

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Supervisor Bruce Giuda. The Pledge was said by all.

Minutes by Town Clerk Lucy Richards.

Board Members present: Supervisor Bruce Giuda, Councilman Keith Lilley, Councilman Paul Irwin, Councilman Teresa Winchester, Councilman John Hill, Highway Superintendent David Haynes.

Visitors present: Scot Lueck-DCO, Barbara Lilley and James Polhemus.

Privilege of the floor: Scot Lueck submitted Gilbertsville Annual Fire Report see pages (Fire Report 1 thru 4). James Polhemus brought some issues to the attention of the Board that need to be addressed (window repair and website update).

Keith Lilley made the motion to dispense with reading of the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, Bruce Giuda seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections, Bruce Giuda yes, Keith Lilley yes, Paul Irwin yes, Teresa Winchester yes, John Hill abstained (absent at last meeting), motion carried.

Reports: Town Clerk yes, Dog Control yes, Assessor yes, Highway Superintendent David Haynes discussed truck yearly truck undercoating, a quarter of the roads are done with the rented Boom Mower, many road signs are missing, Four Highway Crew, Superintendent of Highways and one Board Member went for Road Repair Training, Flat Iron Bridge in need of repair, the need to finish guard rail on Halbert Hill, pothole repair on Bell Hill and Taylor Road and the need to place large rocks along Dry Brook. Keith Lilley made the motion to remove Yield Signs at Mallory's Corners, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Supervisor's Report yes.

Committee Reports: Policy Spoils Policy will be discussed next meeting, Highway and Machinery yes, Buildings and Grounds yes window repair top of the list, Park yes. Bruce Giuda made the motion to accept Committee reports, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: 1. Fire Department Diesel Fuel, Fire Department doesn't need it from the Town.

2. Dog Law, Board did not sanction Town Kennel.

3. Planning Board Membership, four hours of yearly training mandatory, failure to comply will result in removal.

4. Annual Policy Reviews, Table until May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting. Ethics Board form need to read and understand.

5. Teresa Winchester made the motion to accept the Climate Smart Communities Grant, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

6. The Board agreed to extend the warranty for the Generac Generator for a yearly fee of \$577.80

7. Supervisor Bruce Giuda recommends participating in the Stream Monitoring Program after Flat Iron Bridge is repaired.

New Business: 1. Town Board Discussed what the duties of a Town Constable would be: suggestions include: enforce local and state traffic laws, security town court, assist local dog control officer and policing public gatherings if requested. Supervisor Bruce Giuda will to contact Town Attorney David Merzig to draw up a Town Constable Law for the Town Board to review.

1a. Bruce Giuda made the motion to hold a Public Hearing May 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM for the removal of a Planning Board Member, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

1b. Bruce Giuda made the motion to hold a Public Hearing May 8, 2024 at 6:45 PM for a review of the Town Constable Law, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Board Members agreed to Website Updating and Technology Updates for Board Members.

5. Keith Lilley made the motion to reject the \$18,000.00 auction bid, and accept an offer of \$20,000.00. Buyer must provide certified bank check for \$20,000.00 during business hours on Thursday April 11, 2024, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

2. Paul Irwin made the motion to approve Financial Reports for March 2024, Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

3. Bruce Giuda made the motion to Approve Payments of vouchers 24084 – 24121 for \$250,597.83 Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Teresa Winchester made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards