

January 14, 2014

The regular and monthly meeting and annual organizational meeting of the Tyrone Town Board was held on the above date at the Town Meeting Room and was called to order by Supervisor Kosty at 7:00 pm.

Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

A copy of the December 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes and the January 10, 2014 special meeting minutes were furnished to Board Members.

Motion by Petris, second by Grimmke to accept both minutes. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kosty read aloud the balances to the Town's bank accounts and furnished all in attendance with a list of which accounts from 2013 that were debited/credited to close out the year, which was approved by unanimous Resolution #1-14 at the January 10, 2014 special meeting.

After review of Financial Reports by Board Members:

Motion by Allen, second by Bason to accept reports of checking account for the General Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Petris, second by Grimmke to accept reports of checking account for the Highway Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Allen, second by Grimmke to accept reports of the Trust Account. Carried unanimously.

After review of the Abstracts by Board Members:

Motion by Petris, second by Grimmke to approve payment of bills on the General Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Grimmke, second by Allen to approve payment of bill on the Highway Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Kristin VanHorn from Schuyler County Planning Commission

Kristin spoke with us about the status of the County's Comprehensive Plan and explained that they will be meeting with local Planning Board rep's on 1/24/14 and they will be furnished with a copy of the County's Plan to use as a roadmap to design our individual Comprehensive Plans. This will also be available on the County's website.

She welcomed anyone to contact her, at any time, if they have questions for her.

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Supervisor Kosty read aloud the appointments for 2014.

Town Attorney: Robert Halpin
Registrar of Vital Statistics: Deborah Tyler
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics: Jean W. Kosty
Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector: Diane Cleary
Budget Officer: Jean W. Kosty
Town Historian: Paul Reiser
Recycling Supervisor: Walter Howell
Deputy Supervisor: Cartha Conklin
Code of Ethics Board: Pam Grimmke, Connie West and Kevin Morris
Dog Control Officer: Schuyler County Sheriff's Department
Health Officer: Dr. James Winkler
Environmental Management: Carmine Nicastro
Planning Board: Jack Wilbert, Joe Sevier, Mia Clemons, John Petris and Richard Little.
Motion by Allen, second by Bason to add Helen Dunlap and Rory Miller to the Planning Board. Carried unanimously.
Office for the Aging: Pam Grimmke
Summer Youth Program: Dundee Youth Center
Tax Assessor: Dan Bizzell (appointed at Jan. 10, 2014 meeting)
Code Enforcement Officer: Harold Russell (appointed at Jan. 10, 2014 meeting)
Depositories:
Supervisor: Community Bank, N.A.
Town Justice: Five Star Bank
Town Clerk: Five Star Bank
Official Newspaper: Dundee Observer (appointed at Jan. 10, 2014 meeting)
Mileage Rate: \$0.50 per mile
Fee for returned checks: \$25.00
Authorize Tax Collector to deposit in an interest-bearing account
Salaries for all elected and appointed officials: as contained in the 2014 budget
Insurance Company for the Town Employees, Buildings and Grounds: Sprague Insurance.
Highway Superintendent can spend under \$10,000 without Board approval.
Anything over \$10,000 must be done by bid process and Board approval.
Town Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.
Deputy Highway Superintendent: Matthew Stiles
Board of Assessment and Review: Jean Hubsch, Rory Miller and Judith Wilbert.

Motion by Allen, second by Grimmke to approve the appointments. Roll call vote
Pam Grimmke, Geri Petris, Chris Bason, Tom Allen and Jean Kosty.

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Old Business:

(1) We discussed action on the Solar Energy Feasibility Study that was addressed

to us by Larson Engineering at the Dec. 2013 meeting. Jack Wilbert furnished the Board with a proposal for the study and is going to follow-up further as to costs and talk with other municipalities that use their services.

Motion by Allen, second by Bason to table this subject until the February 2014 meeting. Carried unanimously.

(2) The Planning Board was also requesting a resolution from the Board regarding Dog Control/Kenneling Laws. It was brought to Jack Wilbert's attention that the proposed draft was missing a page and there were some questions as to the clarity of some of the proposals as to the do's and don'ts of kenneling.

Motion by Allen, second by Bason to table this resolution until the February 2014 meeting so that Jack can provide them with the missing information and clarify some of the questions. Carried unanimously.

