

Town of DeKalb Board Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Town Board, of the Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, held on the 20th day of April 2022, at the Town Hall in DeKalb Junction NY, there were present:

John Frary	Supervisor	Michael Livingston	Town Board Member
Ed Newcombe	Town Board Member	Connie Elen	Town Board Member
Andrew Fenton	Town Board Member	Barbara Creazzo	Town Clerk/Collector
Wayne Holland	Highway Superintendent	Suzanne Arquette	Assessor
Bill Chambers	Building & Codes	Charles B Nash	Town Attorney

Members of the community present: Peggy L Mousaw, AUPA, and Larry D Denesha, St. Lawrence County Legislator.

Members of the community attending via ZOOM: There were no request for ZOOM participation.

This meeting was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

Supervisor Frary opened the meeting at 7:04 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Frary, followed by a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.

Michael Livingston moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Town Board, held on March 16,2022, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be and hereby approved. Seconded by Constance Elen and adopted unanimously.

Actions

1. Post Sexual Harassment Prevent Notice. **Completed 03/18/22.**
2. Publish notification of the April 6, 2022, meeting regarding the sewer plant upgrades. **Completed 03/21/2022.**
3. Supervisor Frary to obtain more information and possibly sign the town up as a vendor with the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for water and sewer payments.
4. Resubmit Local Law # 2 of the Year 2022 Marijuana Law to Albany. **Completed 03/18/2022.**
5. Resubmit Home Rule Speed Reduction to Albany. **Completed 03/21/2022.**

Public Forum:

Supervisor Frary introduced Peggy L Mousaw, ARPA, to the members of the board. Supervisor Frary asked Ms. Mousaw for her assistance to help him complete ARPA required report and to secure a SAM Number, which in turn will allow for a smoother transition for using COVID Monies the town has received. In the couple of days that he has worked with Ms. Mousaw, a great deal of progress has been accomplished, due to her knowledge of the system for using such funds. A request has been made to the Town's Accountant for a specific line in the budget for this money the town has received. By doing so, expenditures using the money will be clearly defined.

A motion was made by Constance Elen and seconded by Michael Livingston, to hire Ms. Mousaw for assistance with the filing of paperwork for the disbursement of the COVID-19 monies received by the town.

Larry D Denesha, SLC Legislator

-A COVID Press Release has been issued as the number of confirmed cases has moved from a medium incident rate to a high incident rate of active cases. At the time of the press release, there were 23 new cases on 4/15/22. There were 15 hospitalizations for COVID, 9 of which were due specifically to COVID. The incident rate for SLC is 7.7%, while the state is only at 4.9%. SLC lags in vaccinations at a rate of 60.9% while the state is at 76.6%.

-Joel Seeber has been hired as the new Director of Social Services.

-Two bills have been presented, one in the Assembly, and the other in the Senate, to impose an excise tax on ammunitions. The County Legislators have passed a resolution that will be sent to Albany opposing these two bills.

-There are two tax delinquent properties, one in Norwood with taxes amounting to \$152,000, and one in Hammond with taxes amounting to \$14,000. Both properties will be cleaned of contaminants and sold at auction. Again, any remaining profit will be divided between the County and DEC.

-Joleen Munger has been appointed Director of Public Health for St. Lawrence County.

-The Sheriff's Office will be donating 15 bullet proof vests to Ukraine. These vests have a shelf-life and will be put to good use before they expire.

-Passed a resolution recognizing March as Women's History Month in St. Lawrence County.

-Eliminating fees for right of ways for optic fibers, as this cost is up to 25% of their revenue.

-ARPA funding, will be voting again to determine if County Employees will receive any of these funds. Mr. Denesha read to the town board, a letter that he has drafted explaining why he doesn't believe the funds should be used in this manner. Not one employee was furloughed during the pandemic and due to maintaining of social distancing, only part of the workforce worked at any given time. Those who were not working, continued to draw their full pay. Therefore, no one had any loss of income, plus, they received stimulus checks the same as anyone else.

Financials:

-There were no monthly audits completed this month.

-Year to Date Budget was distributed to members of the board for review and comment.

Clerk Report: Barbara Creazzo

-A total of \$227 was collected by the clerk for the month of March. Of this amount, the town was able to retain \$196.28 for its coffers. The breakdown is as follows: DEC received \$4.72 and the town, \$0.28, Ag & Markets received \$26 and the town, \$86, the town also received \$25 for a building permit, \$10 for a Certified Birth Certificate, \$50 for Certified Death Certificates, \$25 for copies made.

