

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD
APRIL 11, 2024**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **33-24** THRU **38-24**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-COUNCILPERSON/DEPUTY SUPV.
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
CATHY LECLAIRE-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT.
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
BRANDON DECKER-CODE ENF
VACANT- TOWN HISTORIAN
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.
BRENDA QUICK-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: CAROL RANSOM, FRANK PATTERSON AND RICH LECLAIRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2024. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- VE EARTH DAY CLEANUP APRIL 20 & 21
- VAN ETEN CLEANUP DAY MAY 11
- 2024 NY EMERGENCY PIPELINE RESPONSE TRAINING
- VE SHREDDING DAY JUNE 22 9A-12P VE TOWN HALL

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1047 FOR \$1,351. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF MARCH 2024 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$961.88 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-VACANT

-PARK COMMISSION-VERBAL REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

- SHOEMAKER INFORMED TOWN WHITE SHED IN BANFIELD PARK HAD "BOTTOM" CLOSED IN WITH NEW PLYWOOD AND PAINT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED FLOWER BOXES IN BANFIELD PARK ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR AND WOULD LIKE INPUT TO REMEDY.

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-REPORT FILED

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- DECKER INFORMED TOWN BOARD OF NEW BUILDING ON NOBLES HILL; HE HAS NO PERMIT ISSUED AND WILL BE INVESTIGATING.
 - DECKER STATED HE’S AWARE OF DISPLEASED HOMEOWNER IN VAN ETTEN ABOUT RECEIVING CODE VIOLATION; HE’S AWARE NOTICE THAT HE MAILS MAY BE CONFUSING AND HE WILL EDIT LETTER TO AID IN LESS CONFUSION.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO REPORT
- CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED
- CHECK #1488 FOR \$485.36 FOR 2024 1ST QUARTER FUEL PURCHASES.
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED
- EASTWOOD STATED WORKING ON BRIGGS HILL AND M. ELSTON.
 - STARTING TEN (10) HOUR DAYS ON MONDAY, APRIL 15.
 - EASTWOOD STATED NEW BROOM IS 4 – 6 MONTHS FOR DELIVERY.
 - EASTWOOD HANDED OUT QUOTE FOR NEW 2024 CHEVY SILVERADO-\$66,364.43 (SEE FILE)
 - EASTWOOD WILL COMPLETE 2024 PLAN AFTER HIGHWAY MATERIAL GRAVEL BIDS ARE RECEIVED.
- TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE MARCH 2024 STATISTIC REPORT.
 - KETURI GAVE MR. FRANK PATTERSON COPY OF LOCAL LAW FROM CHEMUNG FOR SOLAR FARMS.
 - CHECK #945754 IN AMOUNT OF \$3,500 RECEIVED FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BANFIELD PARK.
- WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED
- WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF MARCH 2024 WATER BUDGET REPORT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED PROBABLE VIOLATION FOR 811 FOR 7 WARNER STREET (CITATION #9065) HAS BEEN DISMISSED BY NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE (SEE FILE).
 - SHOEMAKER STATED \$1,199.27 DEPOSITED IN WATER RESERVES WITH NEW 10% INCREASE.
- CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED
- ROSE ASKED TOWN BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN CEMETERIES AND WILL REPORT HIS FINDINGS. TOWN BOARD APPROVED PURCHASING SATELLITE VIDEO CAMERAS FROM AMAZON AND ROSE WILL POST “UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE” SIGNS.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER’S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$91,044.77
FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$26,174.38
FX (WATER): \$1,168.38

- SHOEMAKER NOTED LARGE AMOUNT IN HIGHWAY WAS FOR REPAIR OF #89.
- SWAYZE, JR. NOTED LARGE AMOUNT OF GENERAL WAS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION (ARPA FUNDING) FOR \$83,210.87.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

N/A

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY LECLAIRE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE OF SWAYZE, JR., AND SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SHOEMAKER STATED CONTRACT WITH HAEFELE FOR BROADBAND EXTENSION PHASE II IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED BY TOWN ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER.
- NO UPDATE ON GIS ISSUES.
- NO UPDATE ON WELCOME SIGNS FOR VAN ETTEN.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR. PATTERSON GAVE TOWN BOARD HIS CONCERNS WITH LOCAL LAW FOR SOLAR FARMS FROM TOWN OF CHEMUNG (MR. PATTERSON HANDED OUT HIS REVISIONS, ON FILE). MR. PATTERSON NOTED ISSUES SUCH AS; AIRCRAFT FLYWAYS; PLANNING BOARDS; REMEDY PLANS.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 33-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES GEORGE KETURI, TOWN SUPERVISOR, TO SIGN BROADBAND PHASE II FUNDING WITH CHEMUNG COUNTY FOR \$250,000. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- KETURI OPENED ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR HIGHWAY MATERIAL 2024 FROM; HL ROBINSON, DALRYMPLE, AUSTIN SAND & GRAVEL, ANGELO'S, LOPKE AND ODESSA SAND & GRAVEL.

RESOLUTION 34-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS ALL 2024 HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS FROM BIDS RECEIVED PER MARCH 7, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING (BIDS ON FILE). SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-LECLAIRE. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- KETURI REMINDED ALL ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION WORKSHOP AT TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 9:00 AM.

RESOLUTION 35-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES REPAIR FOR HIGHWAY GRADER AT \$16,000.. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 36-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PURCHASING NEW BROOM ATTACHMENT (10') FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR LARGE DUMP TRUCK AT \$13,000. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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- SHOEMAKER PASSED OUT HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PAYMENT DOCUMENT (SEE FILE). SHOEMAKER REQUESTED HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PLAN.
- MR. PATTERSON ASKED WHY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DOESN'T LEASE EQUIPMENT; SHOEMAKER NOTED BUY OUTS WITH LEASING ARE CONCERNING.

RESOLUTION 37-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES BOND FOR \$66,364.43 WITH TIOGA STATE BANK FOR 2024 CHEVROLET CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCK PURCHASE. .. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED- SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 38-24

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES 2017 CHEVY PICKUP AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS SURPLUS. .. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED- SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, LECLAIRE, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:16 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:26 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

KETURI STATED PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES WAS DISCUSSED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2024, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:26 PM MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY LECLAIRE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.