(3) Lakes Association: Cartha Conklin explained that there is not much going on this time of year except collection of dues and donations.

(4) Assessor: Not present.

New Business:

(1) Councilperson Bason presented the Board with a resolution to form an Agricultural Advisory Council due to our large farming community and to promote tourism.

Motion by Bason, second by Allen for Chris Bason to further investigate how to form the Advisory Council. Roll call vote Pam Grimmke, Geri Petris, Chris Bason, Tom Allen and Jean Kosty.

(2) Councilperson Bason also presented the Board with a proposed resolution for the Town to approve an Independent Outside Audit as one has not been done for several years.

It was explained to him that Carol Golden, who had done several years of the Town's year-end AUD's, had attended and spoke with us during the November 2013 meeting to explain how independent audits work and their costs.

Supervisor Kosty stated that there is no money in the 2014 budget for this cost.

She also reminded everyone that past requests to the State Comptroller's Office for a free audit have been denied due to lack of man power.

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(2-Cont'd) Supervisor Kosty is going to provide Chris Bason with Carol Golden's contact information so that he may contact her with any questions he may have.

Motion by Allen, second by Grimmke to deny this resolution based on the cost to the Town for an Independent Outside Audit. Roll call vote Pam Grimmke, Geri Petris, Chris

Bason, Tom Allen and Jean Kosty.

(3) Councilperson Grimmke gave us an update on the Wayne Baptist Cemetery and stated that she is still working the NYS Division of Cemeteries to establish ownership of the Cemetery.

(4) As a result of a Highway Audit performed by the NYS-DOT, the Town has added 1.27 miles of road to our inventory.

#4-14 Resolution by Allen, second by Bason to approve the added 1.27 miles of roadway. Roll call vote Pam Grimmke, Geri Petris, Chris Bason, Tom Allen and Jean Kosty.

(5) Supervisor Kosty received a request for a resolution to approve the location of an expanded casino at Tioga Downs.

Motion by Allen, second by Bason to table this until the February meeting for further information. Carried unanimously.

(6) Supervisor Kosty requested Board approval for her to receive some additional software training from Williamson Law Book. There is a cost to the Town but she does not think she will need too much of their time. She is also going to talk with other Supervisor's who use the program to see if they can assist her to minimize the cost.

Motion by Grimmke, second by Allen to approve the training needed. Carried unanimously.

(7) Town Hall: Supervisor Kosty discussed the need to have a cleaning person regularly to clean the Meeting Room and bathrooms. She has one interested candidate to-date and she asked if we should advertise this for other candidates. It was decided that we would promote this through word-of-mouth and then interviews can be conducted, if needed.

The Town Clerk offered to maintain the cleaning at the Town Hall, at no cost.

(8) Town Clerk: Deborah Tyler read aloud her monthly report. She also reported that she will have office hours of 10:00-2:00 on Friday, January 31st to accommodate taxpayers.

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(9) Code Enforcement: Not present.

(10) Justice Clerk: Bobbi Sparling furnished the Board with a copy of the 2013 Court report but does not yet have the totals of what the Town kept in fines and fees for the year.

She and Justice Kennedy have requested of the Board to conduct their own audit of the Court's financial records.

She has heard nothing new on the prospective grant they applied for.

(11) Fire Department: Bill Kennedy furnished the Board with a copy of their monthly report. Training is still ongoing.

(12) County Legislature: Not present.

(13) Highway Superintendent: Paul Ernhout thanked the Town for the new pick-up that they recently purchased.

He also shared a map of the Town's waterways and discussed the 400 cross-over pipes in the Town.

Several people complimented the Highway Department for their snow removal work this season.

(14) Planning Board: Jack Wilbert stated that he felt that we had already discussed matters of interest, solar energy and dog kenneling, earlier in the meeting.

(15) Environmental Management: Carmine Nicastro not present and Bob DeYager explained his reasons for no longer wanting to be the back-up person for this position.

Other Business:

(1) Councilperson Grimmke provided pamphlets from the Office for the Aging and reminded everyone of the many services provided by them.

She also assured us that year-end concerns about the congregate meals and Meals-On-Wheels programs no possibly ending, due to lack of funds, has been resolved and will continue this year.

Motion by Allen, second by Grimmke to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Deborah L. Tyler
Town Clerk**