

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Donald Foster, Kevin Everly, David Shipman, John Tryon and Supervisor Leon Cary

Guest:

Jim Pratt – Lockwood, NY
Kelly Schweiger – Barton, NY
Shane Marshall – Barton, NY
Keith Shipman – Waverly, NY
Dylan Kromelbein – Waverly, NY
Dan Shay – Barton, NY
Lonnie Archibald -
Dan Eiklor – Waverly, NY
Paul Everson – Barton, NY
Michael Viselli – Lockwood, NY
Duane Wells – Lockwood, NY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Cary asked that here forward, residents state their name and address during the privilege of the floor. There have been residents previously that were disrespectful and, here forward, they will be asked to leave. Once privilege of the floor has completed and business has started, residents are not to address the board unless they are called upon.

Resident Mike Viselli, Ackley Road in Lockwood, disbursed a letter from Julie Rowe-Wood that was written to Supervisor Cary but also addressed the Town Board. A copy of the letter is attached.

MINUTES: Board Member Dave Shipman made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by **Board Member Kevin Everly**.
5-Ayes, 0-Noes

VOUCHERS: A **motion** made by **Board Member Don Foster** to approve the vouchers, seconded by **Board Member John Tryon** and carried.

- General Fund \$12,659.45
- Water\Sewer \$55.24
- Highway \$27,781.59

5-Ayes 0-Noes.

PERSONNEL:

Town Clerk, Arrah Richards is settling in and is looking forward to getting to know everyone. If anyone has questions, please stop in or call.

Highway Superintendent, Fred Schweiger is just settling in. He is starting to take inventory. He is in need of some equipment and will be bringing that to next month's meeting. He's looking to update some items as well. Supervisor Cary and the bookkeeper had talked about putting money into the equipment reserves once the year-end closes because we are getting behind on equipment. The Supervisor would also like to see money be put into the building, too.

Resident Jim Pratt commented he had heard some positive comments about the snowstorm that just happened – good job on the plowing. Supervisor Cary received positive calls as well.

Mr. Schweiger wanted to be sure the workers were going to be paid their double time and a half. Dick stated it does not have to be voted on it since it is in the handbook.

Attorney: N/A

Bookkeeper Melanie Sinsabaugh said regarding the reserves Supervisor Cary mentioned earlier, it all depends on when the equipment is planning to be bought. There's no reason to put money into the reserve fund if equipment is going to be bought this year. Mr. Schweiger is going to need a pickup truck or two. Bookkeeper Sinsabaugh thinks money may need to come out of reserve. A public hearing will need to be set in order to take money out of the reserve account.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Reorganization:** Motion to approve Dan Eiklor as Sergeant in Arms for Meeting Security at \$17.00/hour made by Don Foster and seconded by Kevin Everly.

A **motion** to approve the Reorganizational Meeting for 2020 with the addition of the Sergeant in Arms made by **Councilman Everly** and seconded by **Councilman Foster**.

2. **Resolution on Health Insurance for Joan Richards:**
A **motion** to approve Resolution 01-2020 made by **Councilman Foster** and seconded by **Councilman Everly**.

Roll Call Vote:

Leon Cary: Aye
John Tryon: Aye
David Shipman: Aye
Kevin Everly: Aye
Donald Foster: Aye

3. **Cemetery Mowing Bid:** Supervisor Cary would like to table this until next meeting. Discussion was had on whether language could be added to the bid to extend a 3-year contract, if desired. Attorney Middaugh thinks it is best practice to maintain the 3-years as it allows the board to stay competitive and perhaps if there is an issue, a change could be made. Supervisor Cary will forward a copy to Attorney Middaugh when the bid is finished.
4. **Stray Haven Contract:**
A **motion** to approve the Stray Haven Contract made by **Councilman Everly** and seconded by **Councilman Shipman**.

Roll Call Vote:

Leon Cary: Aye
John Tryon: Aye
David Shipman: Aye
Kevin Everly: Aye
Donald Foster: Aye

5. **Emergency Operation Plan:** The only change to this plan are the names of people.

A **motion** to adopt the 2020 Barton Emergency Operation Plan made by **Councilman Foster** and seconded by **Councilman Everly**.
5-Ayes 0-Noes.

6. Attorney Middaugh will be putting together some rules for the Town Board meetings and will send to the board to review. Discussion ensued on different options the board can enforce.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Railroad:** Dick has not heard from Lance Lee. Attorney Middaugh spoke to Lance in December to update the language in the lease to make it more difficult for the termination process. Adding language to the fact that it will not terminate without DOT approval based on that order that was put forth by the Commissioner. The attorney had reached out to Lance and also the attorney that represents him. They're waiting on coordination of efforts of the town for the emergency access road that was previously agreed upon back in September.

The gates that would be going up would be automatic. They are more intricate and would be going through 911. Dispatch could open the gates if there was an emergency. We should hear more about these at the next meeting.

A **motion** to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:58pm made by **Councilman Everly** and seconded by **Councilman Foster**. All in favor.

A **motion** to come out of executive session at 7:25pm made by **Councilman Everly** and seconded by **Councilman Foster**. All in favor.

A **motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm made by **Councilman Foster** and seconded by **Councilman Everly**.

Respectfully submitted

Arrah Richards

Town of Barton Clerk

Attachments:

Copy

January 13, 2020

Supervisor Leon "Dick" Cary

Town of Barton Council

My name is Julie Rowe-Wood and I am a resident of the Town of Barton.

First, I would like to apologize to you and the board for delivering this letter in writing instead of in person. I recently had surgery and cannot attend tonight's meeting to address the Board.

The purpose of my letter is to apologize to you and the Board for my recent outburst at the December general meeting. I did not intend to be disrespectful, disruptive or uncivil while exercising my First Amendment right of free speech. In the future, I will conduct myself in a civil manner while I exercise my free speech rights protected by our United States constitution.

I am hopeful that in the future we can agree to disagree with each other and ask that the Board listens with respect to the residents' concerns in the same manner that the Board wishes to be heard and respected by the taxpaying residents' of the Town of Barton. Believe it or not, many residents care about and are concerned about the future of our Town and the actions taken, or not, by our elected officials. I am one of those residents that plans to be more involved in and informed about those issues.

I hope this apology puts to rest any time that the Board may spend on the subject of my outburst, and instead uses the time to deal with more important town business.

Sincerely,



Julie Rowe-Wood

RESOLUTION #01-2020

Joan Richards – Medicare Supplement

WHEREAS, Joan Richards has been a Town of Barton employee for 14+ years,

NOW THEREFORE, upon a motion, on this the 13th day of January 2020, by Board Member Don Foster, seconded by Board Member John Tryon, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton Town Board agrees that the Town of Barton will pay \$1,400 per year toward the Medicare Supplement Medicare Insurance.

Roll Call Vote:

Leon Cary	Aye
John Tryon	Aye
David Shipman	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye