

Town of Harmony  
Date: January 8, 2020  
Time: 7:30 pm Regular meeting

Place: Town Building  
1001 Blockville - Watts Flats Rd  
Ashville, NY 14710

Members Present:	John Brown	Supervisor
	Peter Radka	Councilman
	David Hinderer	Councilman
	Jeff Jordan	Councilman
	Tim Covey	Councilman
	Tim Card	Highway Superintendent
	Shelly Johnson	Town Clerk

Absent:

Visitors: Carrie Finnerty Tax Collector

Supervisor Brown opened the regular meeting of the Town of Harmony at 7:30 pm at the above time and place. Supervisor Brown welcomed the visitors.

#### **Swearing in of new members**

Councilman Pete Radka preformed the swearing in ceremony for Supervisor Brown, Highway Superintendent Card, Town Clerk Johnson, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Covey, and Tax Collector Carrie Finnerty.

#### **Approval of minutes**

*Resolution 1-20*

On a motion by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Covey the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 ayes Radka, Covey, Jordan, Hinderer, and Brown

0 nays

Resolved that the minutes of December 11, 2019 be approved.

#### **CEO's Report:**

- 1 Permits issued.
- The CEO's office will be moving from it's current location to 8 West Main st. The former Weise Hardware building will now house the Village of Panama Offices. The CEO will continue to have Town of Harmony hours on Wednesday's from 8:30 am – Noon.

#### **ZBA Board Update:**

- Supervisor Brown reported that the meetings should be beginning in January. They will begin reviewing the zoning and making recommendations on updates.

#### **Animal Control Officers Report:**

- No activity

### **Court Report**

Supervisor Brown reported Judge Gerace's term is finished and Mark Stow is the newly elected Judge. Judge Stow has set up his bank account and will start court this month. The Chautauqua County Sheriff's department now has the contract for security at the court when in session.

### **Assessor's Report**

- No report

### **Highway Superintendents Report:**

- The new building is completed and working well for the highway department.
- The Engine repair has been completed for approximately \$19,000. This will be coming from last year's budget.
- Superintendent Card brought up security cameras for the new building. He is requesting that we get a security system possibly one that links to the court cameras.
- People are dropping garbage at the transfer station after hours. Superintendent Card would like to have a sign and possible a gate to discourage after hours dumping. The board held a brief discussion concerning signage and a possible fine for afterhours use. The board agreed to go ahead with signage.
- The new bulletin board for Town news was installed.

### **Town Clerk Report**

- The financial report of the clerk's office was presented

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- The annual court audit is due. Councilman Hinderer and Councilman Jordan will meet with Court Clerk Lori Holder and do an audit.

### **Old Business:**

- USDA grant money may be available for the Town. Supervisor Brown asked for a motion to apply for the grant.

#### *Resolution 2-20*

On a motion by Councilman Hinderer and Seconded by Councilman Jordan the board grants permission to Supervisor Brown to apply for a USDA grant for the purchase of a new 10 wheeler truck for the Town of Harmony in the amount of approximately \$225,000. All aye so moved.

- At this time Supervisor Brown will be focusing on this grant and not pursuing those discussed last month.
- Supervisor Brown asked Councilman Radka if he had talked to his contact at South and Center water district concerning running water to Hoag rd. Councilman Radka has not. He cited concerns on pipe size

### **New Business:**

- 2020 Resolutions. See attached.
- A bond increase for the Judge, the court clerk, and the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk will result in a \$1,000 increase in the insurance premium.

*Resolution 3-20* On a motion by Councilman Covey and seconded by Councilman Hinderer the \$1,000 increase for increased bond coverage is approved. All aye. So moved.

- Supervisor Brown asked the boards permission to pursue an acquisition of the former Castelli Cheese property. He would only if the new company would be willing to gift the property to the Town of Harmony. It could then be an industrial park to be developed by the Town. The Board agreed that looking into it is fine but they have question about upkeep and maintenance of the current building. Councilman Radka is not in favor of taking the property at this time. Supervisor Brown stressed that this would only be if the property is given to the Town.
- Supervisor Brown asked the Board to consider an increase for the town cleaning person from \$20 a cleaning to \$30 a cleaning.

*Resolution 4-20* On a motion by Councilman Jordan and Seconded by Councilman Hinderer the cleaning of the Town meeting room and bathroom be increased to \$30 per cleaning. All aye. So moved.

- Supervisor Brown would like to institute a citizen of the year for the Town of Harmony. The board held a brief discussion about what criteria would be used. A committee will have to be formed. One suggestion is to have the nominations be done through the Town website.
- Supervisor Brown will be gone for the February and March meetings. Deputy Supervisor Jordan will be running the meetings and daily business while Supervisor Brown is gone.

**Town Clerk presents bills for payment:**

*Resolution 5-20*

On a Motion of Councilman Jordan and Seconded by Councilman Hinderer the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 ayes Radka, Covey, Jordan, Hinderer, and Brown  
0 nays

Resolved that the bill be paid on Abstract #1 in the following amounts

General \$44,530.16	Voucher #'s 1-24
Highway \$32,422.50	Voucher #'s 1-13

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Hinderer the meeting was adjourned. Carried Unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Shelly Johnson, Town Clerk**

**Please Note: The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2019 @ 7:30 PM.**