

Town of Aurelius
October 13, 2016 Minutes
Approved 11-10-2016

Board members present: Supervisor Edward J Ide Jr., Deputy Supervisor Stephanie Church, Councilors Stan Hoskins, Alex Patterson and Sharon Hayden.

Staff present: Highway Superintendent Kent Walter, Planning Board Chairman Jerry Scouten, Clerk Debbie Pinckney, Judge Chad Hayden

1. Supervisor Ide opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:00pm.

Public Forum – Richard Staehr appointment as Historian. Mr. Staehr expressed interest in the position and asked what would be expected of him. Discussion that whatever he does for Springport would work for the Town of Aurelius. He showed an example of what he does for Springport. Note - Clerk will respond to genealogy requests. **Resolution #106-2016 - Motion by Councilor Hayden to appoint Ricard Staehr as Town Historian. Second by Councilor Hoskins. 5/0 approved.** The Board presented Mr. Staehr with a certificate and thanked him for attending the meeting.

2. Minutes of August 11, 2016 and September 8, 2016 Resolution **#107-2016 Motion by Deputy Supervisor Church to table August 2016 minutes. Second by Councilor Hayden. 5/0 approved.**

Resolution #108-2016, Motion by Deputy Supervisor Church to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016 with corrections. Second by Councilor Patterson. 5/0 approved.

3. Correspondence

- FYI - Letter from Randal Logue with regard to his enhanced STAR being removed. Assessor Wright issue.
- NYS Homes and Community Renewal – monitoring visit – Oct 27, 2016 at County Planning 10:00am. Requests the Supervisor be available by phone if necessary.
- Cayuga Lake Watershed - Invitation for an information meeting on the hydrilla found near Aurora – Oct 26, 2016 at Wells College, Stratton Hall room 209 from 6:30pm -8:30pm.
- County Health Dept Memo – No Toxins in Auburn and Owasco Treated Water
- Household Hazard Waste Collection – Oct 22, 2016 at Cooperative Extension
- LoMascolo ZBA decision approved. See attached.
- US Census Bureau Survey – completed
- US Census Bureau Tax Survey – completed
- Board of Elections – Nov 8th polls open 6am – 9pm here at the Town Meeting Room

4. Committee Reports

- a. Assessor – Linda Wright –has been working with the State on a uniform process for assessing Mobile Home Parks.

Continued Public Forum – Mr. Paul Meyer spoke up and requested permission to speak to the Board to explain a few ideas about the Finger Lakes Drive In and the Natives.

His intention is to continue with the Finger Lakes Drive-In even though he does incur a loss. It is his passion and he enjoys the business. His offered to share his 2014 and 2015 tax return showing a \$20,000 loss.

He also noted that this year his assessment increased 100%, after grieving the assessment he was later informed that there is an issue with some of the land deemed “wetlands” which turned into having a problem with the DEC. He reiterated he cares about the future of the Drive In and wants to keep it going but he needed to make some decisions with regard to the land in question by the DEC and he is not interested in owning the wetlands, so he reached out and offered the land to Fingerlakes Land Trust and they were not interested, he offered it to the DEC and they were not interested, so he made the decision to gift the land to the Natives.

He explained that he has already been in court with regard to the Nation selling cigarettes. He also explained that he is not looking to sell the Drive In and noted he has had numerous purchase offers but feels there can be an amicable resolution to the issues between the Nation and the Town in this situation. He wanted to pass along his ideas about the Town working with the Nation with regard to possibly paying taxes. He believes the Nation should pay taxes for services. His decision to give the land in dispute with DEC happened because the adjoining property owner had posted on land that was in fact not his and it was that property owner, Mr. Pollard that contacted the DEC which lead to the charges of disturbing wetlands as I had cut down some trees. He has no intention of selling cigarettes during movies.

Back and forth discussion among the public – Planning Board Chairman Jerry Scouten and resident Chad Hayden about who legally represents the Cayuga Nation according to the BIA. More dialogue between the three with no definitive outcome.

In conclusion - Mr. Meyer explained that he would really like to have the Town, the Nation, DEC and the Drive-In sit down at the table and work together to find a solution to the issues. And it is his intent is to run the Drive in next year.

