

**Regular February Meeting
February 21, 2024**

Town Board Members assembled at 5:30PM to learn about Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department programs that could effect Town Plans and Programs. Community Development Specialists Lauryn Tabolt and Megan Krokowski presented information on a number of programs currently being worked on. They spoke on:

Public Transportation; A “Rider's Guide” booklet is available, which describes all options for public transportation in Greig.. Call 315-376-6508 or visit www.lewiscountyny.gov/departments/public-transportation/ for information and booklet on bus routes and “dial-a-ride” transportation

NBRC Catalyst Project; Northern Border Regional Commission's catalyst project has categories that include, but are not limited to infrastructure, workforce development, outdoor recreation, and childcare in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. The Commission will make a historic level of funding available through the program, up to \$45 million in grants, including up to \$20 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Town of Greig has a fixed wireless offering and a Spectrum “last mile” fiber expansion program. Contact County Planning to see if you are in the plan.

Hazard Mitigation, Facade & Streetscape Programs, Ag Districts and a Mapper Tool for Planing were also discussed.

The Board wishes to thank both Lauryn and Megan for taking the time to visit our Town Board meeting and sharing this important information.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Johnson opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor called roll with the following results:

Present in person: Councilmen Meyhew, Mallette, Swisher and Olmstead with Clerk Gunn and Superintendent Alfano.

Also attending were Attorney Gilbert, and Zoning Officer Patterson.

MINUTES From Last Meeting

Supervisor Johnson called for a motion from the Board to accept the minutes from the January Regular Town Board Meeting. These minutes have been emailed in advance to the Council members. Ms. Swisher wished to have the business name corrected to Southern Tug Hill Antiques & Collectibles as the place to purchase the proposed display case.

Motion 24-02-01 made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Swisher

Accept the January 2024 Meeting Minutes with the change of Business Name where the display case was purchased.

Motion approved.

BOARD REPORTS

Zoning Officer Patterson: 5 Zoning Permits, 1 application for an appeal and a lot line adjustment request were reviewed. Some letters were mailed out. Mr. Chris Valenti arrived to this meeting at this time. His property was one where a letter was issued. The question was concerning previous use of this property as a post office and also a general store should grandfather him into maintaining a retail business there now. Attorney Gilbert will

review the issues and determine if there is a passage of time without the business being conducted does the owner lose the “grandfather” claim. It was explained to Mr. Valenti that the Zoning Board of Appeals was the actual Board where he would go to obtain a decision.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Gilbert stated he and Attorney Young are scheduled for court on Wednesday February 28, 2024 to discuss the complaint against the residence on N. Shore Rd owned by Mr. Brown.

Attorney Gilbert will research other town's laws concerning control of short term rentals. He will present a proposed law for the Board to review.

OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Mallette is meeting with Brian Kreager of Aubertine and Currier to express concerns with the recommendations made to date for the repair of the leaking highway garage roof. Mr. Mallette is hoping for a better design recommendation.

Councilman Swisher reports the antique display case approved at the last meeting has been picked up by the Highway Department workers and placed in the Town Hall. She will do some repair work on the piece and then place items of town history on display.

Councilman Meyhew discussed issues with Cemetery records and the new computer system. She is working with the Sexton to insure progress gets made and better understanding of the computer system is developed. It was suggested that the Sexton review information already existing on the “findagrave.com” website.

Supervisor Johnson recommended the town follow a proposal from Pixamation to install a wireless link for wifi in the highway garage from the town hall site.

Motion 24-02-02 made by Councilman Swisher, Seconded by Mallette

Authorize Supervisor to purchase equipment and installation for a wireless link for wifi between the Town Hall building and the Highway Garage from Pixamation. Project will be paid from savings incurred by cancellation of Internet Service to the Garage building from Spectrum.

Motion approved.

Supervisor reported he canceled four Spectrum phone lines being held open during conversion to the new Cloud based IP Phone service.

Mr. Johnson has given up the use of a town supplied cell phone and transferred the phone to the Highway Superintendent, whose phone had ceased to work. Mr. Johnson will drop one cell phone line from the Verizon contract.

Mr. Johnson reported the State Justice System will create a plan and supply equipment for improved building security at the Town Hall Building. This will be implemented in the coming months.

Supervisor Johnson requested an Executive Session to discuss a salary issue.

Motion 24-02-03 made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Swisher

Enter into Executive Session to discuss a salary issue involving a town employee. 7:45PM

Motion approved.

Motion 24-02-04 made by Councilman Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Exit Executive Session 7:50PM
Motion approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Alfano reported that his crew has completed the “master battery disconnect” on all major equipment. This had been a requirement presented by the Town Insurance Company as a safety measure to prevent unattended fire situations.

The road crew has been plowing and sanding as needed

One truck broke down during the work effort.

Superintendent Alfano will be attending a school and visiting state representative members on March 6 and 7 in Albany.

The new tractor and mower have been delivered in the last week.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Mr. Johnson reports he is working on a specification sheet for the installation of park playground equipment. The Insurance company and the State both issue requirements for the safety of users. With these specifications in place, we will be able to request quotations from contractors to complete the installation of previously purchased equipment.

Iriquois Gas is offering another opportunity to apply for a grant to support maintenance and development of the park. Applications must be in by May 1, 2024.

Mr. Johnson noted we need to complete the fencing around the park to protect children playing there.

The financial s were reviewed.

Supervisor requested a transfer of budgeted funds. Move \$118,000 from DA2300 Services for other Governments to DA2302 Snow Removal Services. This was a simple mistake of where the money was originally placed.

Motion 24-02-05 made by Councilman Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Approve the transfer of \$180,000 from DA2300 to DA2302
Motion approved.

CLERKS REPORT

Clerk Gunn distributed the January 2024 report containing details of the following financial actions:

There were general fund collections of:

5 Dog Licenses	\$ 41.00
5 Zoning Permits	\$ 250.00
Total Collections:	\$ 291.00

The expenditures were:

Town Supervisor as Revenue	\$ 286.00
State Ag & Mkts	\$ 5.00
Total Payments	\$ 2 91.00

Tax Collections

Total Collections January 2024	\$1,567,973.12
Total Payments January 2024	\$ 950,935.29
Bank Balance end of January 2024	\$ 617,332.53

Motion 24-02-06: made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Swisher
Approve Clerk's financial report as presented.

Motion Approved

VOUCHER REPORT

January 2024 Vouchers were reviewed by the Board.

Totals expended by fund were:

General Fund	22,217.39
Highway Fund	23,985.73
Trust & Agency	1,971.95
Total paid in January 2024 Abstract =	\$48,175.07

Motion 24-02-07: made by Councilman Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Approve Vouchers

Motion Approved

Being no further business brought forward,

Motion 24-02-08 made by Councilman Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Motion to adjourn 09:10PM

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Gunn, Clerk