

**The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday November 14, 2024 at the Town Hall.**

**Present:** Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember; John Macauley, Councilmember

**Other Town Officials:** Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent; Mark Bean, Town Justice, Others present: R. Niedermaier, M. Tabak

Excused: Bill Przysinda, Councilmember

**Bill Devine, Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 8:59 a.m.** Supervisor Devine led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Hunter that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 224 -255 for \$16,687.62; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 188- 206 for \$30,249.51. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to accept the regular meeting minutes of 10/10/2024. Motion carried.

Supervisor Devine forwarded copies electronically of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received. Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports with inquiries. Motion carried.

**Information handed out/or acknowledged: None**

#### **Old/New Business:**

TOWN JUSTICE NEW HIRE DISCUSSION- Town Justice Bean was present to update the board on a decision made as the current full-time court clerk is running unopposed for the upcoming local justice election and will need to train and replace the full-time court clerk.

The Town Board thanked Justice Bean for the update. A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to approve the hire of Jacquelyn Fronk as a part-time court clerk to train to become the full-time court clerk beginning January 1, 2025. The pay rate of Ms. Fronk will be \$16.75 per hour and she will work up to 24 hours per week for the remainder of 2024. Motion carried. Councilmember Bean abstained.

UNION CONTRACT CHANGE DISCUSSION- Cody Mettler, Union Steward is present to discuss changing the work day schedule as stated in section 7.1 in the union contract. Mr. Mettler has provided the board with information of cost savings from the NYS Comptroller regarding working only 4- 10 hour work days permanently. The Highway Union wishes to maintain their “summer” hours and stay working the 4- 10-hour work days Monday through Thursday.

Board discussion: Supervisor Devine would like to try the change without changing the contract until it is time to renegotiate the union contract as a trial to give all parties the opportunity for the change to see how it works.

Councilmember Bean would like to wait to change anything with a contract until the time comes to negotiate and agree with the supervisor to ensure it works for all parties.

Highway Superintendent Harvey stated that he has spoken with the person who typically works the night shift and will give him the option to work either the 4- 10 hour or the 5- 8 hour work day. They will be in constant communication to see what works best moving forward. The highway superintendent has no plans to eliminate the night shift during the winter months and if the current employee chooses not to wish to have the night shift any longer then the remaining employees will have to work that shift.

HIGHWAY REPORT—Highway Superintendent Harvey reported that CHIPS has been submitted for reimbursement and should see checks sometime around December 19, 2024. The highway superintendent spoke with the representative for CHIPS and discussed MultiMotto money. He updated the town board on his wishes to begin the process on applying to be able to update the flooring and possibly lighting in the Highway side utilizing MultiMotto money. Councilmember Bean stated that the town utilized it in the past for lighting she believed. The highway crew has started to place snow fences for the winter months.

There was a water main break on Pioneer Road that was repaired however there is damage on the road closest to the area of the water main leak. The area in question of damage is the responsibility of the Livingston County Highway Department due to the nearness of a bridge in that location and its surrounding area.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT- RESOLUTION 51-2024- The town is in receipt of the contract for the Snow and Ice removal for the county, the rates are annual flat rate per centerline mile at \$4,900 for October 15, 2024-October 14, 2025; \$5,000 for October 15, 2025- October 14, 2026; and \$5,100 for October 15, 2026- October 14, 2027

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting to review the County Highway Snow and Ice contract provided from the County Highway; and

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a providing for snow and ice control on County Roads within the Town, the Supervisor and the Town Highways Superintendent be directed to execute a contract with the County Highway Superintendent of the County of Livingston for the Town to undertake and perform snow and ice control on County Roads located in the Town for the period beginning October 15, 2024 and ending October 14, 2027 at the rates provided.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean and the results were carried with 0 nay 4 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, absent.

