

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2020

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 11th day of August 2020.

Present: Barbara Montante ----- Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
Paul Knapic ----- Councilman
Leonard Kaluzny Jr. ----- Councilman
Clifford Evans ----- Councilman
Frank Puglisi ----- Clerk
George Schneider ----- Supt. of Highways

Absent: Carol Evans ----- Supervisor

Attended by: Numerous Residents and Zoom was utilized as per Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1.

Deputy Supervisor Montante called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00 pm. Deputy Supervisor Montante asked for a moment of silence for John Gunner who was a longtime resident of the town who passed away.

Correspondence –

Letter From Carol Evans – Carol Evans submitted her resignation effective August 11, 2020 as Supervisor to the Town Clerk and Board. Deputy Supervisor Montante and the all of the Board members thanked her for her tremendous service to the Town of Lyndon over the last 5 years as Supervisor. Councilman Knapic with regret made a motion to accept the resignation of Supervisor Carol Evans effective August 11, 2020. Councilman Kaluzny seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 (Montante, Knapic, Kaluzny, Evans)
 Nays 0

Letter from Ag and Markets – The town received a letter from Ag and Markets that the Dog Control Officer and the kennels passed inspection for the year.

Public Comment –

None

Old Business –

Funding and Reopening – Clerk Puglisi stated that the Town has not received the 2nd quarter sales tax check yet but according to the State comptroller the sales tax was down 40%. He stated there maybe additional cuts that the town needs to be mindful of going forward and planning for the budget. Clerk Puglisi stated that the Court had

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its first session and everything was socially distant and the state court system is reimbursing the courts for all of the PPE they needed to buy up to \$1,000 and we are going to submit the town court expenses for reimbursement.

Internet and Phone –

Deputy Supervisor Montante stated that Internet and cell service has been an issue for the town for a long time and after trying to work with the county for a company to use the tower it was not a viable option for companies. Clerk Puglisi stated he is working with the Vice President of Government operations with Verizon to see what can be done to increase the service in the town and if they would be able to put something on the town hall. Clerk Puglisi stated in the meantime he recommends that the Town get a signal repeater to try and boost service in the town hall because we are unable to do the business that needs to be done because the service is so bad. Highway Superintendent Schneider stated that he can hardly connect to the internet to even get his emails because the service is so slow. Clerk Puglisi stated that everything the town does needs to be done through the Internet. He also stated that the school has put T-Mobile hotspots in the town hall and they seem to work well. He stated that we might want to consider seeing what options are available through T-Mobile. Councilwoman Montante made a motion to purchase a signal repeater for the town hall. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 (Montante, Evans, Knapic, Kaluzny)
 Nays 0

New Business –

JCAP – Clerk Puglisi stated that the court would like to put in for a JCAP Grant to make the front entrance handicap accessible would this be a project the Town Board would like to do. He stated that the Town Court would be eligible for up to \$30,000 in this grant and in the past we have received almost \$50,000 in grant funding through the JCAP program. The Board stated they would be interested in having the court submit a grant proposal and a resolution will be prepared for next meeting.

Vacancy – Clerk Puglisi stated that due to the vacancy in Supervisor the Town Policy on how to fill vacancies would take effect. The Clerk will advertise the position in the paper for 2 weeks and residents can apply for 3 weeks and the board will have a special meeting at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2020 prior to the regular board meeting to interview candidates and select who the next Supervisor will be.

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Supervisor Report -

Deputy Supervisor Montante stated the town has \$266,403.37 in the General and Highway Accounts and \$33,042.88 in the Tax Stabilization Account. Councilman Evans made a motion to accept the Supervisor report as given. Councilman Kaluzny seconded the motion. The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 (Montante, Evans, Kaluzny, Knapic)
Nays 0

Clerk Report -

A detailed written report was given to the Board. Clerk Puglisi stated he took in \$2,679.80 and paid out \$2,679.80, \$2,404.20 to the Supervisor, \$3.00 to Ag and Markets and \$272.60 to the County for DPW tickets.

Highway Report -

Highway Superintendent Schneider gave a detailed report to the Board. He stated the grant for riprap was approved from soil and water for \$20,000 the stones are here and the highway department is going to start working on it on Thursday and Friday. There are two spots they are going to put it on Healey Road and Porter Road on the hill. He stated that Scotts old truck they took the box off of it and asked the board if they wanted to put it on Auctions International or put a for sale sign on it. Superintendent Schneider stated that he will call Auctions International and see if they are able to come out and take pictures and if not it can be put in to the paper for sealed bids. He stated that the new highway worker is working out well and wanting to learn. Superintendent Schneider stated that he is still planning on not spending 20% of CHIPS funds because of the State guidance.

Deputy Supervisor Montante stated that she met with the residents on Livingston Road that had the concerns regarding the road. She stated that she then travelled the road with Highway Superintendent Schneider and patching and some minor repairs will be done by the end of the year. Deputy Supervisor Montante stated the residents were happy with the results.

Councilman Evans made a motion to pay Town Abstract 8 of the General Fund, claims 85 thru 101 for \$2,440.88 and Abstract 8 of the Highway Fund, claims 63 thru 75 for \$58,527.12. Councilman Knapic seconded the motion.

The following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 (Montante, Evans, Knapic, Kaluzny)
Nays 0

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Being no further business or concerns Councilman Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Kaluzny seconded the motion. All Ayes the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Puglisi
Lyndon Town Clerk