg said he has found a 2019 Hot Box to purchase for \$32,000.00 and just wanted an ok from the Board to purchase. The Board was ok with the purchase using money from road maintenance. The Title must be clear.

Discussion/Action - Bathroom Building for Sunset Park

There were some design changes including adding a second urinal in the men's bathroom, removing a second sink and installing an extra stall in the women's bathroom.

Discussion/Action – Rental from Liberty Outdoor LLC

The Board Discussed Berg renting from Liberty Outdoor LLC. Herrmann stated that he does not think that it is a good idea to rent equipment from them. The Board decided not to continuing renting from them. In the future the rental must be from another company. If Berg feels we need to purchase another piece of equipment he should budget for it.

Discussion/Action - Minutes to be approved, Regular Town Board Meeting of 8-14-23, Joint meeting of the Town Board and Plan Commission 8-28-2023

Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from 8-14-2023, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously. Ross made a motion to approve the 8-28-2023 joint minutes, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0. Houston abstained.

Discussion/Action – Request for operator permits Tom Fitzgerald for Wales/Genesee Lions Club

Ross made a motion to approve the operator's permit for Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Majeskie asked if the Board could set up a meeting to discuss what percentage the Board would pay towards the insurance because the company ETF needs the information by September 21st to make changes to the new system. The Board agreed to meet on Monday September 18, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Houston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Braun. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Majeskie, WCMC
Town Clerk Treasurer