



TOWN OF MASONVILLE

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
TOWN OF MASONVILLE

August 4, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Masonville was called to order at 7:45 pm.

PRESENT:

Supervisor: Betty Scott
Council: Bill Thomas, Jeri Brayman, Steve Roff & Karleen DuMond
Town Clerk: Linda Bourn
Highway Superintendent: Chuck Smith

ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

Present: Steve Tiska, Angela Ellis, Nick Genovese & Keith Scott

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Betty Scott.

Public Meeting opened at 7:45

Betty Scott is suggesting that we follow the recommendation by Craig DuMond on opting out of cannabis sales in the town of Masonville. Betty feels that there is no guidelines from NYS as to all of the costs and ramifications of allowing sales in Masonville. Betty states that if we opt out now, which needs to be done by December 31, 2021, we can still decide and opt in later, if we do not opt out now, we cannot opt out later. We also have a letter from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce advising us to consider the sale of Cannabis.

The points that Craig brought forward are based on the legalization of Marijuana, which is legal in NYS now:

- Children in California are more likely to use Marijuana since its legalization in 2016.
- In Colorado the annual rate of Marijuana, emergency room visits have increased by 62%.
- In Washington State, the share of drivers who after a crash tested positive to THC has doubled since legalization.

The points brought forward by the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce are:

- The Chamber supports all legal businesses.

- Total market demand is about 3.7 billion in the current fiscal year and expected to grow to 3.9 billion in 2027. Legal market sales would ride from 566 million in 2023 to 2.6 billion in 2023.
- Using the above estimate, State excise tax would be \$159 million in 2023 rising to \$114 million in 2027
- The chamber also used that report to say that the sales would generate about 50,860 jobs, \$2.2 billion in employee compensation and \$6.1 billion on total economic output. In addition, the sales will generate additional state and local tax revenue.
- Delaware County farmers, retail owners, residents and visitors will lose if surrounding towns and counties allow cannabis sales, visitors will flock to surrounding towns.

Public meeting closed at 7:50 PM

Regular meeting opened at 7:51 PM

MINUTES:

Motion by Jeri Brayman, seconded by Karleen DuMond to approve the June meeting minutes, all in favor, motion carried.

FLOORTIME:

1. Steve Tiska asked if Betty had contacted the lawyer about the road sign liability. Betty did contact the lawyer and she was told that we could not be held liable for something we cannot control and we cannot control road signs that must be done by the State. Steve encourages Betty to contact the town's insurance carrier to ask them the same question. Steve feels that Chuck has a responsibility to ensure the roads are safe per the highway law. Betty asked the board again if they would like to make a motion to get the signs done and no one on the board wanted to do that at this time.
2. Angela gave us an update on the park. The bleachers have been installed. The school is having a hard time finding backboards that would work with the supports that are in place now; they may need to make them. We have an Eagle Scout that is interested in earning his badge by working on the walking trails. Fire department is not interested in doing the chicken barbecue; Angela will ask the gun club if they would like to do the chicken. Angela mentioned the nice article on the Daily Star on the playground.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received a check from the Town Clerk for money collected in July \$735.00. And a check for the interest from tax collection for \$10.28
- Received a check for the American Rescue Plan for \$62,871.33.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Roadside mowing

- Truck 4 equipment service and repairs
- Hauled in millings from route 206 project
- Completed our paving with help from Sidney, Unadilla, Deposit and Afton
- Helped Unadilla with paving
- Repaired burnouts on our new paved roads
- Cleaned up trees and fixed washed out areas from the storms on 7/7, 7/11 and 7/18.

Jeri asked Chuck if they could trim her road the branched are hanging down pretty far. Jerri also asked Chuck if it would be better to rent a brush tractor and he said that he looked into it once and the cost was \$7,800 per month and you do not know how many days you would actually be able to use it with the weather being unpredictable.

Steve asked Chuck about the trees that may be leaning in the road and who is responsible for them, Chuck says if they lean in our right away then we would trim them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The recovery money will need to be spend on COVID related items. Betty asked Judy for the last 3 years of court revenue and said that we could use lost revenue for some of that money and then that money could be used for other items as we wished. We do need several computer updates. Betty to also check on fee schedules of having the County Auditors
- Jeri talked to the tree trimmer and he said he has been very busy and will get it done before winter. Jeri was asked to call him and get a written estimate.
- The sidewalks are still scheduled to be done at the end of August.
- Betty talked to NYSEG about changing the street lights out for LED lights, this would save the town \$1,359 per year. NYSEG said there was about 1,000 left on the life of the current ones and we would have to pay that to get them switched. Betty will contact Rosemary and get an official quote on what is would cost. NYSEG says there are 24 lights in town. We will vote on this next month when we have the actual cost.
- Chuck needs to go out and mark the lights at night for NYSEG to be able to fix the ones right now that are not working.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chuck brought to the meeting one truck quote for the board to review. Steve Roff asked him why he chose just the one truck and Chuck stated that that was the one that Neil wanted and he thought we should let the one that is going to drive it to be the one to pick it. Steve did not think this was okay and asked Chuck to get more bids before the board approves the down payment on a truck. Chuck is tasked with getting a quote from Freightliner, Volvo and Mack for the September meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dog Control Officer's Report:

- Quiet
- Mileage \$0

Code Officer's Report:

- July \$400
- No mileage

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTIONS:

GENERAL:

105	By the Books	\$815.00
106	DTE	\$346.47
107	NBT Bank Card	\$14.03
108	NYSEG	\$228.24
109	The Water Bottle	\$5.00
110	Auto Plus	\$63.48
111	Hayes Garage Door	\$400.00
112	Chuck Smith	\$201.57
	Total	\$2,073.79

HIGHWAY:

80	Cooks Brothers Truck Parts	\$123.19
81	Robert Williams	\$28.00
82	WEX Bank	\$173.07
83	Kimball Midwest	\$188.44
84	Rogo Fastener	\$477.12
85	Scoville Meno	\$632.50
86	Tallmage Tire	\$75.60
87	Sidney Tire	\$20.00
88	Tractor Supply	\$58.95
89	Auto Plus	\$158.50
90	Auto Plus	\$632.63
91	Jess Howes	\$334.55
	Total	\$2,902.55

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Jeri to pay all abstract of claims, seconded by Steve, all in favor carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Linda Bourn

Linda Bourn
Town Clerk