- b. Zoning & Code Enforcement – Tom Passarello - see attached report
- c. Aurelius/Cayuga Recreation – Debbie Pinckney - Rec Program is up and running, Village Board will be meeting October 19, 2016 and the Mayor will have bids for the new door.
- d. Highway Department – Kent Walter
 - 10 Wheeler quote to paint the frame – BT&T out of Cato will do it for \$4000.00.
 - Mowing with the new mower – staff and Kent are pleased with its performance
 - Sevier Rd – double chipped it and now wants to shock rock the ditch (big rocks that deter the run off) Councilor Hoskins asked about the guarantee. Kent explained that Midland just charged us for the oil not the paver and labor.
 - Sealed the parking lot here at the Town.
 - Generator at Water Tower was serviced by Kingsley.
 - Installed 3 new meters in the Village, have 26 more to do
 - Sunday morning water break on Mullen Drive. Staff was on scene for 6 hours but the water was not completely off. Had to find an O-ring gasket which Villano’s

out of Auburn had on hand. Supervisor Ide suggested having a few of those o-rings here at the Town for backup, Kent has already ordered some.

e. Planning Board – Jerry Scouten

- CIDEK 1466 Clark St Rd did resolve the purchase price issues with Nancy Webster of 1440 Clark St Rd; they have revised the drawings and will be coming back to the Planning board for approval.
- Cayuga Veterinary Services, 1532 Clark St Rd has indicated they will be expanding in the near future. Waiting for drawings.
- Marinara Green House – is still working on buying the Waite land between BOCES and the IDA property.
- Finger Lakes Crossing was sold recently. The Cameron Group is no longer the facilities manager. Clerk explained not the Aspen Dental property.
- Councilor Hoskins mentioned that the GE property at 2181 W Genesee St Rd is looking a bit shoddy. Jerry also thinks the old gas station at 2200 W Genesee St Rd is looking rough. Discussion about contamination, does the County have data? Jerry would like to have accurate information about which lands are “clean” of contaminants in our Town. He will reach out to Code Officer Passarello about the condition of the properties and what recourse the town has.

f. Town Clerk – Debbie Pinckney

- Monthly Report
- Water/Sewer Adjustments- September 1, 2016 – October 12, 2016
Resolution #109-2016. Motion by Councilor Hayden to approve the adjustments as presented. Second by Councilor Patterson. 5/0 approved.
- RD LEP (limited English proficiency) Implementation for Federally Assisted Programs – waiting for another webinar to be compliant
- River Road – started working on a Town lease agreement form with Attorney Thurston.

g. Town Historian – Letter of interest from Richard Staehr – handled out of agenda order

h. IO – no report but it should be noted that the hydrilla siting in Aurora is a bit worrisome with regard to the health of Cayuga Lake.

Justice Chad Hayden requested the Board consider moving to new business in the interest of time as he must have the paperwork faxed to the state this evening. –out of agenda order.

Request the Board approve the Court apply for a grant for a court security system.

Resolution #110-2016 Motion by Deputy Supervisor Church to approve the court request a grant for a security system. Second by Councilor Hoskins. 5/0 approved.

5. Old Business

a. Town of Aurelius - City of Auburn IMA – Water District 3 - no update - Supervisor Ide stated the Town does need to work with the City for the guarantee for Joint Water service. The new facilities manager Seth Jensen has been responsive thus far.

b. Beech Tree Road Water District 4 – Highlander has completed the installation and testing of the extended water line on beech tree Rd. They bored under the road and hooked up to the

existing laterals. Note, the one change was the installation of a meter pit at the end of the line near 6764 Beech Tree Rd.

c. State Police Barracks update - Supervisor Ide has been corresponding with Albany to correct the concerns raised by the sergeant at 1551 Clark St Rd. Albany had asked about the Town repairing what in reality had been something installed by the State Police. Mason and Grant has installed the 3 heating units and removed the old air conditioning system. The setup is easy to get too and clearly marked. Thurston Construction is in the process of installing the sump pump. Kent did get the drain pipe cleaned out with the help of the Union Springs DPW. There was a restriction that was cleared. Next move is to have the Town DPW remove the sidewalks and have a contractor re-pour them. Discussion if it's something that could be completed this year. Kent thinks he can get it done. Need to get a request for quotes to be done approved for advertising at the November meeting. (Clerk will send a copy of the village sidewalk specs as a template.) Kent will look to see if concrete is on County bid.