INTERMUNICIPAL MACHINERY TOOLS SHARED SERVICES – RESOLUTION 52-2024 - the contract is extending for 1 year for 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting, to review the Extension Intermunicipal Agreement with Livingston County Highway of sharing machinery, tools, equipment and services with each other; and

WHEREAS, the Town may enter into this type of Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Services Sharing Agreement to NYS Highway Law Section 142-b and Section 142-d; and

WHEREAS, the County enter into this type of Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Services Sharing Agreement to NYS Highway Law Section 133-a; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with such contract and authorizes Supervisor William Devine to sign the 1-year contract to expire December 31, 2025; and

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED; that the Highway Superintendent will possess such powers and authority to determine the needs and availability of such equipment and labor and the rates are variable based on union contract rates.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, absent.

AMBUSCADE PARK SIGN REPLACEMENT REQUEST- Highway Superintendent Harvey has received a request from the Sons of the American Revolution, to pay for and replace the main entrance sign to Ambuscade Park. Highway Superintendent Harvey stated to his contact with the SAR that the board would need to review and approve the design. The sign replacement would be paid for by the Sons of the American Revolution but the installation would be completed by the highway department but not until the spring.

Board discussion: Councilmember Bean and Councilmember Hunter both stated It was also discussed that the adjacent property owner would need to be agreeable to the sign replacement as they both inquired if he had purchased or erected the sign himself in the past. Supervisor Devine asked if the highway superintendent could contact the adjacent property to confirm his approval of the new sign and placement to keep all parties affected involved.

Councilmember Bean offered assistance with signage recommendations once all parties had agreed to sign.

CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACT- RESOLUTION 53-2024- Supervisor Devine stated that this is an annual contract the town has had with the staff of FLDDSO and enjoy working with the clients.

WHEREAS, the Groveland Town board has opted to renew the existing cleaning contract with This That and More Co.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Groveland Town Board authorize Town Clerk, Kimberly Burgess to renew a one-year contract expiring December 31, 2025 for monthly cleaning of \$51.15/ week.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, absent.

#### GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DISCUSSION- Councilmember Macauley will forward the picture of before and after to the town clerk as the playground is all installed.

R. Niedermaier showed the town board photos of what the fire department is considering as additions to the playground for the future.

#### Supervisor Communication:

Water District WIIA Grant for additional money was approved, The Supervisor gave an outline of what to expect moving forward as there is a lot of paperwork and requirements with the two grants the town has to prepare for.

Resident M. Tabak requested that when it comes time to negotiate the contract for LCWSA if the town can try and keep firm with the pricing of \$3.50 in its contract as he sees other municipal water pricing and it is much higher.

Councilmember Bean understands the concern the resident has but also stated that the undertaking for the town to facilitate the mass organization of water on a municipal level is overwhelming and could be more costly to the taxpayers if the town attempted to take the burden on itself.

The board thanked the residents for their voice today at the meeting.

Supervisor Devine stated he spoke with the Supervisor for the town of Sparta and the land sale is being postponed until spring of 2025.

The town has the necessary quotes for the doors on the side entrance to the town clerk's office and the town court door. The board reviewed quotes.

Councilmember Bean asked if both doors were tempered glass as the one quote did not state that. If the door is tempered glass then move forward with the lowest quote.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean to allow Genesee Construction to replace two side doors on the town hall as long as the door has tempered glass. Motion carried.

Other business:

Town Clerk Burgess inquired about a few clerical items in preparation for the upcoming meetings.

Board gave feed back on their wishes for scheduling purposes.

Veterans banner flag information was brought to town offices from the Geneseo VFW Post 5005 and the American Legion Post 271. They are sponsoring a banner program to place in the town of Geneseo along State Route 20A. This is to include the Town of Groveland residents as well.

DEC has now approved the towns to allow \$1.00 to be charged for printing purposes for hunting licenses as they no longer provide printers or special paper. This application needed to be approved on a State level to allow the municipality to charge, and the program to allow us to charge for it. Town Clerk Burgess stated in her opinion most licenses have already been sold and it is not fair to the remaining consumers to charge when we did not the other consumers. Town Clerk Burgess will re-evaluate next year. Board agreed with the sentiment.

M. Tabak inquired about how assessment rolls are provided to the community.

Board members and Town Clerk Burgess explained that it is all public knowledge and we do typically have an assessment book available for anyone wishing to review but we do not print one for everyone. Livingston County has a website that provides every county resident assessment information that the town website is linked to.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting December 12, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk

Town of Groveland

Dated November 14, 2024