

TOWN OF BARTON

DONALD FOSTER, SUPERVISOR

MINUTES –APRIL 8, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Via In-Person

Board Members Present: Supervisor Donald Foster, Councilperson Michael Rice, Councilperson Kevin Everly, Councilperson Jeffrey Coleman, Councilperson David Shipman

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Fred Schweiger, Highway Superintendent; Arrah Richards-McCarty, Town Clerk

Guests:

Andy Aronstam

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Donald Foster.

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

Signed contract with the county. Putting social services in the village hall.

Approval of Minutes: A **motion** to approve last month's regular board meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman.

5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Vouchers: A **motion** to approve the vouchers made by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Coleman.

- General Fund \$11,019.95
- Highway \$23,576.64
- Water/Sewer..... \$3,085.72

5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Personnel:

Town Clerk Arrah Richards-McCarty

1. Tioga County IT is looking to revamp the billing structure when charging for our shared service. Currently, they bill per user but they are looking to bill user based on time in

office. Therefore, any part-time employees would then be billed at ½ cost. This is still pending.

2. The Village of Waverly will be increasing their water rates to be effective in June. The rates are increasing from \$2.37/cu feet to \$2.73/cu feet. The village does not charge us for water consumption but we may want to look at our rates to make sure we're doing okay.
3. Amazon Business Prime – I reached out to our IT to have them include us in on the Amazon Business Prime. We will save on shipping and it will not cost us anything. Once this has been setup, I'll update all users with the new login info.
4. Discussed with the board a major water leak on a property within our water district. This property has been vacant since the last meter reading and will remain vacant throughout this entire billing cycle. The board agreed to accept a resolution next month for forgiveness on the entire portion of the sewer since no water went into the sewer lines.

Highway Superintendent Fred Schweiger

Patching pot holes.

The budget at the state hasn't been passed yet but both the senate and assembly has pushed for infrastructure for another \$650-750 million.

Oil prices are on the rise so will keep the board comprised of road costs. This should not affect the quotes for the town hall paving job.

New Business

1. Resolution 13-2024_Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/08/2024

RESOLUTION NO 13-2024

CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

WHEREAS, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

WHEREAS, New York State's local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

WHEREAS, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same time period; and

WHEREAS, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and **WHEREAS**, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assembly member Christopher Friend and the New York State Association of Towns.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

2. Resolution 14-2024_Update TOB Emergency Operations & Pandemic Plan

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/08/2024

RESOLUTION NO 14-2024

UPDATE TOWN OF BARTON EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS AND PANDEMIC PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Barton Emergency Operations and Pandemic Plan needs to be updated from time to time; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Dave Shipman, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Coleman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day Monday, April 8, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Barton adopts the updated Town of Barton Emergency Operations and Pandemic Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

3. Town of Barton Supervisor's Annual Financial Report is available for review in the Town Clerk's office. This will also be located on the Town of Barton website.

4. Resolution 15-2024_Award Public Works Contract for Paving Municipal Building's Parking Lot

Supervisor Foster added that Austin's did not put in a bid before Friday; therefore they did not make the deadline.

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ADOPTED 04/08/2024

RESOLUTION NO 15-2024

AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT FOR
PAVING 304 ROUTE 17C, WAVERLY, NY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Barton agrees with the need to repave the parking lot of the 304 Route 17c Waverly, NY municipal building; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the public works contract is less than \$35,000 and does not require formal competitive bidding under General Municipal Law § 103; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Barton Town Board has reviewed the written requests for proposal from three (3) vendors as required by the Town of Barton's procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, all (3) prospective bidders have been made aware that under New York State Labor Law, contractors and subcontractors must pay the prevailing rate of wage and supplement (fringe benefits) to all workers under a public works contract; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were provided:

Stanley Blacktop #1, LLC	\$27,000.00
Spencer Paving Company.....	\$38,715.00
Broome Bituminous Products, Inc.	\$38,142.00

And

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Jeff Coleman, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, April 8, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York awards the public works contract to Stanley Blacktop #1, LLC of 372 State Route 34, Waverly, NY 14892.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

5. Resolution 16-2024_Set Highway Mechanic's Rate of Pay at \$26.60 per Hour

The board and the Highway Superintendent agreed that the rate of pay should be the same for the highway mechanic as it is for the highway deputy superintendent.

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ADOPTED 04/08/2024

RESOLUTION NO 16-2024

SET HIGHWAY MECHANIC'S RATE OF PAY AT
\$26.60/HOUR

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town Board of the Town of Barton deems it necessary to make an adjustment to the highway mechanic's rate of pay; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, April 8, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York, sets the Town of Barton Highway Mechanic's rate of pay at \$26.60/hour; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

Old Business

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arrah Richards-McCarty

Town of Barton Town Clerk