

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 15th, day of September 2021, at the Town Hall in DeKalb Junction NY, there were present:

John Frary	Supervisor	Michael Livingston	Board Member
Ed Newcombe	Board Member	Connie Elen	Board Member
Andrew Fenton	Board Member	Barbara Creazzo	Town Clerk/Collector
Bill Chambers	Building & Codes	Charles Nash	Attorney

Members of the community present: Larry Denesha, SLC Legislator, Charles Prior, EDR, and Scott Thornhill, DANC

Members of the community attending via ZOOM: There was no one attending.

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.

Not all members of the Board had time to review the minutes from the August 18, 2021; therefore, minutes were not approved.

Actions

1. Discussion of Jake-brakes is completed.
2. Advertise for the Fall Pick-up Day. **October 12, 2021 will be the pick-up date.**
3. Notify Full-Service Paving for resealing and lining parking lot. **Completed.**
4. Supervisor Frary to contact Don Chambers regarding portable speed sign.
5. Councilmen Livingston, Fenton, and clerk Creazzo, to visit Hammonds new town hall.
6. Budget work session, September 9, 2021, publish notice. **Completed 7/26/21.**

Charles Prior, EDR, and Scott Thornhill, DANC, reviewed with the Board, the status of work completed towards being able to seek grants for the Town of De Kalb Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. To date, the NYSDEC interim status report has been updated, the Engineering Report Amendment has also been done. The WQIP Grant was submitted on 7/30/2021 in the amount of \$3,815,625. The SEQRA status letters were sent on 8/24/2021. Other fundings that will be pursued are USDA – RD, NYSEFC – CWSRF, and grants as they become available. The next steps to maintain progress on project readiness will include, legal and bond council agreements, Bond Resolution, Engineering services agreement (for design and construction), and funding applications. Public information sessions will be forthcoming and will most likely begin in November.

Public Forum: Larry Denesha

-For today, there are 88 new cases, 1 new death and 23 people are hospitalized. Fifty-two-point-one percent of the population in St. Lawrence County who is eligible for vaccination, is fully vaccinated.

-The County will be receiving approximately \$700,000 over 10-years from the Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlement. Monies received must be used for areas pertaining to addiction. This can include, education, assistance with addiction treatment, law enforcement, etc.

-Position Vacancy Review Committee, this has been in place at the county for several months, and because of this, \$1,617,118 have been saved in wages and fringe benefits. All empty positions must be reviewed by the committee prior to being filled.

-The County Route 27 bridge in Degrasse, is now closed for renovation.

-The Black Lake Association asked the Legislators for \$30,000 to help combat the Milfoil problem in the lake, as it is making water passage impossible in places. This amount was granted; however, there has sense been a moratorium put in place for such funding to fight invasive species, as there are over 200 waterways in St. Lawrence County. It is not feasible to provide funding for each if there should be a request to do so.

- Legislators passed a resolution to hold a Hearing on October 4, 2021 to increase the salary for the County Attorney, from \$128,000, to \$158,000. He is now doing his designated work, plus has taken on the work that had previously been completed by the attorney for DSS.
- The Preliminary Budget for the County will be presented at the October 4th meeting.

Financials:

Andrew Fenton made the motion to accept the Court Clerk Audit as presented, seconded by Ed Newcombe. Vote: Michael Livingston yes, Ed Newcombe yes, Constance Elen yes, Andrew Fenton yes, John Frary yes.

Constance Elen made the motion to accept the Town Clerk Audit for the clerk's Water and Sewer accounts, seconded by Michael Livingston. Vote: Michael Livingston yes, Ed Newcombe yes, Constance Elen yes, Andrew Fenton yes, John Frary yes.

Supervisor Frary distributed the monthly budget report to members of the board for their review.

Clerk Report: Barbara A Creazzo

A total of \$1,376 was collected for the month of August with the town retaining \$480.39 of the collection. Breakdown of payments are as follows: NYDEC, received \$895.61 and town, \$47.39 for licenses sold, NYS Ag & Markets received \$44 and town, \$158 for dog licenses, town received \$229 for building permits, and \$46 for copies made.

A total of \$90 was collected for the Water District and \$150 for the Sewer District.

Water/Sewer

DANC – Water, a total of 738,500 gallons of water were metered in the month of August, with an average daily flow of 23,823 gallons. A total of 5 gallons of sodium hypochlorite were used in the treatment of the water produced. Graphs of daily flows are included in the full report. All daily, weekly, and monthly inspections and/or maintenances were completed as scheduled. Once random distribution sample for bacteriological testing was completed with a satisfactory result.

Sewer, a total of 1,021,000 gallons of wastewater were treated in the month of August, with an average daily flow of 33,000 gallons. There were no SPDES permit violations. Graphs of daily flows are included in the full report. All daily, weekly, and monthly inspections and/or maintenances were completed as scheduled. Rotation of RBC in reverse continue for one hour each day. The annual DEC inspection has been completed.

Highway Report: Wayne Holland 8/19/21 -9/15/21

- Finished putting on shoulders for our township.
- Helped Russell put shoulders on.
- Helped Hermon blacktop for 2 days.
- We have about 1/3 of our sand pile put up for the winter.
- Continuing to haul sand.
- Put in 40 feet of culvert on Old Northerner.

Dog Control Report: Dan Moyer

Not much going on this month. Got complaint of dog attacking in Richville. Have gotten written complaints from 6 neighbors about the dog. Gave complaints to Judge Putney along with request for a dangerous dog hearing and asked for order to seize dog. Judge agreed and I now have the dog awaiting a trial.

Code Enforcement Report: Bill Chambers

Four permits were issued in August with a project cost totaling \$17,520,000 and fees amount \$43,775. To date, 37 permits have been issued for a total of \$18,245,558 in project cost and \$48,518.20 in fee amounts.

Communication:

- Seymour Sales will be applying to be connected to water.
- Willie Allen has recently been added to the water system.

-There has been a request for a gazebo or pavilion to be constructed at the playground. Members of the Board are interested in perusing a pavilion. Members have been asked to bring ideas with size and construction back to the table.

Next budget meeting will be held on October 6, 2021, starting at 7PM at the Town Hall.

After reviewing all bills presented, and signing all bills over \$500.00, a motion was made by Michael Livingston and seconded by Constance Elen to approve payment of the bills as entered on Abstract #9-2021. Vote: Michael Livingston yes, Ed Newcombe yes, Constance Elen yes, Andrew Fenton yes, John Frary yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara A. Creazzo
Town Clerk

Actions

1. Advertise the next budget meeting which will be held 10/06/21. **Completed.**