-Amount collected for the Water District was \$9,137.12 and the amount collected for the Sewer District was \$12,587.50 for a total of \$21,724.62 collected for the month of March.

Water/Sewer Report:

Water – a total of 844,600 gallons of water were metered in the month of March, with an average daily flow of 27,245 gallons. A total of 2 gallons of sodium hypochlorite were used in the treatment of the water produced. All daily, weekly, and monthly inspections and or maintenance were completed as scheduled. The full DANC report contains daily flow charts and graphs. One sample of water was submitted to Converse Laboratories for bacteriological testing and the result was satisfactory.

Sewer – a total of 2,350,000 gallons of wastewater were treated in the month of March, with an average daily flow of 75,806 gallons. There were no SPDES permit violations. All daily, weekly, and monthly inspections and or maintenance were completed as scheduled. The full DANC report contains daily flow charts and graphs. RBC continue to rotate in reverse one hour per day.

Supervisor Frary informed the members of the board that 3.5 million dollars has been awarded for the proposed upgrades within the sewer district.

Highway Department Report: Wayne Holland (3/17/22-4/20/22)

-Working in the shop as needed for equipment maintenance.

-Cutting brush as weather permits.

-Cold patching.

-Have installed 40 feet of driveway culvert.

-Working on roadside trash cleanup.

-Have begun to sweep roads/intersections.

-Installed 40 feet of culvert on the Hitchcock Road.

-Scheduled and picked up brush for the Village of Richville.

-Set a date(s) for drop-off at the Town Barn and show on town's website.

-#7 truck is still at Stadium.

-There has been no word on the excavator and its status of repair.

-May receive the new truck in July, but it will then go to Viking for the plow.

-Completed cold patching on the walkway on the Richville Village Bridge for safety.

-Scott Eggleston has resigned.

Mr. Denesha expressed his gratitude, as well as that of the fire department, for the work the highway department did during the multiple windstorms that have occurred this spring.

Supervisor Frary informed the board that the town has received snowplowing monies from the county.

The Safety Committee has had one meeting regarding the policy for Hazardous Materials. Have looked at a couple of options for maintaining records for such materials. Will be meeting again soon.

Dog Control Report: Dan Moyer

-Spent a week trying to catch 2 dogs on the Risley Road. Was able to catch one in a live-trap and the other was finally caught by owner. Owner got first back after Rabies Vaccination and License was obtained.

-Picked up 2 dogs on the Maple Ridge Road, both returned to owner after Rabies Vaccinations and Licenses were obtained.

Assessor's Monthly Report: Suzanne Arquette

-Getting things ready so the Real Property Office can print the assessment roll. It should be printed either on Wednesday or Thursday this week, and I will review the tentative roll myself. Once the roll has been proofed, a copy will be given to the clerk and placed on the town's website.

-The first week of May, the Real Property Office will be mailing out the change of assessment notices to property owners.

-Will be sitting with the roll so property owners can come in to talk on the following days: Thursday, May 5 from 9am-1pm, Monday, May 9 from 4-8pm, Saturday, May 14 from 9am-1pm, and Thursday, May 19 from 11am-3pm.

-Grievance Day will be Wednesday, May 25th from 4-8pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing me as the Assessor of De Kalb. I will keep you updated at monthly meetings if there is anything that should arise.

Buildings & Code Report: Bill Chambers

-Have received 4 new permits to review and issue.

-Solar projects have begun, as entrance work is being done, and surveys have been completed.

-E & V Energy will begin building a new structure that will replace the temporary trailer.

-Corning project is progressing well, and it is anticipated that more will occur next year.

-Have received 3 complaints regarding the accumulation of garbage on School Street, Tanner Street, and Corning Road. Each has been addressed and all are cleaned as of now.

After reviewing all bills presented, and signing all bills over \$500.00, a motion was made by Andrew Fenton and seconded by Constance Elen, to approve payment of the bills as entered on Abstract #4-2022. Vote: Michael Livingston yes, Ed Newcombe yes, Constance Elen yes, Andrew Fenton yes, John Frary yes.

A motion was made by Michael Livingston and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to adjourn. Vote: Michael Livingston yes, Ed Newcombe yes, Constance Elen yes, Andrew Fenton yes, John Frary yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara A. Creazzo
Town Clerk

Actions
None for this month