

TOWN OF BARTON

DONALD FOSTER, SUPERVISOR

MINUTES – JULY 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; Dan Shay, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Arrah Richards-McCarty, Town Clerk; Chris Robinson, Code Officer

Guests:

Thomas Bradley; Lockwood, NY
Johnny Williams; Morning Times

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

Tom Bradley spoke of all the wires the cable/internet companies are stringing along his road/property. He would like to see the wires dug under the ground rather than up in the air. He likes to live out in the country and be able to have nice views, but instead has to look at the wires hanging overhead. Supervisor Foster and Highway Superintendent Fred Schweiger explained that Mr. Bradley lives on a county road and therefore would need to speak to the county Public Works Commissioner, Gary Hammond. They also stated that utility companies do have a right-of-way.

Approval of Minutes: A **motion** to approve last month's regular board meeting minutes as well as the June 26, 2024 special meeting minutes submitted by the Town Clerk with the following correction:

Motion to go into public hearing at 6:30 pm to declare properties of 311 and 313 Norris Road Waverly, NY 14892 a public nuisance requiring abatement by the Town of Barton made by Councilperson ~~Dave Shipman~~ Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman.

made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Mike Rice.
5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Vouchers: A **motion** to approve the vouchers made by Councilperson Dave Shipman, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Everly.

- General Fund\$19,515.54
- Highway\$663,984.75
- Water/Sewer..... \$92,136.85

5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Personnel:

Town Clerk Arrah Richards-McCarty

1. **Electronics Drive** is scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9am-11am. We put a "Save the Date" out on our Facebook page.

2. Our building was affected by the lightning storm the weekend of June 22nd. We had a lot of items that had to get replaced. County IT is footing the bill for all their equipment and all of that has been replaced and is now working. As far as door controls go, there is a printout of a keypad entry with an auto-lock in your folders. InfoTech would be able to install this but we would only be able to put this at the front door. The basement door has a crash bar on it so the keyless entry wouldn't work down there. Or we can go complete lock and key which I have a quote from Sandy Myers.

The board approved changing the door entry from key fobs to keyless entry.

As for security cameras, I've been working with Ted from Teledair and he is quoting us \$4,400 for (7) new cameras. The board unanimously agrees to move forward with using Teledair's quote and installing the new equipment.

3. **Penelec** –Nothing new to report at this time.

Highway Superintendent Fred Schweiger

Perfect storm of 100+ degree weather and high loaded truck traffic on freshly laid oil and stone surface treatments by Suit-Kote has led to some severe oil weeping on those roads that received the extra traffic. Been performing the normal procedure for mitigating this by dusting with sand.

Retaining wall projects were completed on Steenburg, Hollenbeck and Old 34.

Dan Shay moved the excavator to Reniff to remove some buildup upstream from the railroad bridge so it doesn't end up blocking that bridge. Afterwards, the excavator will be moving to Wilcox Estates to clean and enlarge the retaining pond.

The backhoe has been down for a few days with the hub seals gone. That is back up and running so they're back to culvert installs and ditch work.

Roadside mowing has been on hold due to the mower breaking down. Got it back up and running and it's down again with another seal. Should have that up and running by the end of the week.

The new truck was scheduled to be completed by the first quarter of next year but Tracey Road Equipment reached out and said it might not be until 2026 or 2027 to even get it into the build line. New York State recently adopted California regulations on electric vehicles.

According to these regulations, a vendor must sell one piece of electric equipment to every three pieces of diesel. As of two weeks ago they cannot sell any more trucks. Tracey's Road honored the request to go ahead and get the chassis put in. They are in the process of petitioning the state. Also, when going electric, the department would have to buy a new battery pack every five years at \$100,000.

Highway Superintendent Schweiger said the state is also talking about moving to electric loaders, backhoes, excavators. They heard the batteries don't even last a full day. What will happen during an emergency? Mr. Schweiger could start purchasing equipment outside of New York State to work around this new regulation.

The new chassis that was purchased cost the town \$170,000. A similar chassis in electric would cost around \$400,000. Supervisor Foster said you wouldn't be able to get a state bid out of state. Superintendent Schweiger said he could use Sourcewell which is similar.

The chassis that is scheduled to be built in 2026 will now be higher in price than what was expected.

Regarding the issue with persons cutting down trees, there are three persons of interest that the Tioga County Sheriff's Office is investigating. There hasn't been any further incidences since.

New Business

1. Resolution 30-2024_Accept Donation of Burial Plot Numbers 87 and 95 in the Barton Center Cemetery From Heirs

Mr. and Mrs. Murray are interested in giving back the cemetery lots they had acquired through the family at no cost to the town.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 07/08/2024

RESOLUTION NO 30-2024

ACCEPT DONATION OF BURIAL PLOT NUMBERS
87 AND 95 IN THE BARTON CENTER CEMETERY
FROM HEIRS

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray (Heirs) wish to donate burial plot numbers 87 and 95 in the Barton Center Cemetery to the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of said burial plot is \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, approval of this donation is subject to ratification by the Town Board of the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Murray (Heirs) are transferring all rights and interests in this burial plot to the Town of Barton; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilman Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilman Jeff Coleman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, July 8, 2024, the Barton Town Board does accept the donation of cemetery plot numbers 87 & 95 from Mr. & Mrs. Murray (Heirs) to the Town of Barton.

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 6:59 PM made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arrah Richards-McCarty
Town of Barton Town Clerk