

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERAN TOWN BOARD
June 9, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members:

Henke
Winkky
O'Brien
Lewis

Absent:
Lapierre

Others present:

K. Ripley W. Wolf
J. Holden C. Edwards
T. Edwards D. Kaysa
D. Adams M. Pastrick
L. Morse M. Morse
J. Groff V. Azzarelli

Resolutions and Motions:

Resolution No.53/2022

Rules of Procedure for Meetings

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: O'Brien

WHEREAS, the operations of organizations, including municipalities, benefit from specific rules of order and procedure, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Veteran previously adopted rules of procedure for meetings of the Town Board and the various boards and committees of the Town, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Veteran has extensively reviewed, discussed, and debated an updated draft version of Rules of Procedure for Meetings to maintain order and efficiency in the conduct of meetings, which would amend the Town's current Rules, AND

WHEREAS, a completed version of Rules of Procedure for Meetings has been finalized, reviewed and considered by this Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Veteran hereby adopts the revised *Rules of Procedure for Meetings*, to be dated June 9, 2022 and to be effective immediately. Said Rules shall be reviewed and amended by this Board from time to time as warranted. The Rules shall be placed on file with Town Clerk Pat Manwaring who shall provide copies of same to the members of the various boards and committees of the Town as soon as is practical.

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: Henke

Audit the Bills:

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

"A" Fund: \$16,312.86

"B" Fund: \$396.95

"DA" Fund: \$104,287.70

"DB" Fund: \$129,850.63

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

Minutes:

Motion was made by Henke seconded by O'Brien to accept the minutes of 5/12 and 5/23.

AYES: Henke, O'Brien, Winkky yes for 5/23 Abstain 5/12

NAYS: None

Petitions and Communications:

Supervisor read off several communications with expanded comments.

Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals:

- A. Planning board no meeting in May. Requested information be posted on Town web site and facebook. Supervisor provided guidance.
- B. ZBA nothing to report

Code Enforcement Officers Report:

Discussed issue with complaints against a rental. It was addressed and they are in compliance by guilty party. Henke wondered if the law needs to be reviewed , CEO responded there has been no complaint in two years not an issue.

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Henke to approve the report. AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Henke, Lewis

NAYS: None

Green Committee/ Stormwater Committee:

No updates.

Meeting Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 7pm

Supervisors Report:

Discussed the new "Public Comment" rules and several issues.

Motion was made by O'Brien seconded by Henke to accept the report as given.

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

Clerks Report:

Supervisor read the money received for various licenses and permits.

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

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Highway Superintendents Report:

Nothing new to report. Comment about a great job on removing trees quickly. Henke asked if everyone was enjoying moving the new machinery.

Stoncroft and Briarcliff are all blacktopped. New catch basin.

Working on Johnson Rd.

Grading dirt roads

Town of Horseheads has helped a lot.

Millport 3 hours. We patched and graded in the village

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by O'Brien to accept the report.

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Henke, Lewis

NAYS: None

Public Comment:

- a. Lawana Morse introduced herself as a candidate to represent 1st District and wanted to let everyone know she was not aligned with any group and was only running to stand up and represent the people in district one, not follow someone else's agenda. She did compliment Pastrick for a job well done for 20 years.
- b. Pastrick discussed a grant he got for the town
- c. Donna Kaysa stated she was upset that there was a dead deer on Middle Rd. at the entrance to the Mark Twain walking trail and was getting no help from Chemung County or the town. Pastrick stated he would take care of it.
- d. Henke went to the audience to make a public comment about dogs/horse issues and how they were handled by animal control so it would/could be moved to "New Business"

Resolutions and Motions:

Motions to table public comments to new business: there was a motion to move Henke's comments about animal control to new business and was approved.

