

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERAN TOWN BOARD
June 17, 2021

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT

Lapierre

Henke

DeCicco (via phone)

Lewis

Winkky

OTHERS:

K. Ripley (code enforcement)

E. Derry (planning board chairman)

L. O'Brien (zoning board of appeals chairperson)

J. Groff (attorney)

M. Pastrick (county legislator)

RESIDENTS:

V. Azzarelli, T. Pucci, C. Edwards, T. Edwards, M. DeMichele, G. Campbell, M. Mansfield, B. Roemmelt, R. Curren, M. Little, S. Bump, S. Fieno, C. Perkins, B. Cunningham, H. Cox, R. Graham, M. Abernathy, C. Cox, E. Connell, J. Murray, B. Brace, M. Brace, S. Nowaczyk, J. Kuhnel, K. Brenza, M. Cooper
(I tried to list everyone's name that was present. Because of COVID I did not send around sign in sheet. I'm sorry if I missed anyone)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Concerning Local Law "Cannabis Opt Out" Supervisor Winkky opened such hearing at 6:50pm. Several people spoke for or against such subject. Many spoke concerning the revenue it would create as many spoke about the need to put it out as a vote (referendum). There were many that thought the town should opt out as many said do not. One opinion was to let it go to big towns, as Town of Veteran never business minded. Many are concerned it will be a gateway drug. Motion was made by Winkky seconded by Lewis to close public hearing at 7:17pm. AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis Winkky NAYS: None

Concerning Local Law "Override Tax Cap" Supervisor Winkky opened such hearing at 7:18pm. Discussion was held about being opposed to override as another person said to override tax cap once in awhile is ok not every year. A comment was made Town does not support businesses. Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to close public hearing at 7:33pm. AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky NAYS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several people were each given 5 minutes to speak concerning the speed hump and stop sign that was placed in their sub division. (Stonecroft Dr and Briarcliff Dr) Comments were made such as something like this has never been needed before, no one has ever been killed, something needs to be done to slow traffic, and not everyone was informed about this situation. A petition was collected by 67

residents opposed to speed humps. Concerns were brought up about a sticker that was placed on the speed hump sign. Concerns were shown about school buses stopping for stop sign. A concerned resident was upset that his trees in his front yard were taken out by speeders. More communication is needed by all residents in the sub division as this has divided to community.

Pucci commented that he is glad to see people at the meeting and they should come more often. And asked about the town's share of the American Rescue plan money they will receive.

R. Curren spoke about accidents on Middle Rd. board cannot vote to do anything must get answers and help from others.

M. Pastrick mentioned that the Casella grant money was applied for and received.

D. Lewis invited everyone to stay. Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to close public comment at 8:30pm

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

AUDIT the BILLS:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Winkky to authorize the payment of bills with totals that follow:

"A" Fund: \$22,494.35

"B" Fund: \$3,486.54

"DA" Fund: \$58,803.35

"DB" Fund: \$26,006.93

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

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Lapierre to approve the minutes of 5/20/21 as submitted.

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

Petitions and Communications:

Letter and petition from Barbara Cunningham

Odessa fire contract

Excellus up 10%

Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals:

Planning board met 6/7

New secretary appointed

Representative from solar company was present and project has been referred to the county

ZBA nothing

Code Enforcement Officers Report:

Court closed not dealing with cases

Building and high grass cases up

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to accept the reports from April & May 2021.

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: none

Green Committee/ Stormwater Committee:

1. Met with Jimmie Jo and Jividen's on Stonecroft they have plans and Jividen's will purchase rip rap.
2. Motion was made by Henke seconded by Winkky to appoint Maria Driscoll to the Green Committee/ Stormwater Committee effective immediately.
AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky NAYS: None
3. Town property on Rt 13 was not what solar people were looking for

Supervisors Report:

1. Financial
2. Dog report

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Lewis to accept the report as given.

AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: none

Clerks Report:

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

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Highway Superintendents Report:

1. Graded al the dirt roads and sprayed dust oil. Putting millings on Terry Hill Rd
2. Helped Town of Horseheads
3. Worked 2 – 10 hours days Village of Millport flushing storm drains
4. Speed hump on Briarcliff

Motion was made by Henke seconded by Lewis to accept the report as given.

AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Resolutions and Motions:

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Lapierre to table the Local Law "Cannabis Opt Out" until July

AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Motion was made By Lewis seconded by Lapierre to table Local Law "Tax Cap Override" until September 16m, 2021 meeting.

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Old Business:

Solar farm has been referred to Chemung County

**Resolution No.50/21
Relative to 284 Agreement**

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by Henke

Whereas, this board and highway superintendent Curt Rhodes recently reviewed the 2021 section 284 highway agreement.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved. that the agreement the supervisor and members of the Town Board are authorized to sign the agreement.

Said agreement is to be placed on file with the Town Clerk.

AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Henke to amend communication from Chemung County be allowed to be post on town facebook page.

AYES: Henke, DeCicco, Lapierre, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Discussion held about the resident that would like to have NYSEG install a street in front of his with no cost to the town.

New Business:

Henke spoke about how he does not believe that the public comment of the agendas should be changed so that people stay to experience what the town board does.

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Lapierre to have copies of Odessa Fire Contract be distributed to board member and table until July meeting.

AYES: DeCicco, Lapierre, Henke, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Lapierre to instruct clerk to file notice of claim with Sprague Insurance from Verizon.

AYES: Lapierre, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis, Winkky

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to adjourn meeting at 9:38pm. All in favor

Patricia R. Manwaring

Clerk