

WALES TOWN BOARD MEETING

Minutes of MAY 26TH 2020

The 6TH meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 26th day of May, 2020 at the South Wales Memorial Building, 11006 Emery Rd, South Center, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rickey Venditti at 7:00 pm EST

Safety precautions were taken, are you here in your own free will

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor Rickey Venditti
Councilman Donald Butcher
Councilman Gerald Klinck
Councilman Kyle Barry
Councilman Dan Driver

also present: (3) residents whose names are on file.

INVOCATION:

led by Councilman Donald Butcher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

led by Councilman Gerald Klinck

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Dan Driver, approving the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second Councilman Dan Driver, approving the Town Clerk's minutes of March 10th, 2020 presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request to contract with Dresher and Malecki LLP municipal accounting services for review, consulting, advice on Town financial practices, record keeping and Department Head audits.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated the contract with Dresher and Malecki, is to advice and consult on municipal accounting and perform department head audits. Not to exceed \$10,000.00

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second Councilman Dan Driver, approving the Supervisor Rickey Venditti to sign the 2020 contract with Dresher and Malecki LLP, to advice and consulting on municipal accounting practices and also performing department head audits. **CARRIED**

2. S.U.P. application from The Broadway Group for proposed Dollar General Store at 6401 Olean Rd.

The SUP was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the parking request. The Zoning Board members did receive the applications to review, but due to the covid crisis no meeting have taken place yet. The Zoning Board will be meeting soon, to resume the parking variance request.

3. Request received for Natemeg Farm LLC. to operate a farm for N.Y.S. wine and craft beer at 6846 Olean Rd South Wales

Building Inspector David Bender just supplied the board with the Special Use Permit, one question on the application was it was for only 2.02 acres, the applicant would need to combine this lot, with their additional 47 acres, that is adjacent to the property. Councilman Donald Butcher is friends with the applicant and lives near the property on Oland Road, so he would like to recuse himself from voting on this Special Use Permit application.

MOTION # _____ by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, second Councilman Gerald Klinck for the Town Clerk to forward this application on to all the applicable boards and agencies. **CARRIED**

4. Replacement Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk.

Councilman Dan Driver and Kyle Barry both interviewed resident David Newman for the position. He was the only applicant that fulfilled the requirements of submitting a letter of intent and a resume. Councilman Kyle Barry and Councilman Dan Driver both feel he would be a very good fit for the position. Councilman Don Butcher agrees that David Newman would do a good job. Supervisor Venditti had hoped for more interest in participating in town government could of happened.

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Dan Driver, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving David Newman for the position of Zoning and Planning board Clerk. **CARRIED**

5. N.Y.S. required Municipal Workers Compensation Alliance safety training.

Councilman Donald Butcher is working with Compensation Alliance on the safety training, He will be forward the Department heads the information to go on-line to so they can complete the training requirements, along with their department staff. Once you have completed the on-line training you can print a certificate and put it in his office mailbox. Supervisor Rickey Venditti said Crista from Wright Insurance could help you monitor the employees who have completed the training and still need to complete it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town of Wales annual insurance renewal.

Badger and Gunner Insurance has provided the Town with 3 bids, for the town's general insurance needs for 2020. Geoffrey Gunner once again recommends Selective Insurance at a cost of \$20,520.

MOTION # _____ by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the recommendations of Badger and Gunner Insurance, by once again having Selective Insurance, provide our yearly general insurance at a cost of \$20.520.

CARRIED

2. Highway Superintendent request to expend funds to replace lawn mower.

The Highway Department has two lawn mower and likes to rotate one of them out every 5 years. Mike has received a price off the state bid list for a 2020 Ferris o-turn.

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the purchase of a 2020 Ferris o-turn mower at a price of \$11,899.18 from Lamb & Webster.

CARRIED

3. Highway Superintendent request to declare used lawn mower as surplus equipment.

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving declaring used lawn mower as surplus equipment, and to sell the used mower to the Town of Marilla, at a fair market value of \$3900.00 **CARRIED**

4. Highway Superintendent request to expend funds to purchase new equipment trailer.

Highway Superintendent Mike Zywar provided 3 bids, recommending the trailer from Tri County because it's a better built trailer for the cost compared to the other two trailers.

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the purchase of a utility trailer Bri Mar UTE - 610 in the amount of \$1,653.98 from Tri-County Tool Rental and Sale.

