

TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 14, 2024

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Supervisor Tony Bush, Councilman Alan Hanson, Councilman Mark Martino Sr., and Councilman Richard Waldron.

Also present: Jason Burns, Director of Code Enforcement and Community Planning and Development; Michael Lewis, Highway Superintendent; Krista Lewis, Parks Manager; Cynthia Tulowiecki, Part-Time Town Clerk; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

Not present: Councilman John Hill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSIONS

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comment.

1.) Natalie Noonan, the Central Square Little League Board President, expressed her concerns over the conditions of the Barker Road softball fields and her irritation over the fact that the bathroom facilities were not open at the start of their season on April 1st. Supervisor Bush first addressed the bathroom issue and asked Highway Superintendent Lewis about his knowledge of the situation. Lewis explained the bathroom facilities are not capable of being opened so soon in the year because they are not heated and get winterized, so the pipes do not freeze and therefore we need to wait until the chance of freezing temperatures pass before we open them. Second, Supervisor Bush asked if there were any specific safety concerns with the conditions of the field, such as tripping hazards or issues with the bases, responses from Noonan and Lewis indicate that any issues have been addressed as of this meeting. Noonan questioned whether the town has plans for improving the fields and the facilities, what would these plans be, and what would the timeline for their implementation look like. Bush led on this question with explanation of the Town's plans to remove trees from the area to expand the parking lot, for more immediate changes they can bring over benches if they are not over there and clean up the fields the best they can. However, there are no plans for major changes or improvements for the fields or the bathrooms at this time, mostly due to the cost of such improvements and lack of funds available. Noonan further explained that the church where the majority of the games are played is telling them that they can no longer use their fields and she is concerned about where the teams will go. Both Councilman Hanson and Waldron asked about if the use of the school's fields has been looked into, and was answered with yes, but they are not available. Supervisor Bush summarized the issue with the consensus that the

Town will continue to do the best it can to make improvements to the fields when funds are available to do so, but with the focus that safety issues will be addressed first.

2.) Tonya Harris with the Pop Warner football teams started off with the good news that their enrollment in the program went from 70 to 150 individuals for the flag football program and they have their first ever all girls flag football team. Harris further expressed her concerns over the playing fields conditions. Supervisor Bush and Highway Superintendent Lewis expressed that they would do what they can to fix the immediate safety concerns, but from there the fields are what they are, and with as often as the fields are used there is not a lot of time to make the repairs and have the repairs last for more than the season. Harris's next matter was for the Indian head on the sign at the corner of Wilson Road and US Rt. 11 which announces the turn for the Pop Warner fields and Van Lieu Park. Bush and Waldron both agreed that the sign is not ours and they are free to change it as they see fit. The overall conclusion for this discussion was to keep the line of communication open and to feel free to email a list of concerns about the fields to the Town.

3.) Mary LaFlair asked about the process the town uses to create new jobs, post available jobs, and how salaries are handled. Supervisor Bush took one question at a time. The only new job created recently was for the park and recreations position held by Krista Lewis and the board budgeted for that position within last year's budget. The job was created out of necessity as the local parks become more used and busier, it was a job taking away too much of Mike Lewis's attention. The Town Clerk job was posted on our website and Facebook and received 13 applications. LaFlair asked about residence requirements and Bush answered that only the Town Clerk must be a resident of the town, those are elected positions, but appointed positions do not have to have town residency, but appointed positions are also open every year. Salaries are factored into each year's town budget.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.) Supervisor Bush introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the minutes from the April 9th, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-64 adopted.**

2.) Supervisor Bush introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the minutes from the April 22nd, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-65 adopted.**

3.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for payment the claims on the attached abstract #5 in the amount indicated thereon.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-66 adopted.**

4.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town Board Town of Hastings does hereby approve the 2024 junkyard license renewal for JY24-01 Copart and JY24-05 DT Auto 2.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-67 adopted.**

5.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the appointment of Cynthia Tulowiecki as a part-time temporary clerk position at \$25 per hour to train and assist the new Town Clerk on an as needed basis.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-68 adopted.**

6.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the order calling for and noticing public hearing for the proposal of the South Central Sewer District.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-69 adopted.**

7.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the contract with Advanced Business Solutions for their Taskalfa 3554ci printer for a 60-month lease in the amount of \$279.49 per month.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-70 adopted.**

8.) Councilman Hanson introduced the following and its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves FOX LOGGING for the lot clearing located off Barker Road, Hastings NY. Per the procurement policy, three quotes were obtained, and Fox Logging was the lowest bidder.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-71 adopted.**

9.) Councilman Hanson introduced the following and its adoption:

WHEREAS the Town Board designated Valley News/Oswego County News and Advance Media Group/Post Standard.

WHEREAS Valley News/Oswego County News has limited available posting dates only on weekends.

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves Palladium Times as an alternate newspaper for notices and publications for the Town of Hastings.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-72 adopted.**

10.) Councilman Hanson introduced the following and its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the allocating of funds for the Town of Hastings Route 11 North/Fuller Road Water District Phase E Contract No. 3- Water Storage Tank general construction to pay invoice for Northeast Site and Tower, Inc.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-73 adopted.**

11.) Councilman Hanson introduced the following and its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves amendment No. 1 – Phase 1 of the Town Hall Renovation Design, contract documents, bidding assistance and construction administration with c2ae.

Councilman Waldron seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye. Councilman Hill, not present. Motion carried. **Resolution 24-74 adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Supervisor Bush motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hanson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk