



TOWN OF MASONVILLE

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COUNTY OF DELAWARE
TOWN OF MASONVILLE

October 6, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Masonville was called to order at 7:34 pm.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

Present: Steve Tiska, Jen & Gary Scott, Dick Ewain, Neil Brayman, Paul and JoAnn Miller, Arnie Jump, Ron Longwell, Rodney Wagner, Andrew Pastore, Collin Frost, Chris Lawes, Judy Jackson, Claire Berry & Patti Rude

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Betty Scott.

MINUTES:

Motion by Bill Thomas, seconded by Steve Roff to approve the September meeting minutes, all in favor, motion carried.

FLOORTIME:

1. Steve Tiska asked what is happening with the Church St Bridge. Chuck says he has not heard from the Sue McIntyre at the county on the inspection yet, Betty will email to inquire. Betty asked Chuck to contact the Finger Lakes trail to see if they are planning to take it over. Betty asked Steve if it his onion that it should be closed, Steve said no. The estimate for us to have it done on a higher level would cost the town \$30,000. The town has asked the Finger Lakes Trail to take it over, and then it would be their responsibility to repair. It would be great if the county would agree to inspect it for one more year.
2. Steve Tiska is still asking about the signs on Pine Hill, again it was presented to the board to see if they wanted to make a motion to add signs to that road. No one on the board wanted to do this at this time; they feel the

signs would not make a difference on the speed on that road, as there is no police to monitor them. The town has asked Steve to get a petition because he is the only one who is coming forward on this. Betty said that the town cannot put up any signs unless the state comes in and does a survey first; we do not have the right to do that.

3. Steve also again brought up the shoulders on Pine Hill Road and how far they drop in some locations; the board does not want to make a motion on the signs at this time. Steve brought information on the school for highway superintendents shoulder design. Steve asked Betty at the last meeting to check with the Town insurance company to see what the liability is for the town. Steve says that Henry Mott is in agreement with what Steve says because his fence has been hit several times, he will be coming to the town next winter when it happens, asking the town to pay for the repairs. Steve says that we can use the CHIPS money for signs, Betty explained that yes, it can be used for signs, but that takes away from money that we can use to pave roads. And again the signs are not going to stop people from going too fast on the roads.
4. Road 13 & 35 lawn is eroding away; Betty will call the county to get this fixed. It will freeze over in the winter and cause an ice situation.

Open discussion on the road signs on Pine Hill, Gary Scott feels the money would be better spent paving roads than putting up road signs.

Bill Thomas feels that if we do Pine Hill we will end up having to do all the roads and there is not the money to do that.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received a check from the Town Clerk for money collected in September \$836.68.
- Received a check from the court for \$1114.00 for August & \$972.00 for September
- Contract renewal for the Chenango County SPCA, same agreement as the last 2-3 years.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Cleaned up trees from windstorm on Dry Brook and Pine Hill Roads.
- NYS Road inventory completed early and turned in to determine CHIPS money.
- Finish Gravel Project on plowed part of Mormon Hollow Rd.
- Unplugged spillway on Beals Pond Rd a couple of times from Beaver debris.
- Repaired town hall night light and trim in Betty's office.
- Received millings from Village of Sidney project to be used on Clark Rd.
- Cleaned ditches replaced pipe and added millings to Clark Rd.
- Took down flags from Labor Day and realized they needed to go up for 9/11.
- Serviced and repairs on equipment, Truck #6 transmission flushing done, new module and tested, still not shifting right.
- Ford mower died while out mowing, the injector pump was set up, so the guys were able to do the repair and saved a lot of money.
- Oil and stone projects competed on Shears, Pine Hill, Cuyle, Parker Hollow, Teed, Randall, Teed Hill, Ivanhoe and Roof Rd. Help from Town of Sidney, Unadilla and Deposit.
- Bucket truck service was used to take down several dangerous trees.

- Last month Rodney Wagner suggested Stadium trick to fix truck #6, I Called them and they said no, send it to Allison in Syracuse, which is where it is now.

Dave from Allegiance Truck Sales called me to day. The model truck he has specs on has changed due to a cab change and component set in different locations, he will contact Tenco to check on frame requirements and get back to me next week. He also confirmed the very slim chance to get this on the order board this year. The only change would be if an exact model was canceled and next in line for that model filled that slot. He stated the truck would likely be a 2023 model year, surcharge are driving up the price on a weekly basis.