CARRIED

5. Resolution to temporarily amend Notting Hill Farm S.U.P.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SPECIAL USE PERMIT

WHEREAS, Mark Laufer d/b/a NOTTINGHILL FARM was granted a Special Use Permit on February 15,2017 and

WHEREAS, items 1 of the special Use Permit provided that the facility be seasonal only extending from April 1 through October 31th of each year in operation, and

WHEREAS, the corona Virus has resulted in the inability to operate from April 1th, and

WHEREAS, it has requested an extension of the seasonal operation to November 30th for the year 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, The Town Board does hereby grant the requested extension permitting the operation of the facility until November 30, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this extension shall be acknowledged by Marl Laufer d/b/a NOTTINGHILL FARM, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of the Resolution to Mark Laufer a/b/a NOTTINGHILL FARM

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving, amending their Special Use Permit with a one-month extension. We will now operate till November 30th due to the rescheduling of events during the Covid -19 crisis.

CARRIED

6. Request to approve Town Park Port – A – Let contract for the summer months.

Highway Superintendent Mike Zywar supplied the board with 2 bids for port-a-let units for the park, with Don's Septic Service being the cheapest for handicap units. At this time the units won't be put in place till the Covid-19 crisis restrictions ease.

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Don's Septic Service for two handicap units at \$115 per month. **CARRIED**

7. Update from the Code Enforcement Officer on the current status of Auctions International S.U.P. compliance.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti asked Dave Bender the Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer if he had issued paperwork summing them to court for having the antique mall open, Dave Bender replied he did. Then asked if they were sent a violation for putting up a digital

sign without a permit and paperwork was sent to the courts, David Bender replied yes he did. Rickey Venditti stated he hopes that we have detailed paperwork to support any court case, if it comes to that. Councilman Donald Butcher would like to see Scherr Auctions shut down for non-compliance with his special use permit. Councilman Donald Butcher also would like to reinforce the need to have detailed paperwork regarding all the insufficiencies so the courts can enforce these violations.

Brenna Gawronski 12732 Big Tree Rd - Russ needs to follow the rules like other business have to, like Crosby's and their sign.

Dee Ziegel- hear from vendors that it will be opening on June 6th

David Bender is also working with town attorney to update some town code be in-line with NYS Codes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor Venditti stated that Erie County sent enough disposable facemasks for 1/2 of Wales population. He will hand out 1 facemask per resident on May 11th, 9 – 11 am at Wales Town Hall. Any leftovers will be saved for future town needs.

Brenna Gawronski 12732 Big Tree Rd Heard Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz will be sending, additional mask for all the towns.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Bldg. Inspector: Rec'd & filed
Highway Dept.: Rec'd & filed.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Rec'd & filed

REPRESENTATIVES

Fire department still answering calls.

Wales Center will be doing September gun raffle tickets \$20 raffle a gun a day.

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorothy Carlone 5189 Hunters Creek Rd - She said for the record that she did a apply for the clerk position, but was never interviewed or received an application. Supervisor Rickey Venditti did see some email going back and forth. Councilman Kyle Barry said he sent an email requesting her for a letter of intent and resume, but never received one back.

Mike Zywar 13304 Big Tree Rd I have lived in Wales a long time. Mr. Scheer doesn't follow the rules, but it looks a lot better than 30 years ago. I think David Bender should talk to the vendors, and maybe they can put pressure on Mr. Scheer.

Brenna Gawronski 12732 Big Tree Rd - He needs to follow the rules and codes like other business in town do.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Kyle Barry approving the monthly financial statements for March and April with transfers.

CARRIED

REVIEW AND ACTION ON TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Dan Driver, approving the Town Clerk's monthly reports for March and April 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

GENERAL FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Kyle Barry approving payment of the 2020 General Abstract 004, voucher #0075-0096 total amount \$46,743.68 and 2020 General Abstract 005, voucher #000097-00135 total amount \$52140.31.

CARRIED

HIGHWAY FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Dan Driver approving payment of the 2020 Highway Abstract 004, voucher #0030-0041 total amount \$3078.90 and 2020 Highway Abstract 005, voucher 0042-0054 total amount \$10,450.29.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF: Margaret Savage, Charles Yung Sr, Charles Lohnes, Merritt Eddy, Bene Donnelly Christine Pierce

Motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Eaton
Wales Town Clerk