

June 12, 2014  
Town of Afton  
County of Chenango

Present at the regular meeting were Supervisor J Lawrence, R Tallmadge, C Tallmadge, C Warren, Highway Superintendent L Shultis, DCO A Cross, Assessor S McIntyre.

Visitors A Leggett, A Steinberg, B Heller, R Cross.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the salute to the flag.

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows:

General Fund Claims #114-132 totaling \$14156.23 as listed on General Funds Abstract #6 dated June 12, 2014 and

Highway Funds Claims #64-85 totaling \$72886.52 as listed on Highway Abstract #6 dated June 12, 2014.

Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2014, made by R Tallmadge seconded by C Warren. Approved.

Motion to pay General Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$14156.23 and the Highway Funds Abstract # 6 totaling \$72886.52 dated June 12, 2014 made by R Tallmadge seconded by C Tallmadge. Approved

Recognition of Visitors: A Leggett spoke on her of 2 grants for Town and Village, one grant for development of Comprehensive plan at a cost of approx \$20,000.00 and a second for Flood mitigation in the amount of \$16,000.00. The cost to the town is approximately 10% which is to be split with the Village equally.

The amount of \$1845.00 to be paid by each entity. Letter read from Mayor S Muller containing the following resolutions.

Resolved that the Town of Afton will join the Village of Afton in a Corporate Grant request for \$36910, titled Local Water Front Revitalization Grant, with the Village of Afton to be the lead agency.

Resolved that the Town of Afton will join with the Village of Afton in a Cooperative grant request for \$36600.00 Titled Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Grant, with the Village of Afton to be the lead Agency.

First motion to approve made by J Lawrence and seconded by C Tallmadge. Approved

Second motion to approve made by J Lawrence and seconded by C Tallmadge, Approved.

J Lawrence awarded a plaque to J Palumbo (retired municipal justice) for his 21 years of Service to the Town of Afton and Village of Afton.

Communications

Letter from Michael Fitzgerald regarding request for military memorabilia read and will be forwarded to VFW.

#### Committee Reports

- 1) Assessor Reports that the tentative rate will be 66% for 2015 which is up from the current 61%. Meaning property values in the Town of Afton have dropped as a result.
- 2) Financial Reports were distributed
- 3) Justice Reports (2) were distributed.
- 4) Code Enforcement report was not available.
- 5) Highway reports that cold mix paving on Hall Road above Dr. Dygert's house through the woods and on Ives Hill have been completed. Mowing of the road shoulders on the town roads. Shimming of the roads in preparation of doing some stone and oiling being done. Salt shed construction complete and Painting has begun.
- 6) DCO Report distributed. Have had requests for pickup of Emu and Baby Skunks to be removed. Town only has responsibility for dogs, not any other animals.
- 7) Building Committee Report nothing to report at this time waiting on architect.

#### Old Business

- 1) Letter from C Crouch regarding the support of Casino License in Broome County ( tabled in May meeting) J Lawrence made motion to approve the resolution with C Warren seconding the motion that reads as follows

#### **RESOLUTION Town of Afton**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of New York overwhelmingly voted in the affirmative to amend section 9 of Article 1 of the Constitution to allow the authorization for up to seven Class 111 casinos in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Governor announced that the first four casinos will be built in Upstate New York, including at least one in Region 5, which includes Broome County, and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the construction of these Class 111 casinos will promote significant job growth, increase aid to schools, and permit local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated for the host communities and counties within the region, which will benefit Town of Afton in the event that a Broome County site is selected, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in furtherance of the above goals, the Town of Afton hereby declares its support for awarding a casino license to a destination resort in Broome County, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New York State Gaming Commission, Governor Cuomo, and appropriate state elected officials.

Motion passed.

- 2) Village offer on DCO support for DCO only in the amount of \$1200 for the 2015-2016 year offered with this amount to be revisited annually. Motion to accept proposal with the provision that a resolution be passed by the Village that mirrors the Town of Afton Law concerning Dog Control by C Tallmadge and seconded by R Tallmadge. Approved.
- 3) Sale or lease of Town Land to School. Waiting for school response.

New Business

Time Warner Cable contract discussed.

Motion to adjourn for Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 8:45 pm made by R Tallmadge seconded by C Tallmadge Approved

Motion to return from Executive Session at 10:15 pm made by C Warren and seconded by R Tallmadge. Approved

Motion to adjourn at 10:16 pm by C Warren and seconded by R Tallmadge Approved

Minutes submitted by

Rosemarie A. Klatz  
Afton Town Clerk

Communications

- 1) Letter on Benefit for Sally Jensen read.

Committee Reports

- 1) Assessor Tentative Roll available and letters have gone out concerning changes in assessments to properties affected. May 27, 2014 from 4 to 8 pm has been set for grievance day to be held at the town hall at 169 Main street Afton, NY.
- 2) Financial Report distributed.
- 3) Justice Reports 1 was distributed. One will be e mailed to board.
- 4) Code Enforcement no report available.
- 5) Highway Report working on salt shed, and sweeping roads. Patch material was made on April 28 and we have been patching since. We had tree service for 1 day and cut some trees on Chase Road and Stumptown Road. Roger gave notice that he will be retiring at the end of June.

- 6) DCO reports that she has been busy with complaints. Rabies clinics have begun listing of clinics is posted at town hall.
- 7) Building Committee Medical Center flooring for this year has been completed and looks nice.

#### Old Business

- 1) Letter from Cliff Crouch regarding support of a Casino License in Broome County (tabled in April meeting) J Lawrence will gather more input about tax incentives and economic impact to Chenango County and our town in particular from C Crouch
- 2) Results of DCO Support from Village, nothing at this time as there meeting is next week; however copies of the proposal were distributed.
- 3) Sale of Land Nothing at this time.

#### New Business

- 1) Letter from R Metzger concerning his retirement on May 14, 2014 and reinstatement on May 16, 2014 R Tallmadge made motion to accept resignation seconded by C Warren Approved. R Tallmadge made motion to reinstate R Metzger as Code enforcement Office effective May 16, 2014 seconded by C Warren Approved. Joining of Chamber of Commerce discussed R Tallmadge made motion to decline joining Chamber seconded C Warren. Approved

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:10 pm for personnel issues made by R Tallmadge and seconded by C Warren Approved

Motion to return from Executive Session to 9:10 pm by C Tallmadge seconded by R Tallmadge Approved

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm by C Tallmadge seconded by R Tallmadge. Approved

Submitted by

Rosemarie A Klatz  
Afton Town Clerk