

**Regular March Meeting
May 15, 2024**

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Johnson opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor called roll with the following results:

Present in person: Councilmen Mayhew, Bailey-Swisher and Olmstead with Superintendent Alfano.

Also attending were Attorney Gilbert, and Zoning Officer Patterson

Absent: Councilman Mallette; Clerk Gunn. Mr. Gunn has asked to be excused for the first hour of the meeting.

Councilman Swisher to take minutes at start of the meeting.

MINUTES From Last Meeting

Supervisor Johnson called for a motion from the Board to accept the minutes from the April Town Board Meeting. These minutes have been emailed in advance to the Council members.

Motion 24-05-01 made by Councilman Olmstead, Seconded by Mayhew

Accept the April 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes .

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher & Mayhew Yes

Mallette - No.

Motion approved.

BOARD REPORTS

Zoning Officer currently working with a permit applicant

ATTORNEY REPORT

Supreme Court Case

Attorney asks Supervisor to move into executive session to enable discussion of legal issues involving the Supreme Court Case

Motion 24-05-02 made by Councilman Mayhew, Seconded by Olmstead

Move Board into executive session to discuss legal issues with the current Supreme Court Case involving the Brown's building on North Shore Rd.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher & Mayhew Yes

Mallette - No.

Motion approved.

Motion 24-05-04 made by Councilman Mayhew, Seconded by Olmstead

Move Board out of executive session.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher & Mayhew Yes

Mallette - No.

Motion approved.

OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson discussed the position of a Boat Launch Steward. The Brantingham Community Association has paid Paul Smith College to provide a Steward in the past few summers. Paul Smith College is no longer going to provide this type of service. BCA feels it is very important that there be a Steward at the Boat Launch to help protect the waterways from invasive species through inspection and education. BCA has asked the Town to consider employment of Steward.

Motion 24-05-05 made by Councilman Olmstead, Seconded by Bailey-Swisher

Town of Greig will provide a payroll position for a Launch Steward. Selecting the person for the for the position will be the responsibility of the the Brantingham Community Association (BCA). The responsibility for a job description, work schedule, rate of pay and education will be the responsibility of the BCA. Time sheets will be submitted to the Town on a timely basis by the BCA. The Town will issue an invoice to the BCA to cover the payroll and associated expenses for the employee. All supervision and discipline of that employee will be the responsibility of the BAC.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher – Yes

Mayhew, Mallette – No

Motion approved.

Mr. Johnson reports on the Highway Garage Roof Replacement project. Aubertine and Currier have finished the Request for Bids package and have advertised for quotes. Two days of visits from contractors took place. One bidder suggested an alternate method of construction, insulated roof panels. Aubertine and Currier said that method would be acceptable and they would modify the Plan. Date for bid opening has been changed to May 29th to avoid conflict with the Memorial Day Holiday. A Meeting will be scheduled for Bid Opening. Low Bidder will be announced with acceptance pending bid review and investigation by the Board.

Supervisor Johnson reported on his attempt to submit a grant request for financial aid to purchase a highway truck. “It is a learning experience for sure” he reported. The forms for application were designed for projects much different than a truck purchase so it has been an exercise of putting round pegs in square holes. However, if successful, the grant amount would be 45% of the cost of the truck with the remainder of the purchase price provided with a low cost loan. Application process is continuing.

Mr. Johnson reported on the consideration of a financial offer from an Investment Company for the Land Lease payments made to us by Verizon for the tower site. Current offer is in the high \$200K range. Supervisor would like to see an offer closer to the \$300K range, which would make a financial gain for the Town based on the “present value of money” consideration. A second possibility is for Verizon to offer a competing bid for the lease buy-out, or for the Town to continue as . Supervisor will report again at the next meeting.

Possibility of installing Vehicle Charging Stations on Town Property was discussed. Both Councilman Olmstead and Supervisor Johnson have been looking at data results from nearby facilities. Installations looked at include: South Lewis School, Lewis County Hospital, and Boondocks Restaurant. They all report revenue has been about \$150 per year. The project does not seem to be rewarding enough to proceed with at this time.

Supervisor Johnson reports on playground bathroom doors being modified. Clock controlled magnetic locks have been installed. This eliminates having an attendant to lock and unlock each day. Attempts to find a contractor to install the currently stored playground equipment have stalled. Councilman Olmstead has volunteered to head up a “party” day for volunteers to provide the installation. This will be some time in June..

He will look to rent or barrow the equipment and purchase the materials needed.