Resolution No.54/22

Relative to Supportive of the Chemung County Fairgrounds

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: O'Brien

Whereas, the Town of Veteran is a rural residential community with strong ties to agriculture, and

Whereas, the Chemung County Fairgrounds were adversely impacted by the COVID- 19 pandemic, and

Whereas, Nikole Watts has passionately presented the Town of Veteran Board a vision for the fairgrounds,

Now Therefore It Be Resolved, that the Town of Veteran is supportive of the exploration of options to fully utilize and expand the use of the Chemung County Fairgrounds, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Veteran recognizes the Chemung County Legislature and the Chemung County Executive as the lead government entities to conduct and finance studies, improvements, and other actions regarding the Chemung County Fairgrounds.

AYES: O'Brien, Henke, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

After a few questions were put forth by O'Brien

Resolution No.55/22
Relative to Utilizing LexisNexis

Motion by: Henke
Seconded by: Winkky

Whereas, the Town Attorney finds value in utilizing a LexisNexis subscription as a resource in the fulfillment of the duties of office, and

Whereas, a cost option has been recommended by another municipality utilizing the same attorney.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of Veteran approves the use of a LexisNexis subscription by the Town Attorney, and

Be It Resolved, that the Town of Veteran shall contribute 29% of the subscription cost to the Village of Horseheads 2022 and 2023.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Town Supervisor and attorney explained this at length.

Resolution No.56/22
Relative to Standard Work Day and Reporting

Motion by: O'Brien
Seconded by: Winkky

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Veteran 30564 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local retirement System based on their record of activities:

David Lewis : Town of Veteran Supervisor

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Henke

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Lewis

Resolution No.57/22
Relative to Vacancy Committee

Motion by: Lewis
Seconded by: Henke

Whereas, the Town of Veteran planning Board currently has vacancies on the 7 person board, and

Whereas, the Town Board invites and encourages Town residents interested in serving the Town apply for appointment to various Town boards and committees,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that this board does hereby establish the Planning board Vacancy Committee and charges same with the duty to solicit and review applications to fill vacancies on the Planning Board, and to report to this board regarding their findings and recommendations. The following persons are appointed to this committee: Shawn Lapierre, Francis Henke, and David Adams.

AYES: O'Brien, Winkky, Lewis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Henke

Old Business:

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by O'Brien that the Unified Building Code Local Law be tabled.

AYES: Henke, Winkky, O'Brien, Lewis

NAYS: None

Grant Policy

O'Brien explained /discussed at length and requested a resolution to be ready which will be required for submission of the grant.

**Resolution No.58/22
Relative to Grant Policy**

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Henke

Whereas, Liane O'Brien has been authorized and directed to investigate the feasibility of securing grants to finance the redesign of the Town's website , and

Whereas, she submitted a letter of interest to the Community Foundation of Elmira- Corning and the Finger Lakes and has been invited to submit an application.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that she is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to prepare and submit an application, on behalf of the Town of Veteran, for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00

AYES: Winkky, O'Brien, Henke, Lewis

NAYS: None

New Business:

Consulting Firm Proposal: Henke presented a potential opportunity for FEMA Grant assistance based on a relationship and discussion with a former college classmate that works for a firm that works with communities developing/ submitting grants. Henke's interest was based on the fact his friends company had submitted FEMA Grant applications for Salt Barns. Discussion ensued by O'Brien and Lewis that it was similar to what Hunt Engineers did for the Town, O'Brien was concerned with the firm's including fee's in the grant application. O'Brien recommended that it seems more appropriate to have STEG/Roman present grant opportunities first. There was general agreement that Henke would receive more information from the firm and potential for a presentation after the STEG presentation.

Added from public comment: This was based on the comments by Henke during public comments and email, concerning the performance of the Animal Control Officer. Henke's primary concern is for the community witness the Town Board address their issues. In the case, the Supervisor expressed concern that performance of employees should be reviewed outside public view and discussed in Executive session. The Board will continue to pursue the issue and resolve it.

NYS OPEN MEETING RULES FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- . Legal Matters: A board may adjourn to, or meet solely in, executive session "to consider litigation".
- . Formation of Contracts: A board may adjourn to, or meet in, executive session to consider matters "relating to the information of contracts with third parties"
- . Member discipline...
- . Personnel Matters...
- . Payment plans....

Motion was made by Lewis seconded by Winkky to adjourn at

All in favor

