

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING 6:45PM

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

JULY 20, 2022

Supervisor Hall calls Public Hearing to order.

Roll call: Supervisor: Russell Hall- present
Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-absent
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson-Steve Ritter-present
Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk
David Pullen, Attorney

Assemblage: Deidre Wolf, Dell Baker, Jim Monheim, Les Dahill, Ken Burdick, Sue Strickley,
David Freeman, Mark Voorheis, Oakley Sortore.

RESOLUTION 14-2022 (Water)

Be it hereby resolved, the Town of Friendship to authorize this public hearing to discuss Community Development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2022 program year, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call:
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye

RESOLUTION 15-2022(Water)

Be it hereby resolved, to open the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application and discuss the Municipalities needs, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Supervisor Hall discussed the process and why an engineering study is required. A new water Reservoir or tank is needed and is in need of an upgrade and there are many more water concerns. This grant application is to help pay for the engineer study. If awarded the grant is in the amount of \$50,000.00. The Town would have to provide the required 5% cash match or \$2,500.00 if grant awarded. Getting an Engineering Study is the first step in getting any funding. The Supervisor asked if there were any questions.

Public questions/ Comments: Leslie Dahill question was is the Reservoir unsafe? Supervisor Hall

Answered not unsafe but taking measures now, that's why the study is needed.
There were no more questions or concerns.

RESOLUTION 16-2022 (Water)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR Community Block Grant Applications,
Offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

RESOLUTION 17-2022 (Water)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, for the Town of Friendship to provide the required 5% cash match; a total of \$2,500.00 cash match will be provided if awarded a Community Planning Development Block Grant, offered by Steve Ritter seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call:

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Supervisor Hall calls Regular meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-absent

Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson-Steve Ritter-present

Assemblage: Deidre Wolf, Dell Baker, Jim Monheim, Les Dahill, Ken Burdick, Sue Strickley, David Freeman, BJ Howe, Oakley Sortore.

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Attorney- David Pullen

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 15, 2022, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolynn Carney.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for June 2022, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Motion to approve the audited bills in the amount of \$ 75,486.02, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Steve Ritter-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

Supervisor Hall questioned Sue Stickley on the status of fixing the fallen in foundation affecting the sidewalk , and entry ramp into the restaurant(4 W. Main St.) She advised that was behind schedule d/t Berry Cummins had a death in his family, but she advised that he it is now moving forward, hoping to have it safe for the homecomer's weekend. He will put in a new ramp and he has a plan for the foundation.

Budget Time is coming up, Supervisor Hall advised that everyone should start thinking about a time That would be good for everyone to get together for a workshop. Needs to be publicized.

ATTORNEY CONCERN: Attorney Pullen advised that that some things seem to be out of order with the Resolution done in the Public Hearing. These were done in the order that Matt Zarbo sent over to be added to the agenda. Attorney Pullen advised also that the usual practice in borrowing money is to bring in Bond Counsel regarding the financing. The seconded thing is to have a Financial Advisor to help figure out how you will pay back what is borrowed. Attorney Pullen will get in contact with Matt Zarbo to see if he is preparing the Public Hearing notice for the August hearing. Attorney Pullen will also get in touch with Douglas Goodfriend and let him know that the Town may use him as Bond Counsel when it is time for it.

PUBLIC CONCERNS- Dee Wolf had a concern over minutes that she read off from last month Regarding the Wellman House and the statement that it was not a landmark anymore. Dee read off a passage from Mrs. Wellman from 1974 designating preservation of the Wellman House. She had Printed literature and information on the Wellman House, showing that it is on the National Historic Register in Allegany County.

Supervisor Hall stated he really doesn't want to see anything happen to the building but there is a lot wrong with the building and the Town does not have money to put into it. Even though the Police and the Court are in there, it really is not fitting their needs. A lot of problems with the building, ceilings, windows leak, sinks need replaced, flooring, building needs painted. The Towns, ambulance building is falling in and the Town does not know where they are going to get the money for that, Town Hall also is not fitting the Town's needs. There is just no money. Dee Wolf stated there are grants out there, and they would help in any way they could. Councilperson Mascho stated proper maintenance is needed, and Supervisor Hall, that the maintenance should have started long ago. Supervisor Hall insured that the Town is not doing anything with the Wellman House.

Sue Strickley stated that the roof gutters on the one end still need to be cleaned out, they are full and any rainwater just overflows. BJ Howe stated he would clean them out.

Sue Also questioned if there was anything the Town could do about the large trucks and tankers Driving down Main Street. Supervisor Hall advised unfortunately nothing he can do because it is an alternate route for I-86, also the farmers come through with the manure trucks to the Manure farm past the dairies.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2022

Proposed Action: Town of Friendship Sewer System Improvements project

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP TOWN BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship (Town) is proposing the Town of Friendship Sewer System Improvements Project (Project), located in the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a “Type I Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Friendship Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Friendship Town Board, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Town of Friendship Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Friendship hereby is authorized to sign Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (page 13); and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Friendship will send said Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form to “Interested and Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Friendship Town Board are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho,

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Steve Ritter-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution 19-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP SEWER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing, pursuant to Section 202-b of the New York State Town Law, to solicit public comment upon proposed improvements to the Town of Friendship Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared a map and plan showing the proposed improvements to include wastewater treatment plant and collection systems upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that the cost of such improvements has been determined to be based on the number of users in such Sewer district; and

WHEREAS, the plan shows the estimated costs of these improvements to be \$8,200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing, to be held on August 17, 2022, at 6.00 p.m. at the Friendship BINGO Hall, 6 East Main Street, Friendship, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, directed to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing, such notice to be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town of Friendship sign board, not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing.

I, Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk of the Town of Friendship do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship adopted the aforementioned resolution on July 20, 2022, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Motion to approve **Pool credits on sewer O/M** from the requested accts:

Acct.620-gallons 3804-\$27.40

Acct.771-gallons 7102-\$51.14

Acct.1480- gallons 3804-\$27.40

Acct.2270-gallons 3830-\$27.58

Acct.2740-gallons 6764-\$48.70

Acct.2653-gallons 11,367 full fill-\$81.85

ACCT-4070- GALLONS 6764--\$48.70

ACCT-4630- GALLONS 8561- FULL FILL \$61.64

OFFERED BY STEVE RITTER, SECONDED BY LINDA MASCHO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CAROLYN CARNEY-AYE

LINDA MASCHO-AYE

STEVE RITTER-AYE

RUSSELL HALL-AYE

PUBLIC WORKS-OAKLEY SORTORE

(TOPICS-FROM OAKLEY SORTORE)

REFUSE COMMITTEE UPDATES- CUBA REFUSE COMMITTEE COULD NOT MAKE IT TO THE MEETING BUT THEY WANTED TO LET FRIENDSHIP KNOW AN ADD WAS PUT IN THE PAPER FOR TAKING BIDS FOR REFUSE PICKUP FOR CUBA. COUNCILPERSON RITTER STATED WHAT THE TOWN BOARD OF FRIENDSHIP HAS DISCUSSED WAS GOING OUT ON THEIR OWN, GETTING A SMALLER GARBAGE TRUCK. THE TOWN ALREADY HAS MONEY SET ASIDE FOR IT. A LOT OF PROBLEMS D/T PEOPLE ON REFUSE NOT WANTING TO WORK IN CUBA, LONG DAYS. OAKLEY SORTORE SUGGESTED BREAKING UP PICKUP INTO 2 DAYS, WILL HAVE TO BE AGREED TO WITH CUBA AND JUST MODIFY THE AGREEMENT.

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS- PERSONNEL NOT SHOWING UP FOR WORK AND OR CHOOSING NOT TO WORK IN REFUSE.

BROUGHT UP THEY SHOULD BE LET GO.

SUPERVISOR HALL WILL GET WITH OAKLEY ON MONDAY JULY 25 AT 8PM, TO DRAW UP A LETTER FOR THOSE WHO ARE NON-COMPLIANT. SUGGESTED BY DELL BAKER TO START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.

*ACUC BILLING CONCEPT ALTERATION FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS. WORKING WITH THEM TO MAKE THE CHANGES. DOESN'T CHANGE OUR AGREEMENT. THEY WANT TO LOCK EDU'S TO 1, AND THE TRAILER COURT WANTS TO ADD ON TO THE WATER SYSTEM.

*SETTLE SPOT IN HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT- AT THE TOWN HALL 4 WEST MAIN.- IT IS SETTling IN THIS SPOT AGAIN, IT HAS BEEN FILLED/FIXED IN THE PAST AND IT IS SETTling AGAIN. CANNOT FIND OUT WHAT IS CAUSING THE PROBLEM. THERE ARE NO LEAKS, THEY SMOKED IT. THERE IS A HOLE THAT IS WORKING ITS WAY TOWARDS THE SIDEWALK. IT REALLY IS THE FIRE DEPT.'S PARKING AREA. SUPERVISOR HALL ADVISED OAKLEY IF HE CAN HAVE A CONVERSTION WITH THEM, WE WILL HELP THEM IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.

PARKING SIGN IN FRONT OF SCHENK N MILES- RUSS HALL ADVISED SHOULD GO AHEAD AND PUT IN 2 HR. PARKING. OAKLEY CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT ONE IN SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO ANY SNOW PLOWING AROUND IT.

*WEST MAIN "SEWER" CREEK CROSSING MITIGATION. WORKING WITH DIG SAFELY AND THE COUNTY IS SUPPOSE TO BE WORKING ON THIS SOON FOR SOME CORRECTIVE ACTION.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

TOWN CLERK REPORT

DOG CONTROL REPORT

POLICE REPORT (ARREST REPORTS FROM FRIENDSHIP HAVE BEEN GOING ON FACEBOOK. RECURRING ARRESTS D/T THE COURT REFORM RULES. FYI: THERE WAS A HOME INVASION ON LINWOOD AVE.)

WATER SYSTEMS REPORT

JUSTICE REPORTS

9:03 Motion to go into executive session regarding a Union contract offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. Dell Baker asked into session.

9:23 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Motion to set Special meeting on Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00pm to go into executive session regarding Union Contract offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Notice to be put into Town appointed newspaper.

9:35 Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr
Town Clerk