

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lyndon, County of Cattaraugus and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 852 Lyndon Center Road, Cuba, New York on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

Present: Carol Evans ----- Supervisor  
Paul Knapic ----- Councilman  
Clifford Evans ----- Councilman  
Don Gietl ----- Councilman  
Scott Hillman ----- Councilman  
Frank Puglisi ----- Clerk  
George Schneider ----- Supt. of Highways

Attended by: Numerous Residents and the Mercury Gazette.

Supervisor Evans called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:05 pm.

Councilman Gietl made a motion to accept the following minutes: The Regular Meeting of 5/10/16, 3 Public Hearings of 4/26/16, Work Session of 4/26/16, 2 Public Hearings of 5/10/16, Work Session of 5/17/16, Special Meeting of 5/17/16, Regular Meeting of 6/14/16, and Special Meeting of 7/7/16. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 (Evans, Gietl, Evans, Hillman, Knapic)  
Nays 0

**Correspondence -**

Resignation Letter from James Cline - Supervisor Evans read the resignation letter to the Board. Councilman Gietl made a motion to accept the resignation of James Cline as Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. Councilman Knapic seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 (Evans, Gietl, Knapic, Hillman, Evans)  
Nays 0

Councilman Hillman made a motion per the policy to fill vacancies to have the Clerk put an ad in the paper advertising the opening and have interviews of the candidates on August 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Councilman Knapic seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 (Evans, Hillman, Knapic, Gietl, Evans)  
Nays 0

**Public Comment -**

Resident Jack Palmer - Thanked the Highway Superintendent for getting a log truck off Palmer Road that was in the way of traffic.

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Resident Barb Montante asked what could be done about the dust on Snyder Road. Highway Superintendent Schneider stated that unfortunately the Town cannot afford to do dust control because of the high oil prices.

**Old Business -**

Southern Tier West-

Supervisor Evans stated that the woman from Southern Tier West came out and she feels that she can get the records organized in three, eight-hour days. Councilman Gietl made a motion to hire Southern Tier West for 3 days to organize the records. Councilman Evans seconded the motion.

The following motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	(Evans, Gietl, Evans, Hillman, Knapic)
	Nays	0	

Pick up Truck -

Superintendent Schneider stated that he did not put the pick up out for bid because the Town is in need of a new ditcher because the current one has quit working 2 times already. He stated that he is looking into a USDA grant and loan program to possibly purchase the equipment. Councilman Hillman asked if a shared service with other towns was possible and Superintendent Schneider stated it would be hard because generally when you needed so would the other towns. Councilman Gietl asked if the program would allow for the purchase of a used ditcher and Superintendent stated he was not sure. He stated that the person from the USDA is going to be coming to the Town for a meeting on August 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The Board wants to get all the information before moving forward with any plans on the ditcher.

**New Business -**

JCAP Grant -

Clerk Puglisi stated that the JCAP Grant from the Courts is once again available for up to \$30,000 and if the Board would be interested in putting in for the grant. Clerk Puglisi stated that some ideas would be having bulletproof glass be put in behind the Judge's bench and possibly video cameras around the building, and he would get DFT Security in to give a safety assessment and prices. Councilman Hillman stated could we try and get more security for the back offices as well. Clerk Puglisi stated yes and he will work on it and bring everything to the Board.

Solar Power -

Supervisor Evans stated the Town Attorney sent an email recommending the Board put a 2-year moratorium on commercial solar panels in the Town. All of the Board members had several questions and concerns about this moratorium and directed

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Supervisor Evans to invite the Town Attorney to the next regular meeting to discuss this further.

Real Property Law –

Supervisor Evans stated the County sent a letter stating they added exceptions for senior residents to their law. They have increased the value to \$18,500 to get a 50% exception and have added two new incomes and percentages of \$24,200 to \$25,100 gets 15% off, \$25,100 to \$26,000 gets 10% off. Councilman Gietl stated that generally the Board has always followed the County when they change their law. Clerk Puglisi stated the last time the law was changed was 2003 and the value was \$17,500. The Board felt that they should change the Town law to reflect the County Law. Clerk Puglisi will write the law up and present it at the next meeting.

**Supervisor Report -**

A detailed written report was given and emailed to the Board. Supervisor Evans stated the Town has \$346,698.19 in the General and Highway Accounts and \$33,030.67 in the Tax Stabilization Account. Councilman Gietl made a motion to accept the written Supervisor report. Councilman Evans seconded the motion.

The following motion was

ADOPTED        Ayes        5     (Evans, Gietl, Evans, Hillman, Knapic)  
                     Nays        0

**Clerk Report –**

A detailed written report was given to the Board. Clerk Puglisi stated he took in \$821.80 and paid out \$821.80. \$705.40 to the Supervisor, \$56.40 to the County for DPW Tickets, and \$60.00 to NY Ag and Markets.

Clerk Puglisi asked the Board if he could attend the Court Clerk Training that is in Binghamton this year. He stated that it is a \$40.00 admission fee and the hotel will be \$641.40. Clerk Puglisi stated they are pushing for mandatory training for all Court Clerks just how the Justices have every year. Councilman Evans made a motion to have Clerk Puglisi attend the Court Clerk Training in Binghamton. Councilman Knapic seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED        Ayes        5     (Evans, Evans, Knapic, Hillman, Gietl)  
                     Nays        0

**Justice Report –**

A detailed written report was given to the Board. Supervisor Evans stated the Court did not take in any money for the month of June.

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**CEO Report -**

A detailed report was given to the Board. Supervisor Evans stated that according to the report the Code Enforcement Officer did 11 inspections.

**Highway Report -**

Superintendent Schneider gave a detailed report to the Board. He stated that all of the road projects are currently going and the first week in August they are suppose to do the chipping of the roads. He stated that the price of oil is dropping which is a good thing for this year. Superintendent Schneider stated the State has finally gotten all of the paperwork ready for PAVE NY and it can only be used for roadwork not equipment. He stated that the sign project that has been going for a year and a half has been completed. He stated that he ordered 25 weight limit signs and 20 building permit and peddler signs that still need to be put up. Superintendent stated that at the end of July the Town will be replacing a big culvert on Grove Road and the road may be closed for a couple of days, and he will let the Fire Department know when. He stated that he spoke with the County about the guardrails and the County should be doing the guardrails by next week.

Councilman Gietl made a motion to pay Town Abstract 7 of the General Fund claims 106 thru 121 for \$3,708.65 and Abstract 7 of the Highway Fund claims 82 thru 91 for \$7,203.37. Councilman Hillman seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	(Evans, Gietl, Hillman, Knapic, Evans)
	Nays	0	

Resident Colette Schoening asked if the Board Members at the next meeting under new business would discuss increasing the Highway Superintendent, Supervisor and Clerk terms to 4 years from 2 years. The Board agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Councilman Hillman expressed his and others concerns about the Mercury Gazette, and the direction the paper was going. He stated that it is the official paper of Lyndon and not much was put in about Lyndon. The Mercury Gazette Reporter Barb explained that the paper was becoming more of a community paper instead of just Board meetings and that whenever there is an event in Lyndon to please let her know.

Being no further business or concerns Councilman Gietl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hillman seconded the motion. All Ayes the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Puglisi  
Lyndon Town Clerk