

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday July 11, 2019 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Carman, Supervisor; Steve Atterbury, Councilmember; Ron Niedermaier, Councilmember; Amy Phelps, Councilmember

Excused: Bill Devine, Town Councilmember & Deputy Supervisor

Other Town Officials in Attendance: Donald “Mark” Caldwell, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 7:33 p.m. Supervisor Carman asked Annie Chwiecko to lead the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Niedermaier the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 150-174 for \$11,999.05; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 121 – 137 for \$85,918.06. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Niedermaier to accept the regular meeting minutes of 06/13/2019 approved as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor handed out copies of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received and disbursed. Councilmember Niedermaier and seconded by Councilmember Phelps to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

1. Food Pantry collection box is located at the town hall – open during office hours

Old/New Business:

LIVINGSTON CO. REPRESENTATIVE FOR SENATOR GALLIVAN’S OFFICE- Annie Chwiecko attended tonight’s meeting, she wanted to give updates to the town of the work that Senator Gallivan has been doing for his constituents. The Senator’s office give a few awards throughout the year and Ms. Chwiecko is always looking for nominees and would appreciate any in sight the board may have when choosing the nominees for awards.

The Livingston Correctional Faculty closing has had a major impact in the County and the jobs that have been lost or relocated due to the closing. The facility is located within the town and she understands there are many rumors going around as to what is to become of the closed facility. Ms. Chwiecko stated once she hears of what if any plans are for the closed facility in the future she will let the board know.

Supervisor Carman thanked Ms. Chwiecko for coming to tonight’s meeting.

Councilmember Atterbury entered the meeting at 7:47p.m.

HIGHWAY REPORT- Deputy Highway Superintendent stated ditching on Swan Hill Road is complete, all that needs to do is put gravel down. The highway crew has been working with the County Highway on Groveland Hill Road, the County is doing milling on Groveland Hill Road. Road side mowing continues along with sand was placed on various roads recently due to the warm weather it caused bleeding of oil on some roads.

The heavy rain storm on 6/20/2019 kept the crew very busy, a lot of pipes had been plugged with tree debris from property owners logging their property along with the lack of crop on the fields due the wet spring farmers could not plant their fields.

Stone is being hauled for use on multiple roads to prepare for oil and stoning with a tentative date of July 30, 2019.

The 2001 Volvo dump truck turbo and charge air cooler needed repair. He has obtained quotes for the highway barn doors as well, the board reviewed the quotes.

RESIGNATION - Deputy Highway Superintendent notified the board that one of the highway employees gave his 2 week notice on 6/17/2019. The position was advertised along with a part-time position for applications due back July 12, 2019.

Supervisor Carman has stated that he sent out an email to the board informing them of the highway employee's resignation along with the advertisement. The advertisement had a part-time position available due to an impending opening created by retirement for a current highway position. Supervisor also stated that he has spoken with Councilmember Bill Devine and he will sit in on the interviews with the Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Board discussion: Board agreed with the Supervisor's concern of available future positions.

Councilmember Phelps inquired how the applicant pool was looking.

Deputy Highway Superintendent stated it looks good.

A motion by Councilmember Niedermaier and seconded by Councilmember Phelps to hire a fulltime MEO position at the rate outlined in the union contract. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Phelps to hire a part time MEO position at a rate of pay of \$17.00-19.00 per hour up to 34 hours a week.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated that he would like to keep Jake Logsdon as a backup if necessary to fill in. Jake stated to the Deputy Highway Superintendent he would be willing to help out when needed as he resigned his position due to accepting another job but enjoyed working at the town.

Board discussion: All agreed with Deputy Highway Superintendent Caldwell that Mr. Logsdon was a great employee and would be nice to have someone who knew the equipment and could help in case there was ever a need.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Atterbury to use Jake as a per diem employee at the rate of pay Mr. Logsdon was receiving at the time of his resignation of the full time position.

GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – FINANCIAL REPORT RESOLUTION 44-2019 – the board was emailed the report on June 28, 2019 for their review.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting to review the annual financial report dated March 31, 2019, submitted by the Groveland Volunteer Fire Department. At which the report was previously submitted to the Town Clerk and was emailed to the town board members on June 28, 2019 for review, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED this Town Board does hereby accept such revised Annual Report fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 and that such annual report be adopted, by this Board, be entered in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Niedermaier and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Carman aye; Councilmember Atterbury, aye; Councilmember Phelps, aye; Councilmember Niedermaier, aye. Councilmember Devine absent.

DONATION FOR LAKEVIEW CEMETERY- Supervisor Carman is in receipt of a donation and a letter from Janet Barber on behalf of her uncle, David Barber. David passed away on April 15, 2019 and asked that a gift be made to the Lakeview Cemetery upon his passing.

A motion by Supervisor Carman and seconded by Councilmember Atterbury to accept the gift for the Lakeview Cemetery.

AMBUSCADE PARK–Supervisor Carman stated he would like to have a plaque made for Genesee Valley BOCES Building trade students that built the pavilion for us and have it added to the final pavilion as a thank you to them. Councilmember Bill Devine has created a sample that he can do, once a decision is made on the final wording he will be glad to make the plaque.

The Supervisor has also received an inquiry if the Town was going to have grills installed for onsite use.

Supervisor Carman has the materials for the plumbing for the pavilion, hoping to start the install of plumbing next week.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated the stumps will be dug out next week in preparation for the new trees.

Councilmember Phelps wanted to look into removing the steps all together and take a more natural path approach to the monument. She thought if the town brought fill in to make the hill less steep and looking into a winding path and more earthen that we may have less maintenance to do in the future. The Councilmember also would like the ability to have a 3 season pavilion in the future and inquired if “curtains “similar to the ones used by farmers would be an option to have longer use of the pavilion. Supervisor Carman liked the idea of a more earthen path and asked the Councilmember to research cost and effectiveness. The idea of curtains or something like that could be an option for future discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Councilmember Phelps made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Councilmember Atterbury for matters relating to proposed, pending or current litigation; Motion carried.

The board asked Town Clerk to attend.

Board entered executive session at 8:40 p.m.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury, seconded by Councilmember Phelps to close the executive session with no action taken. Motion carried.

Returned to regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Supervisor Communication:

- Paul Gister responded to the cost difference and stated the original street light at Rt 408 and Rt 63 inquiry, approx. 4 years ago, has few notes in the file. The originator of the subject estimate - Laurie Masten has since retired from National Grid. The field sketch apparently depicts the North Bound Ramp incorrectly in proximity to the existing National Grid distribution facilities. Therefore, due to the less distance, the scope of the previous estimate was less than adequate to satisfy the needed footages. In addition, over the period of time, the National Grid - NYS PSC Tariff No 214 has implemented significant changes in project unit costs. Supervisor Carman will move forward with notifying the mine regarding the cost of installation of the light.

- Supervisor had a meeting with County Highway and LCWSA on 7/3/2019 to discuss road issues after water service installation along County highway roads. Currently County Highway is redoing Groveland Hill Road. Supervisor would have preferred that they waited to redo the roadwork until after all the water hook ups had been complete however the County delayed as long as they could.
- Supervisor Carman had a meeting with DOH, DEC and County Soil and Water to discuss the area of concern of hillside drainage onto the lake area from heavy rain storms, they will follow up with the Supervisor once they have decided on a plan of action.

Other Communications:

Councilmember Phelps inquired if anyone heard if there is an increase of hogweed in our area.

Councilmember Niedermaier stated that DEC was just out to his farm to monitor a patch that used to be quite large and has reduced significantly since they DEC has been involved.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Niedermaier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting August 8, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Kimberly D. Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: July 11, 2019