

The special meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday March 22, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Carman, Supervisor; Bill Devine, Town Councilmember & Deputy Supervisor; Ron Niedermaier, Amy Phelps, Councilmembers

Absent: Steve Atterbury, Councilmember

Other Town Official's in Attendance: James Love, Highway Superintendent

Other Attendees: none

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 7:26 p.m. He led us in the pledge to the flag.

Town Clerk reported the special meeting was advertised in the LC News.

Old/New Business:

ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT- RESOLUTION 35-2018 - Supervisor Carman stated he was in receipt of a letter from Geneseo's Supervisor Will Wadsworth that they would not be able to do a shared assessor contract this year. Therefore, since we are in reevaluation process it makes sense to maintain Augie in the position. Supervisor Carman has spoken with Augie who stated he would like to continue as the Assessor. A motion by Councilmember Devine and seconded by Councilmember Phelps to appoint Agostino Mineo as the Assessor to be effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with a salary of \$9,620 with retro pay with biweekly pay periods. He will maintain the Saturday office hours of 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Motion carried.

WHEREAS the Town Board has met at the time and place at the special meeting and has reviewed the letter dated March 6, 2018 from Town of Geneseo stating they have opted not to engage in a contract for shared Assessor, and

WHEREAS, without a shared Assessor the need to be in the coordinated assessment program is no longer needed, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, this Town Board does hereby void out Resolution 28-2018 for shared assessor services with the Town of Geneseo and remove Town of Groveland from the coordinated assessment program pursuant to section 579 subsection 4 (b) of the Real Property Tax Law.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Niedermaier and seconded by Councilmember Devine and the results were carried with 0 nay 4 aye votes. Councilmember Atterbury was absent.

GRIEVANCE DAY – With the big changes at the state level it seems that informal hearings have been busier than previous reevaluation and may warrant a change in hours on grievance day, which we have discussed with Augie who says he is available to come earlier, but we still need to check with the grievance board members. Town board agrees if BOA members agree to extend hours than seems reasonable with the possibility to go from 2-9 p.m.

HIGHWAY POSITION – Highway Superintendent, Jim Love reported Caldwell pulled his retirement papers and is back to work as of March 14, 2018 and has been given his Deputy position back as well.

Town Clerk stated she was given a letter that was within payroll this afternoon from the Supervisor's Secretary to have the board review. The note was written by Jim that stated "once you give deputy pay you can't take it away as the union won't put up with it"

Board discussion:

Board went through the union contract and cannot see where that is stated; therefore, Dave is no longer entitled to the deputy pay as of 3/14/18.

Board discussion: With the returning of Caldwell it changes the availability of open positions.

The budget was planned for some overlap and seems only fair to utilize the 14 months of invested in Jordan to maintain his position.

A Motion by Councilmember Niedermaier and seconded by Councilmember Devine to hire Jordan Porcelli full time @ \$19.00 effective start date of April 2, 2018 to coincide with the payroll periods. Motion carried. He is eligible to enroll in the union; then once he reaches 6 months of full time status he then becomes eligible for health benefits per the highway union contract.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Devine when a retirement comes up in the highway it is the intention to going back to 4 full time positions. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Niedermaier to rescind the motion from 3/8/18 to allow Highway Superintendent to fill a secondary position of part time position. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Phelps and seconded by Councilmember Devine to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting April 12, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Dated: March 22, 2018
Town of Groveland

Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk