

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine
Bryan Garvey
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller

April 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting

Deputy Supervisor LaPine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Deputy Supervisor LaPine - present
Councilperson Schueller – present
Councilperson LaForest – present
Councilperson Garvey – excused absence
Supervisor Gardner – excused absence

Motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2016, by James LaForest, seconded by Gretel Schueller, motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor LaPine offered the floor to the attendees. Jane TerLouw asked when the minutes would be on the website. Tom Stransky felt the Town should put a grant writer on the payroll so that the town could take advantage of grant opportunities as they arise. Mr. Stransky and Mr. Teitelbaum commented on the boats still left on the town beach. Mr. Stransky asked if the Lakeshore Road would be resurfaced.

Old Business:

Deputy Supervisor LaPine commented on the Zoning/Codes Officer. We interviewed Frank Slycord, a certified Code Officer, however, he is asking too much money for the position. Councilperson Schueller suggested that the ad go back on the website. Deputy Supervisor LaPine said that we cannot hire someone who is not certified. Councilperson Schueller said that they have 18 months to certify. She knows because she contacted the state.

Resolution 40-2016 (Amendment of Resolution 34a-2016: Change of Official Titles of the Water and Wastewater titles from “Superintendent” to “Operator” for both the Operator, Tina Gardner, and her Assistant, Kerrie Wade. The new Title according to the County Personnel Office shall be Water/Wastewater Operator and Water/Wastewater Assistant Operator.

On a motion by James LaForest and seconded by Claire LaPine, the resolution carried by unanimous vote of the members present.

New Business:

Resolution 41-2016 is being made to Honor Dr. James B. Van Hoven for winning the prestigious Hugh R. Pomeroy Award from the New York Planning Federation for his efforts in diligently completing the Town of Essex Zoning Revision which became law last year.

Motion made by Gretel Schueller, with unanimous second by the members present.

The Town Board accepted the resignation with regret of Dorothy Renadette as Deputy Town Clerk. On a motion by James LaForest to accept the resignation with regret, seconded by Gretel Schueller, motion carried by unanimous consent of the board.

The Board acknowledged a thank you letter to them from Nick Muller on their resolution of appreciation to him.

Motion to Pay Abstract:

Deputy Supervisor LaPine asked Brad French, the Highway Superintendent about some of his bills
On a motion to pay Abstract #2016-4, representing Voucher numbers 146 to 202, with the Unpaid totals at \$30,214.74 and the Prepaid totals at \$2,857.67, for a total of \$33,072.41 on the Abstract, by Gretel Schueller, seconded by Claire LaPine. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the board members present.

Reports:

On a motion to approval all of the reports submitted for their approval including the preventive maintenance contract in Tina Gardner's report. On a motion by Claire LaPine to accept the reports of the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Water/Wastewater Operator and Highway Superintendent, seconded by Gretel Schueller, the motion carried by unanimous consent of the board.

Dr. LaForest advised the Board that he will be writing a grant to repair the Monument on the Community Church property.

Ms. Schueller said that with regard to the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer, they have 18 months to fulfill 215 hours of training and that she believed that we were given false information about this. "We need to do whatever we can to get that out there".

Tom Stransky asked about the progress on the Old Stone Church. Deputy Supervisor LaPine replied that the issue will wait until the next Board meeting to be discussed.

With nothing further to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by James LaForest, seconded by Gretel Schueller. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine DeWolff
Deputy Town Clerk