OLD BUSINESS FROM CHUCK

#1

- Chuck agrees with Bill and Steve on standardizing the trucks. We can only do that on the dump body and plow equipment as we are currently doing on the truck part because of model year difference could only work if buying more than one truck at a time. The last new truck we have is 2006. The only reason I was thinking a brand change was to get a better quality truck.
- No truck quotes from Volvo or Peterbuilt, we have Kenworth, Mack, Freightliner and International. Chuck has been bringing the Kenworth quote to the meetings since received in March. When I offered it to Steve, he did not want it and said just get the International specs and quote from the Town of Tompkins, so I did what he wanted only to find out he already had them from Tompkins. All brands are giving build time plus or minus 1 year on the truck only, not including the dump box w/equipment, add 4 months. Inflation goes up every 2 – 4 weeks so since March the total price has gone up \$10,000 to \$20,000 from the quote I had in March.

#2

- I have passed out with highlighted areas of minutes from a Highway Superintendent meeting showing what I was told on International not taking any more ordered until next year. Talking with Dave from Allegiance he said Steve Roff had already given him specs and also confirmed the order board was closed for this year, he told Steve about the cancel and reorder plan if it was even an option to do so.
- In addition, I have included Tenco quote and prices as of March, gone up since then. I heard the confusion last month under the OPTION was to Deduct \$32,450 to restore and reuse out current dump body, what that means is to take the cost of all 100% new, body and equipment of \$105,277.00 then subtract the refurbished dump body as described with new equipment for a total of \$72,827.00. This was just an option to save the taxpayer money. The best interest would be to go all new so it has warranty and no lap time to rebuild the old body with no truck to use in the meantime, Keep the old truck in service maybe a few months after the new truck arrives to work out and bugs or rework. Then sell the completed old truck to recoup any cost toward the new unit.
- Betty states that all bids in the future need to printed like we have now, not a one page quote, this does not show all the cost and options.
- Steve says that the quote Chuck brought to the meeting in March only had a couple things listed such as: Service Manual, Right side Air bags, 4 year Rust coat, Chrome lug nuts and covers, floor mats, Seat covers and floor mats. Steve doesn't feel that this is a quote that the board should use to buy a \$200,000 truck. Chuck said that Betty asked him what to give to the board and he said to give you that, not the whole packet. Betty asked Chuck to be accurate; he sent Betty the quote the morning of the meeting. The board should have had the whole packet and Chuck says that he does not have a printer to print them on, Betty

then informed him that he needs to get them to Linda to be able to include with the meeting packets. Chuck also stated that the Town Clerk is supposed to have the minutes to him in 2 weeks. Linda will check into this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Truck

- We have not received any quotes from Chuck; Steve has received one from International. There is some price discrepancies on what Chuck said it would cost \$10,000.00 to rehab the body. It is really \$32,450.00.
- Jerri felt that everyone was against what Chuck said on letting Neil pick the truck. Jerri said that Neil liked the size and felt safe and comfortable in that truck and he is a larger person so that should be taken into consideration. She thinks that the highway crew should have a say in what truck is picked. No one here has driven a snowplow for 8 hours a day and he should be able to choose as a taxpayer.
- Bill and Steve think we should standardize our trucks.
- Betty stated there are several factors in choosing the truck such as delivery time and a truck our drivers can drive. Jeri asked Neil if any of the other trucks would work for him as far as comfort.
- There are options that would make the seats more comfortable that we could look at when choosing the truck. There are also different configurations for the cabs as well. We need to look at service for them too.
- Steve Roff has asked Chuck to update the credit cards because Everette's name is still on the card and account.

- Bill Thomas asked Chuck why the Track/Loader was left in one spot for two weeks and they did not finish the job. Chuck says that when the stone and oil job came up they had to go and do that at that time.
- Bill had a homeowner tell him that the highway crew cut a tree on his property to ram out a beaver dam without asking for permission. They took out a nice size maple tree. Chuck will ask Gordy if he remembers. Bill just feels as a courtesy to the home owner they should talk to them about it first.
- Bill also asked Chuck about Clark Rd, the pipe that comes across, his son used a bucket loader and took some stuff out. Bill asked if the town has looked at it yet. Gordy looked at it and they hope that they get some good rain to push it out. Only Bainbridge has a Hydro Flusher, maybe they can get shared services with them to clean that out.

