

TOWN OF WALES MINUTES

For August 10th, 2021

** Attendees are requested to follow current CDC Covid-19 requirements.*

The 8th meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 10th day of August 2021 at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, New York.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Attorney Ronald Bennett, Building Inspector (8) residents whose names are on file.

INVOCATION: led by Supervisor Rickey Venditti

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Councilman Gerald Klinck

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION # ___ by Councilman Dan Driver second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the agenda.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION # ___ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving the minutes of July 13th, 2021, as presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1.American Rescue Plan Act, (ARPA) funding.

Supervisor Venditti stated the town has already received a check for half on the funds totaling \$153,936.16 The funds are only to be used for covid related expenses and losses. The town would need to supply documentation related to qualified covid expense, for any funds to be available. I, spoke to the two Fire Depts in Wales to see if they have any related covid expenses or losses. The guidelines for the use of funds is very restricted, the NYS association of towns legal department offered to help any of the towns, if you any questions or if it qualifies for the funds. The town has approximately 4 years to allocate the use of these funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Request to approve Drescher and Malecki 2020 Department Head audits.

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving Drescher and Malecki 2020 Department head audits. **CARRIED**

2.Request received from Brownie troop #34187 to utilize Wales Community Center for meetings.

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving Brownie troop #34187 to utilize the community center and to provide a certificate of insurance. They will also follow all covid related requirements. **CARRIED**

3.Request to set date for Public Hearing on E. C. Community Development Block Grants on September 14th, 2021.

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving September 14th, 2021, at 7pm, prior to the regular Town Board meeting for the Public Hearing on E. C. Community Development Block Grant. **CARRIED**

4.Notification received from Town Highway Employee's IUOE, Local 17 desire to commence with negotiations.

The Town received notification that the current 5-year highway union contract will be expiring at the end of 2021. Councilman Klinck and I will work with Ron Bennett on the negotiations with the union.

5.Notification received from Town Bookkeeper / Budget Director / Supervisor's Clerk regarding her retirement.

Rae Hoxsie is looking to retire at the end of the year. We have talked about this in the past about Drescher & Malecki replacing her, like they do with other towns. We currently have a contract with them, they could start working under that contract, until we have a new contract to include this position.

MOTION # _____ moved by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and Councilman Dan Driver, approving Drescher and Malecki to starting training with the bookkeeper, under our current contract. **CARRIED**

6. Notification received from Town Justice Court Clerk regarding her retirement.

FYI-Christa Dake is getting ready to retire from her full-time County job, the end of October. To start her NYS pension, she will need to resign from her town part time Court Clerk and then be re-appointed as of the first of November.

7. Town of Wales 2022 Budget.

The Bookkeeper has started the budget process for 2022, she has sent out letters to all the department heads. If any board members have any ideas for next year's budget, please let Rae or me know.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Continue looking into and discuss with Ron Bennett about having workshops prior to the town board meeting, possibly having on the September agenda if approved, start implementing in October. Supervisor also asked if the board thought they needed a workshop for this month ?

MOTION # ___ Supervisor Rickey Venditti and second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the Cancellation of the August workshop on the 24th. **CARRIED**

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Inspector/CEO - Rec'd & filed Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Rec'd & filed, Highway Dept - Rec'd & filed, Supervisor asked when the bus at the salt barn would be gone Mike replied this Friday, the Fire Co is having one more drill Thursday night. Town Historian - The September 11th ceremony will be at 10am

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Zoning-Councilman Gerald Klinck said the meeting is tomorrow night with Wally, to go over possible code changes.

Ground Water-Councilman Dan Driver: The deadline was last Friday, for residents that got letters for the well testing. 56 residents near cemeteries responded for testing and 52 residents in the agricultural runoff areas. Last night we had a meeting with the Department of Health and 20 tests in total will be done 16 in agricultural and 4 near cemeteries. The list will be sent back to Mr. Winkley to review so an accurate representation throughout the town will be tested. The Health Department will start testing Aug 23rd and 24th. The Health Department could possibly add a few additional tests but also looking into any programs that could assist in further testing. The other recommendation was education, two online seminars - one on how to test your wells and protecting water quality on August 26th and the other on septic systems and protecting your water August 31st. How to sign-up for the classes will be on the website and other social media, as soon as the details are finalized. The final step will be Mr. Winkley having a presentation on the findings and results to the board and residents.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

None

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Gawronski Big Tree Road - Can any of funds from the American Rescue Plan, be used for more ground water testing? Supervisor Rickey Venditti said no, the money is for covid related items.

REVIEW AND ACTION OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Kyle Barry, second by Councilman Dan Driver approving the Supervisor's monthly report of July 2021 with transfers on page 2. **CARRIED**

REVIEW AND ACTION ON TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving the Town Clerk's monthly report for July 2021, as presented. **CARRIED**

ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman, Kyle Barry approving General Fund bills, abstract # 007, voucher #254-288 total amount \$32830.93 **CARRIED**

ACTION OF HIGHWAY FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Don Driver, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving Highway Fund bills, abstract # 007, voucher #084-096 total amount \$67,355.33 **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and Councilman Gerald Klinck seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Eaton