Clerk Gunn presented a Mass Gatherings Permit as submitted by the Brantingham Community Association. This is for the annual event known as the Old Time Fair and held at the Aldersgate Camp Ground. The Town Board has traditionally waived the fee for the permit based on the community actions provided by the BCA.

Motion 24-05-06 made by Councilman Mayhew, Seconded by Olmstead
Town of Greig will waive the fee for the Mass Gatherings Permit for the 2024 Old Time Fair to be held on the Aldersgate Camp Ground.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mayhew – Yes Mallette - No

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson reports completion of the Tax Collectors Records for the 2023 Year.

Motion 24-05-07 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead
Accept the audit of the 2023 Tax Collectors Records

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mayhew – Yes Mallette - No

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson requested a change in the time to start the monthly Town Board Meetings. He feels starting at 5:30PM will provide more time for discussion and allow meetings to end earlier most times.

Motion 24-05-08 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mayhew
Change the Town Board Monthly Meeting start time to 5:30PM

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mayhew – Yes Mallette- No

Motion approved.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Johnson reports on an expected short fall in the A1680.4 Computer Services Account. This was just underbudgeted. Mr. Johnson will attempt to reign in expenses from this account, but projects recently engaged have caused unanticipated expenses.

Mr. Johnson described some of the research he has done in how the Town deposits current cash on hand. Community Bank has promised to offer interest accounts that come very close to what some other options available to municipalities can obtain. Mr. Johnson has determined NYCLASS offers the best rate available as well as the ability to electronically transfer funds to cover town expenses. He would like to see the Town place half of the current funds in NYCLASS and leave half with Community Bank.

Motion 24-05-09 made by Councilman Mayhew, Seconded by Bailey-Swisher
Allow the Supervisor to open an account with NYCLASS and transfer as much as \$500,000 to that account.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mayhew – Yes Mallette - No

Motion approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Alfano reported:

He is planning on \$475,000 from CHIPS Money, which includes unspent roll over funds.

His Plan for this Summers paving are:

S. Chases Lake Rd. from Donnattsburg Rd to the Town Line.

Abbey Rd – lower section from Lyons Falls Rd to end of lower residential area.

He plans on \$240,000 for this project – which will be covered by CHIPS

Motion 24-05-10 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead

Accept Superintendent Alfano's plan to pave road sections as proposed. During discussion, it was mentioned that paving the section of the Abbey Road will have a large effect on the snowmobile trail system in the town. Running snowmobiles on paved roads causes them to run much hotter that running on gravel roads.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher – Yes

Mayhew, Mallette - No

Motion approved.

Mr. Alfano reported he has replaced the York Rake. Insurance covered \$1,000 of the expense.

Mr. Alfano said he will be removing the “guard rails” at the intersection of the Partridgeville Rd and Long Point Rd. It makes plowing much more difficult with the road blocked the way it is.

CLERKS REPORT

Clerk Gunn distributed the April 2024 report by email to Board Members. Report contained details of the following financial actions:

There were general fund collections of:

9 Zoning Permits	\$ 765.00
6 Certified Copies	\$ 60.00
Total Collections:	\$ 825.00

The expenditures were:

Town Supervisor as Revenue	\$ 825.00
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Total Payments	\$ 825.00
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Tax Tax Collections

Total Collections April 2024	\$ 60,492.26
Total Payments April 2024	\$ 200,015.00
Bank Balance end of April 2024	\$ 55,493.80

Motion 24-05-11: made by Councilman Mayhew, Seconded by Olmstead

Approve Clerk's financial report as presented.

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Mayhew and Bailey-Swisher Yes Mallette No

Motion Approved

Attorney Gilbert made the Board aware of the template for a proposed town law for Short Term Rentals. He is requesting the Board review and prepare to discuss at the next meeting.

VOUCHER REPORT

April 2024 Abstracts containing “to be paid” vouchers were reviewed by the Board.

Totals expended by fund were:

General Fund	7,293.00
Highway Fund	13,301.25
Trust & Agency	1,327.37
Total paid in April 2024 Abstracts =	\$21,921.02

Motion 24-05-12: made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mayhew

Approve Vouchers

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Mayhew, Bailey-Swisher - Yes Mallette - No

Motion Approved

Being no further business brought forward,

Motion 24-05-13 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead

Motion to adjourn 08:17PM

Vote: Johnson, Olmstead, Mayhew, Bailey-Swisher - Yes Mallette - No

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Gunn, Clerk

