

Town of Harmony  
Date: June 20, 2020  
Time: 7:30 pm Regular meeting

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

Members Present:

Peter Radka	Councilman
David Hinderer	Councilman
Jeff Jordan	Councilman
Shelly Johnson	Town Clerk

Absent: Tim Card Highway Superintendent, Tim Covey Councilman

Visitors:

**Approval of minutes**

Resolution 7-20

On a motion by Councilman Radka and seconded by Councilman Jordan the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting be approved as read. All Aye. So moved.

**CEO's Report:**

- 4 permits issued. The appointments with the CEO have been by appointment only. Melanie Eddy the CEO was on hand to answer questions. She reported to the board that she has a lengthy list of property violations that need to be addressed. Currently with no courts in session that is all put on hold.
- Mrs. Eddy also stated that she understood we would be looking at our zoning laws concerning solar farms. She has a contact in Ripley that may be helpful. Supervisor Brown said he would get the information from her.

**ZBA Board Update:**

- The ZBA board is in place and will be conducting a variance meeting this month. At this time Supervisor Brown will asking the board to start looking into our current solar and wind zoning. Amy Ecker has been hired as the zoning secretary. Committee members are Dave Seth, Mike Sperry, Tom Froman, David Munsee and Darcy Lyon.

**Animal Control Officers Report:**

- One stray dog was picked up and taken to the Humane Society.

**Court Report**

- Reports for March and April were received by Supervisor Brown.
- Judge Stow informed Supervisor Brown that the courts will be opening in June for Small Claims and dangerous dog cases.

- The Court Clerk is currently working on records disposal.

#### **Assessor's Report**

- The BAR only saw on grievance for property taxes. This property was denied a lower assessed value.

#### **Highway Superintendents Report:**

- Supervisor Brown indicated he had spoken with Superintendent Card and all operations at the highway department are going well.
- Superintendent Card was able to secure the gravel from the landing areas built by national grid on swede rd. This gravel is being used for gravel road maintenance.

#### **Town Clerk Report:**

- The financial report of the clerk's office was presented
- The Town Clerk asked about putting the porta john in at the playground for the summer. Until parks are allowed to open the board does not feel it's necessary.
- A mortgage tax deposit from Chautauqua county was received in the amount of \$3980.65

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

- Supervisor Brown reported that he is working with the Court Clerk on the records retention schedule.
- As reported, Supervisor Brown will be working with the ZBA members to get them started on the zoning for the wind and solar farms. The 5-year comprehensive plan needs updating also.

#### **Old Business:**

- Sales tax revenue is now 33% from last year.
- A date for clean up dates needs to be set. The Town Clerk will contact the highway superintendent about dumpsters.

#### **New Business:**

- A price for pouring a concrete apron around the new building was received at 8,000.

#### **RESOLUTION 8-20**

On a motion by Councilman Jordan and seconded by Councilman Hinderer a public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2020 On July 8, 2020 at 7 pm. Local Law 1 of 2020 entitled "Establishing a moratorium on the construction and installation and/or permitting of wind turbines/wind farms and solar farms in the Town of Harmony, County of Chautauqua and State of New York."

All aye. So moved.

#### **Town Clerk presents bills for payment:**

Resolution 9-20

On a Motion of Councilman Hinderer and Seconded Jordan the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 ayes

0 nays

Resolved that the bill be paid on Abstract # 6 in the following amounts

General \$7586.42      Voucher #'s 92-114

Highway \$5208.65      Voucher #'s 78-89

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Radka, seconded by Councilman Jordan. the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. Carried Unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Shelly Johnson, Town Clerk**

**Please Note: The next meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. Public hearing at 7 pm and normal meeting at 7:30 pm.**