d. River Road – water and sewer hookup update. Hooked up three more and been informed that at least 2 people may walk away from the property. There are approximately 8 left to install.

e. River Road – transfer of land – Waiting on Attorney Thurston and Canals.

f. Finger Lakes Drive In – litigation – Attorney Thurston is looking at options after Judge Fandrich's decision. Which Dave Thurston felt was really not clear.

6. New Business

a. Court Grant request – need Supervisor signature board resolution – handled out of agenda order

b. Resolution for joining the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. Councilor Hayden volunteered to attend the Consortium Board Meetings on behalf of the Town. Discussion to ensure the Network under the Consortium is the same as our staff has now. Email from Don Barber – Executive Director of the Tompkins Health Insurance Consortium explained the Consortium uses Excellus for medical claims processing. ProAct has an extensive pharmacy network in Central, NY. Deputy Supervisor reviewed the paperwork emailed to her and Ed and stated the consortium's fund balance appears to be healthy. **Resolution #111-2016 Motion by Councilor Hayden to join the Tompkins Health Consortium for 2017. Second by Councilor Patterson. 5/0 approved. Councilor Hayden will represent the Town with the Consortium and Councilor Patterson will be the alternate.**

c. Local law for Unsafe Buildings. Clerk explained she failed to advertise and needs another resolution to call for a public hearing on November 10, 2016. **Resolution #112-2016 Motion by Deputy Supervisor Church to hold a public hearing for the Local Law #3 for Unsafe Buildings. Second by Councilor Hoskins. 5/0 approved.**

d. Discussion about increase in water rates for District 1 & 2 - tabled

e. Grinder Pump compliance – Attorney Thurston – Clerk will check with Kent Walter to verify who is hooked up and what steps need to be taken to ensure everyone that can be served in Sewer District 3 is in compliance.

7. Executive Session – none

8. Supervisor Report – none

9. Transfers - none

10. Pay Bills – Abstract #10-2016 / Abstract #147-2016 plus Joint Committee Vouchers.

Resolution #113-2016 Motion by Deputy Supervisor Church to pay the bills as presented. Second by Councilor Hayden. 5/0 approved.

CODE	FUND	PREPAIDS	UNPAIDS	TOTALS	
A	GENERAL FUND	\$10,940.44	\$13,845.55	\$24,785.99	
B	GEN PART TOWN	\$743.72	\$4,601.97	\$5,345.69	
DB	HIGHWAY PART TOWN		\$177,913.06	\$177,913.06	
SL1	LIGHTING DISTRICT 1	\$260.34		\$260.34	
SL2	LIGHTING DISTRICT 2	\$68.52		\$68.52	
SW1	WATER DISTRICT 1	\$18,444.47	\$293.00	\$18,737.47	
SW2	WATER DISTRICT 2	\$35,402.03	\$641.84	\$36,043.87	
SW3	WATER DISTRICT 3	\$109.36	\$10,132.37	\$10,241.73	
SS1	SEWER DISTRICT 1	\$1,521.86		\$1,521.86	
SS2	SEWER DISTRICT 2	\$7,332.33	\$7,210.00	\$14,542.33	
SS3	SEWER DISTRICT 3	\$61.15	\$1,018.95	\$1,080.10	
TA	TRUST & AGENCY	\$6,185.72		\$6,185.72	
HK	CAPITAL WATER		\$1,030.32	\$1,030.32	
HI	CAPITAL SEWER		\$2,941.28	\$2,941.28	
TOTALS		\$81,069.94	\$215,656.74	\$296,726.68	

11. Adjourn – **Resolution #114-2016 Motion to adjourn at 10:15pm. by Deputy Supervisor Church, Second by Councilor Hayden. 5/0 approved.**

Next meeting is a budget work session on Monday October 17, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Next regular meeting is November 10, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Deborah Pinckney