

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERAN TOWN BOARD
May 20, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members present:

Lapierre
Henke
DeCicco
Lewis
Winkky

Others Present:

M. Mansfield (resident)
E. Derry (planning bd. chair.)
C. & T. Edwards (residents)
J. Groff (via phone)
M. Sternquist (resident)
D. Spencer (resident)
R. & D. Bennett (residents)
B. & J. Coleman (residents)

Audit of Bills:

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by DeCicco to authorize payment of bills with the total that follows with recommendation the highway superintendent follows with Milton Cat concerning mileage cost.

"A" Fund: \$15,264.53

"B" Fund: \$300.41

"DA" Fund: \$16,686.02

"DB" Fund: \$22,079.00

"SF1" Fund: \$39,196.57

Ayes: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Public Comment:

M. Mansfield: thanked the highway department for all the work they did with the creek. Suggested another 6' section be added to the speed bump and requested a stop sign replace a yield sign on Briarcliff Rd.

M. Sternquist does not like the speedbumps sees no reason to have them there

D. Spencer requested a bit ago to have the ditch cleaned out near 3666 Acker Rd.

R. and D. Bennett of Lintal Rd. spoke about the condition of their road. She sent emails to the board with no response.

C. and T. Edwards were here to speak about the condition of Parrott RD. and that the town Website needs update.

B. and J. Coleman also of Lintal Rd. were to speak about the concerns they have with their road.

L. O'Brien sent a letter concerning the cannabis opt out such letter was read by D. Lewis

Petitions and Communications:

Office of court administration: masks are required for all court business

S.T.T.C. tobacco free public space
Sprague Ins. addition and deletion to sweeper

Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals:

Planning board did not meet in May
Waiting for information on solar farm
Have a secretary
ZBA did not meet

Code Enforcement Officers Report: no report

Green Committee/ Stormwater Committee:

Complaints concerning water on Briarcliff Dr.
Working with Jividen's they pay for rip rap
Waiting to hear about the 2 properties on Rt.13
Heat smart documents
Marty & Trish Pierce both Mecum farm

Supervisors Report:

1. Financial
2. Dog control report
3. Resolution returned to county executive concerning IT \$2,500 grant money

Motion was made by DeCicco seconded by Lapierre to accept the report as given.

AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky NAYS: None

Clerks Report:

Motion was made by Winkky seconded by DeCicco to accept the report as submitted.

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Winkky

ABSTAIN: Lewis

Highway Superintendents Report:

1. Ditched Rice Rd. and Johnson Rd. Put new driveway pipe on Stafford Rd, put in speed hump on Briarcliff. We are going to start grinding dirt roads Monday.
2. Helped Towns of Chemung, Horseheads and Big flats
3. Tim Collins has retired from the highway department his last day is May 25.
4. Much discussion was held concerning loader trade in

Motion was made by Winkky seconded by DeCicco to accept the report as given.

AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky NAYS: None

Resolutions and Motions:

**RESOLUTION No.48/21
TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR 2022**

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Henke

WHEREAS, the Town Board is charged with the responsibility of enacting a budget every year for the Town affairs; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c makes it an increasingly difficult for the Town Board to anticipate budgetary needs and taxing constraints; and

WHEREAS, in the event the Town's tax levy exceeds the allowable tax levy limit voluntarily or due to clerical or technical errors the State has the authority to penalize the Town unless the Town Board has formally given itself permission to exceed the tax cap, and

WHEREAS, adopting a Local Law overriding the tax levy is not predictive of the final tax levy but will provide the Town flexibility to exceed the property tax cap if it is deemed necessary, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor William Winkky has recommended the adoption of this Local Law, and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed a draft local law providing for the override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Board is empowered to enact such a local law following a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Veteran shall hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, Millport, NY on June 17, 2021, at 6:55 p.m. to consider a proposed Local Law which would provide for an override of the tax levy limit. At the public hearing, the Town Board shall hear comments from all interested persons and thereafter may take action on the proposed local law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish and post a legal notice of the public hearing on the proposed local law in the manner provided by law and shall make a copy of the proposed local law available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office following the adoption of this Resolution and until the public hearing is closed.

AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Old Business:

STN: no proposal back. Suggested that the Town utilizes the moneys acquired and hook the net to the building.

Solar farm: no new information

284 Highway Agreement

This item is tabled until the June meeting after figures are received for Lintal Rd.

Cannabis:

After much discussion the board determined to set a public hearing concerning a Local Law to opt out of allowing retail dispensaries and on site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law article 4.

Motion was made by Henke seconded by DeCicco to set a public hearing June 17, 2021 at 6:50pm for the purpose to have the opportunity so the opt out can be considered for the referendum for November .

AYES: Henke,

Lewis, Voting to set a public hearing giving the towns people opportunity to voice their opinion on a local law and assist in facilitating a decision as a representative of the people of the town I vote yes in favor in setting a public hearing.

DeCicco concur with Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: Lapierre

New Business:

Lewis spoke about creating a Facebook page (electronic bulletin board)

**Resolution No.49/21
Relative to Creating Town Facebook Page**

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by; Lapierre

WHEREAS, communication methods from the Town of Veteran to residents regarding publication and physical posting of information have limited reach when using the required methodologies of municipal law and

WHEREAS, current information technology based platforms have the ability to “push” new information to interested parties and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has the necessary skills to incorporate additional media publication of Town announcements

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk of the Town of Veteran is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Town of Veteran Facebook presence utilizing the Town of Veteran seal as identifying mark and identifying the content of the Facebook to be officially of the Town of Veteran and owned by the Town of Veteran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to post duplicate versions of all required legal notices for the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessment Review, as well as Town Board meeting agendas, closure notifications of Town Hall, and other items as specifically approved by the Town Board.

AYES: Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

ABSTAIN: DeCicco

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to adjourn at 9:27pm. All in favor

Patricia R. Manwaring
Clerk

