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TOWN OF WARSAW
AUGUST 09, 2023

Supervisor Ryan calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Town Office located at 83 Center Street Warsaw, NY 14569 at which time and place the following were:

PRESENT:

Supervisor:	Rebecca Ryan
Councilman:	Chris Lonneville
Councilman:	Steve Perkins
Councilman:	Travis Jones

ABSENT:

Councilman:	Dave Mateer
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ALSO PRESENT:

Historian:	Sally Smith
Town Clerk:	Cathy Smith
Zoning Officer:	Dan Hurlburt
Hwy. Superintendent:	Jeff Royce
Town Attorney:	Dave DiMatteo

GUESTS:

Saltvale Rd. Residents:	Sign in sheet on file
Super of Public Works:	Shane Evans
V. Water Dept:	James Ferrin
Community Liaison:	Jacque Billings

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Ryan asked Jacque Billings to talk about closure of Southbound roads off of 20A for the Arts & Craft show and sale a bit later.

Saltvale Road residents were invited to attend the meeting to discuss an ongoing problem of waterline breaks. 13 residents signed in. Sign in sheet is on file.

Supervisor Ryan stated that the Town is trying to eliminate the problem. Village Superintendent of Public Works Shane Evans and Town Attorney David DiMatteo can answer questions later.

Supervisor Ryan noted that the Town of Warsaw has applied for a grant twice and were unsuccessful. Supervisor Ryan added that the grant was for Saltvale Road only. If the town has

to apply for a bond the residents in the water district would have to pay. This would be similar to the bond that was paid off a couple of years ago.

Supervisor Ryan continues that the Town has incurred \$27,533.91 for repairs, attorney and engineer fees from 2021 – 2023. Supervisor Ryan feels that the best solution is to replace the entire line. Estimates given for the first grant were 1.2 million, the second grant was 2.1 million with a majority of the cost increase being materials. Supervisor Ryan added that grants are very competitive and we weren't given a reason as to why we did not get the grants.

There are no other waterline issues other than Saltvale Road.

Steve Perkins noted that we are looking for a new engineer firm. The RFQ (request for quotes) may be able to help as there were 7 responses. We would be looking at both long term and short term.

Supervisor Ryan asked for comments

Dennis Halstead stated that in doing repairs it was noted that the bedding is not as it should be. Who is inspecting? When he did this type of work there was an inspector on site daily.

Supervisor Ryan answered that there will be an inspector for the project. She can not answer for something that happened previously and it was before her time. Dennis Halsted noted that the contractor for Saltvale Road was JT Booth.

Steve Perkins added that while working for the health department when work was completed on a project it was inspected then submitted as done.

Shane Evans noted that the pressure runs between 128-161 psi. Pressure builds up then goes down. He can try lowering the pressure.

Robert Wilson has filed a notice of claim for damage to his home from the most recent waterline break. Leah Wilson showed a 43 second video of the damage to her father's home.

Supervisor Ryan noted that this is a shovel ready project, that the town could not submit an application if it wasn't. Steve Perkins added that the same engineer was used in trying to obtain the grants.

Carl Sceusa asked if sleeving the pipes were an option. Guy Sceusa asked if there was an estimate to do the project. Attorney DiMatteo answered that in 2022 it was nearly 2.2 million. The district had a variety of pipe sizes and reconstructed for around \$200,000. Attorney DiMatteo added that there was discussion of partnering with Middlebury. Carl Sceusa indicated that it was not allowed.

Attorney DiMatteo noted that we are not creating a district, we are looking to replace the waterline on Saltvale Road only and it is looking like we will be preparing for a 38-year repayment. An EDU originally ran around \$200 and we are now looking at it being around \$1,800. In regards to partnering with Middlebury, would the village have enough water to supply to them?

Robert Wilson noted that there are firms that have grant writers. Larger firms have their own and smaller firms will hire a specialist.

Carolanne Wilson expressed her concern over the high pressure and were we looking to install a meter regulator? Steve Perkins answered that would be a question for the new engineer but it was a short-term solution. The engineer involved cannot arbitrarily put in a regulator.

Barb Sceusa expressed her concern over the quality of water. The hydrants run 3-4 hours before collecting a test sample. Steve Perkins answered that she needs to ask the health department. The Town has a contract with the Village and Village has to be compliant.

Robert Wilson indicated that the water is never completely shut down. Shane Evans answered that was done to prevent bacteria.

Shane Wiseman asked if the water usage from the tenants of Connect 55 could increase the pressure. Steve Perkins answered that the pressure is from the system and water storage. Mr. Wiseman asked when the new lines were put in, he believes between 94-96.

Superintendent of Public Works, Shane Evans explained that MRB did soil samples that were sent of to be analyzed. The summary report showed that the soil is very corrosive. Attorney DiMatteo noted that there were several salt mines in that area and salt may have ben left behind.

Steve Perkins explained that there were a lot of variables. Attorney DiMatteo indicated that the project could have been done cheaper if CPVC had been used but the Village wanted ductal pipe.

Attorney DiMatteo added that again, this is for improvements for Saltvale Road only.

Barb Sceusa said to fix it. Supervisor Ryan said that we can not take money from the general account. Attorney DiMatteo stated that it would be put on their tax bill, it would be charged as a debt service. We are looking at providing a viable affordable way to address this.

Dennis Halstead asked if letters could be sent to politicians. Supervisor Ryan answered absolutely. Steve Perkins indicated that he will help with that.

Barb Sceusa asked about an income survey. Attorney DiMatteo answered that it had been done but the town did not qualify.

Travis Jones added that sometimes grants look at the size of the project and may be looking at the larger projects.

Supervisor Ryan added that this has been a headache for everyone and we are addressing the situation.

Jacque Billings community liaison for Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show was present to discuss her letter requesting south bound road closures for the event. Ms. Billings stated that the plan is to execute the event safely and she was asked to get permission from the municipalities and county. Attorney DiMatteo provided the board with section 64 of the General Powers of town boards and section 1660 of the Traffic regulations in all towns. Attorney DiMatteo ads that under 1660 vehicle and traffic law the town would have to create a Local Law or make them one way which would be the easiest. 6410.D after a Public Hearing can grant a permit. The Highway Superintendent would issue the permit.

Attorney DiMatteo asked in what manner are the roads closed. Ms. Billings answered the DPW crew goes out in the morning to set up barriers. Supervisor Ryan noted that the responsibility would fall back on the town. Ms. Billings stated that the Town of Warsaw could be added as an insured.

Travis Jones noted his concern that if the road is closed and someone has an accident their insurance will not cover it. Ms. Billings added that the closures were recommended by the County Traffic and Safety Board. Chris Lonneville asked how would the homeowners get to their home from another direction. Attorney DiMatteo answered that they could use the Keeney Road access, a letter can be sent to the Keeney Road residents.

Jacque noted that the road closure was only a request and it was whatever the town decides. Travis Jones said he was talking it through to understand. Highway Superintendent Jeff Royce adds that there is no reason to close the roads. There are home owners, business owners and farmers that will need to use the road during that time. Steve Perkins added that if we decide not to there should be additional language.

Travis Jones updated on the library. SEQR forms are almost completed, zoned governmental. Attorney DiMatteo asked to hold off until the concept drawings are handed in. Municipal Solutions requested the 2023 budget and the library 2024 proposed budget.

A motion was made by Steve Perkins and seconded by Travis Jones to authorized Supervisor Ryan to sign all paperwork required for the Library Construction Grant. Paperwork needs to be scanned and sent to Jeff at Municipal Solutions. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

Nothing else for the library as they were at the fair on Wednesday

A motion was made by Steve Perkins and seconded by Chris Lonneville to approve the airport vouchers as submitted. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

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Nothing to report on the airport

A motion was made by Steve Perkins and seconded by Travis Jones to approve the minutes of July 12, 2023. Ayes: 4, Nays: **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

A motion was made by Travis Jones and seconded by Steve Perkins to approve the monthly report. Ayes: 4, Nays:0, **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

A motion was made by Chris Lonneville and seconded by Travis Jones to approve the Supervisors report. Ayes: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

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Historian report was given by Sally Smith. Will be at the Pike Fair Saturday Morning.

Cemetery report was given by Sally Smith. Helped a woman who was a bit confused on the location of a body.

Clerk report was given by Cathy Smith. Issued 6 marriage licenses, hunting sales are about average. No update on the computers. Chris Lonneville asked if we were required to purchase the computers through the county, there are independent firms. Supervisor Ryan will check with Bill Sykes. Cathy Smith added that she bought a computer from Wal-Mart at a reasonable price. Travis Jones noted that we weren't sure of the specs needed etc... A motion was made by Steve Perkins and seconded by Travis Jones to approve the clerks report. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0 **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF.

Zoning report was given by Dan Hurlburt. Permits issued were for a kennel permit, 2 special use permits for firearm sales, Auto Zone permits were approved, Lantz's sign permit was approved, a new home on Wilder Road and a shed permit. Dream Lake would like to add 2 cabins. This will be addressed by the Planning Board at next months meeting as well as 3 land separations. Updated property maintenance received from the County.

Highway report was given by Jeff Royce. Mr. Royce asked when will the cemetery survey be done? Attorney DiMatteo answered by Labor Day. Mr. Royce mentioned an issue on Bauer Road. The town has been plowing Perry's portion of the road. The road itself is bad and he would like to talk to Jim Brick about paving their end. Supervisor Ryan asked why they weren't paving. Mr. Royce answered because they don't have the money. Supervisor Ryan noted that she would like to sit in on the conversation. Chris Lonneville asked if this was the east end of the road. Mr. Royce answered yes.

Chris Lonneville updated on the summer rec program. For the year end party, they had a Christmas celebration at the open pavilion area by the pool. The ladies will be at next months meeting to give an update.

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Food truck licensing requires that the municipality issue a permit first the Health Department Will issue a permit once inspected.

Community events:

Wine in the Valley September 09, 2023

Economic development:

Pickle ball facility at the old Valley View

Need to override the 2% tax cap. Requires a public hearing.

Supervisor Ryan read the letter written by Bonnie Thiers regarding the water breaks on Saltvale Road. Letter is on file.

Chris Lonneville asked Attorney DiMatteo if there were any restrictions in terms of the road closings. Mr. DiMatteo noted that we need to have a Public Hearing and 16.60 is the best avenue.

Real Property agreement is for .23 per parcel. A motion was made by Chris Lonneville and seconded by Travis Jones to approve the Wyoming County Real Property Agreement. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, **Absent**/Abstain: 1 – Dave Mateer. AIF

Steve Perkins updated on the water meters. There have been 2 bidding sessions that were not successful. We can now kick back to the community for bids as we have shown due diligence. We may be able to contract with the Village, there is a MOU contract template or we can reach out to T&D. Tom Uptegrove is now working for them.

A motion was made by Travis Jones and seconded by Steve Perkins to enter executive session at 8:02 p.m. for the history of a particular person.

A motion was made by Chris Lonneville and seconded by Travis Jones to end executive session at 8:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Chris Lonneville and seconded by Travis Jones to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

