

Town of Harmony
Date: July 13, 2022
Time: 7:30 pm
Place: Town Building
1001 Blockville - Watts Flats Rd
Ashville, NY 14710

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

Absent:
Visitors: Button Valley Neighborhood Watch
Sheriff Quattrone

The Regular meeting of the Town of Harmony was opened at 7:30 pm at the above time and place by Supervisor Brown.

Approval of minutes

Resolution 7 -22

- On a motion by Councilman Hinderer and seconded by Councilman Jordan the minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting be approved with one correction. All Aye.

CEO's Report:

- No report

ZBA Board Update:

- No meeting this month

Animal Control Officers Report:

- No report

Court Report

- Only one case reported for June

Public Comments:

- Mr. Eric Putnam of Button Valley Road representing the Button Valley Neighborhood watch spoke about the current situation concerning Randy Lawergren a neighbor. Mr. Putnam and the residents of Button Valley Road are frustrated with one resident who is constantly in the road and disorderly. The person is continually intoxicated and harassing the neighborhood. Sheriff Quattrone addressed the group and the board outlining what has been done and

Public Comment continued:

what they are trying to do with this individual. The Sheriff urged everyone to call 911 when Mr. Lawergren is acting out. The Sheriff is working with the County Mental Health unit about finding help for Mr. Lawergren. With new jail reform laws, it is very difficult to hold anyone. The residents expressed their frustration with the on-going situation. Supervisor Brown and the Board understand and sympathize with the situation. Supervisor Brown indicated that a permanent solution needs to be found not just something temporary. Sheriff Quatronne will contact the County Attorney and discuss possible zoning laws that could come in to play. Mr. Lawergren's brother and sister have also been contacted as a possible source of help.

Assessor's Report

- The Town's final assessment role was complete on July 1.
- Kendra Newman, the Assessor Clerk for the Town of Ellicott, is now a full-time employee and is replacing our former part time Assessor clerk. She will be in the Town of Busti on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and in the Town of Ellicott the rest of the week.
- This year's state equalization rate is 87.60

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Superintendent Card reported paving projects on Button Valley (1.2 miles) and Goshen Rd (.5 mile), Goshen Rd. (.3 mile), School st (.3 mile). All the road shoulder work will be completed this week. Button Valley will be lined soon.
- The heat cables for the gutters on the highway building have been installed.
- The new Superintendent's pick up is in service.
- The Board asked about the fuel budget and Superintendent Card indicated it is ½ gone for this year.
- Town Clerk Johnson asked if there was any news about the playground equipment from the school and Superintendent Card said no.

Town Clerk Report:

- No report

Supervisor's Report:

- There is no new news on Vittoria Cheese
- Court merger with North Harmony is still under discussion

Old Business:

- Court Merger – Supervisor Brown reported that the North Harmony attorney will be handling the merger of the courts. Harmony will be paying the attorney cost. There will need to be a public hearing, and then a vote. From there it will go to the State for approval. Harmony will be paying a contract for the cases and a small percentage of the overhead. Councilman Hinderer asked if it could every go back to our own court. This will be a permanent merger.

New Business:

Supervisor Brown presented the board with the following Resolution
On a motion by Councilman Jeff Jordan and Seconded by Pete Radka.

Resolution 8-22

In the event that a full – time elected official retires with at least 30 years combined full time employment and elected served the Town of Harmony, the Town will offer a 13 – week extension of employment to that person at their ending rate of pay to assist the newly appointed/elected official for that position through the transition period. This temporary position will carry the title of Clerk. The number of hours worked will be regulated/monitored by the Town Supervisor.

If the elected official has health insurance through the Town at the time of the retirement, that will also extend for the 13-week period with associated established co-pay.

All aye. So moved.

Town Clerk presents bills for payment:

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

ADOPTED 4 ayes 0 nays

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

Highway \$189,993.49	Voucher #'s 79-94
General \$13,973.00	Voucher #'s 88-104

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Jordan seconded by Councilman Covey. the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Shelly Johnson, Town Clerk

Please Note the Next meeting will be 7:30 pm on Wednesday August 10, 2022