Sidewalks

- No word from Flemming about the sidewalks yet, if we don't do it in October realistically we won't be able to do it until spring. Betty asked Chuck to see if he plans on keeping the quote at the same for next year, otherwise we will have to re-bid the job.
- Betty asked where we stand on the trees in the cemetery from Currie. Jeri said she talked to him and he said he wants to wait until the ground hardens up so he doesn't make a mess of the ground. He said the town was going to push him up, but he said he would rather wait until the ground freezes. He did not give a written quote yet but the cost was \$700 and Jeri told him they wanted to do some other trimming around the fence's enough so we could repair the fence, Jeri will meet with him before the project will be done, budget not to go over \$1,000.00

Inventory

Steve asked Chuck about a couple of items that are not listed on the inventory list:

- 1) The TV in the breakroom – Chuck said that the crew bought that TV themselves
- 2) Where is the computer that we bought Chuck, Chuck said that he asked Maddison to take it off because the computer died, the mother board was fried.

Betty told Chuck that it should still be listed on the inventory list. Chuck asked if he should keep track of anything that has been scrapped/sold and Betty told him yes.

Jeri asked if we have talked to anyone about painting the end of the building yet. Chuck says they could do it and it is going to be in the 50's so they could do it. Betty thinks we budgeted money to paint it. Jeri asked if we should look into having someone come in and do it. Betty thinks it makes more sense to have our crew do it.

Street Lights

- NYSEG buys the lights but we have to buy back the useful life that is left. Would be replaced with LED lights

NEW BUSINESS:

- EFPR is the auditors that the county uses to complete their audits. We should consider using their expertise for oversight on spending the money on the American Rescue Plan as a consulting service.
- They are also putting a packet together on doing the audit of the town.
- Bill Thomas said that we need a motion light outside by the drop box.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dog Control Officer's Report:

- 7 Calls
- Mileage \$227.36

Code Officer's Report:

- September \$815.00
- June, July & August \$152.16

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Worked on the union contract
- Meeting on the 20th to finish budget.
- Finalize budget and vote on tax cap override at the November meeting at 7:15.
- Betty attended several county meetings.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

MOTIONS:

- Motion by Steve Roff, seconded by Bill Thomas all in favor, motion carried to renew contract from the SPCA.
- Local law #2 motion to pass made by Bill Thomas, seconded by Steve Roff, and all in favor carried.
- Motion by Steve Roff, seconded by Bill Thomas to purchase the new truck from International, all in favor carried.
- Motion by Steve Roff to make changing the Highway Superintendent to an elected position, seconded by Bill, all in favor carried.
- Motion by Bill, seconded by Jeri to have the streetlights replaced, all in favor carried.

GENERAL:

126	The Water Bottle	\$5.00
127	Quill	\$147.96
128	Boulder Oil	\$136.56
129	Bill Thomas	\$160.00
130	NYSEG	\$264.42
131	NBT	\$35.03
132	By the Books	\$760.00
133	Linda Cutting	\$50.00
134	Laurie Lang	\$50.00
135	Jesse Roy	\$50.00
136	Anne Scott	\$50.00
137	Joanne Isaacson	\$50.00
138	Amy Cross	\$227.36
139	Justice Court	\$135.66
140	Andrew Pastore	\$152.16
141	Coughlin & Gerhart	\$684.00
		\$2,958.15

HIGHWAY:

102	Clark Companies	\$594.00
103	Interstate Billing	\$42.00
104	NBT	\$120.06
105	Sidney Tire	\$32.00
106	Mirabito	\$4,701.80
107	RC Sales & Service	\$1,250.00
108	Cooks Brothers Truck Parts	\$95.02
109	Volo's	\$228.40
110	Brian Currie	\$4,500.00
		\$11,563.28

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Motion by Steve, seconded by Jeri to enter into executive session to discuss the union contract

Entered into executive session at 8:49 PM

Exited executive session at 8:56 PM

Entered back into regular meeting at 8:56 PM

Motion by Bill, seconded by Jeri to accept the union contract for the Highway crew as written

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Linda Bourn

Linda Bourn
Town Clerk