

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 9 AND 30, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **79-21** THRU **88-21**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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

TOWN OFFICERS

TIM GRIPPO-H'WAY SUPT.
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENFORCEMENT
BONNIE MALLEN- TOWN HISTORIAN
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH ERB, ROBERT EASTWOOD SR., JANET SAYRE, KERMIT BOSSARD AND HEATHER DUNBAR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2021, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2021. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- N/A

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK FOR \$706 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-MARY JO LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

- LECLAIRE STATED NO UPDATES.

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI- REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2021 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$404.14 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-BONNIE MALLEN-REPORT FILED

- SHOEMAKER NOTED HISTORIANS' ADDITION OF EARL BACHELOR'S MOUNTED DEPUTY SHERIFF BADGE AND LETTER-SEE HISTORIAN'S FILE. MR. BACHELOR WAS TOWN CONSTABLE FOR VAN ETTEN UNTIL 1973.

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- NYS AG & MARKETS MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORTS FILED.

-CODE OFFICER-RICH LECLAIRE-VERBAL REPORT

- LECLAIRE IS CONTINUING TO REMEDY UPDATES FOR FIRE INSPECTION AND BUILDING PERMITS FROM 2020 TO REPORT TO ALBANY.

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-VERBAL REPORT

- SHOEMAKER STATED SHINGLES ON WHITE BUILDING HAVE BEEN FIXED.
- LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE OVER SOON TO INSPECT NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.

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-CF&R FIRE CO-REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-TIM GRIPPO-REPORTS FILED

- GRIPPO STATED \$165,095.07 CHIPS MONEY SHOULD BE RECEIVED WITHIN NEXT COUPLE WEEKS AND \$24,255.21 CHIPS MONEY SHOULD BE RECEIVED AROUND MARCH 2022.

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- CHECK FROM FERRARIO AUTO TEAM IN AMOUNT OF \$769.90 FOR REFUND (HIGHWAY SEAT COVERS) AND CHEMUNG COUNTY CHECK IN AMOUNT OF \$7,754 FOR CF&R PARKING LOT PAVING.
- CHECK FROM AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL FOR SALE OF 2015 FORD F550 AND 2008 FORD F150 IN AMOUNT OF \$38,250 (\$33,800 FOR F550 AND \$4450 FOR F150).

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF NOVEMBER 2021 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- REPLACED FOUR (4) WATER METERS.
- SHOEMAKER STATED LOW INCOME NEW YORK RESIDENTS CAN APPLY FOR AID FOR WATER BILLS. SHOEMAKER ASKED TO HAVE FLYER INSERTED IN JANUARY 2022 WATER BILLS.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK #3605 FROM FOOTE PRESENTED IN AMOUNT OF \$600 FOR CEMETERY PLOT.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$32,506.85

FIRE:

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$231,826.52

SW (WATER): \$7,847.98

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION #79-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$50,825. FROM A2770.1 TO DA5130.2 TO OFFSET PAYMENT OF NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- \$2,000 CHECK FOR SPENCER FOOD CUPBOARD WAS PRESENTED TO MR. KERMIT BOSSARD.
- SHOEMAKER SPOKE WITH STEVE RENKO REGARDING TREES IN CEMETERY ON WAVERLY STREET, AGAIN-IT'S TOO WET AND IF FREEZES WILL REMOVE.
- SHOEMAKER AND SWAYZE, JR. WILL WORK ON LETTER TO REQUEST AID IN EXPANDING BROADBAND WITH HAEFELE.

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- KETURI ASKED CHIEF LANNING ABOUT BURNING BRUSH PILE AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.
- SHOEMAKER STATED RAMS MEETING DISCUSSED CANNABIS AND CHEMUNG COUNTY SOIL AND WATER.
- SWAYZE, JR. ASKED FOR EXTRA MEETINGS TO CREATE ARPA SPENDING PLAN.
 - COMMITTEE UPDATES-
 - STREETLIGHTS-ANDY LARISON
 - LARISON STATED STREET LIGHTS ARE GOOD.
 - SIDEWALKS-FRED SWAYZE, JR./RICH LECLAIRE
 - REPAIRED CURB ON E. PLEASANT.
 - WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MS. SAYRE ASKED IF ARPA MONEY COULD BE USED FOR REMOVAL OF USED TIRES FROM RESIDENTS HOME AND KETURI STATED ARPA MONEY HAS STRICT GUIDELINES AND CAN BE USED FOR WATER OR BROADBAND HOWEVER, CAN NOT BE USED FOR OFFSETTING BUDGET. SHOEMAKER AND GRIPPO WILL INVESTIGATE REGARDING COUNTY'S TIRE DISPOSAL PROGRAM. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED ARPA USED FOR LOST REVENUE AND UPGRADING LIVES SUCH AS BROADBAND AND DOESN'T FEEL TIRE REMOVAL APPLIES HOWEVER, WILL INVESTIGATE.
- MS. MARX STATED IT'S NICE TO BE BACK AT TOWN BOARD MEETING. MS. MARX STATED SPENCER HAS OFFERED TIRE REMOVAL IN PAST AND PERHAPS TOWN CAN REACH OUT FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH SPENCER.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ALEXIA LAM FROM JOULE COMMUNITY POWER CONDUCTED PRESENTATION REGARDING AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY. SEE FILE

RESOLUTION #80-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN DECLARES 2007 FORD F250 AND 2011 INTERNATIONAL 10-WHEELER AS SURPLUS. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #81-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES PURCHASE OF NEW ¾ TON CHEVROLET PICK UP TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (NYS BID APPROXIMATELY \$42,000). SPONSOR-FLORA. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #82-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES BOND IN AMOUNT OF \$162,000 WITH TIOGA STATE BANK FOR PURCHASE OF 2022 INTERNATIONAL 10-WHEELER PLOW TRUCK. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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RESOLUTION #83-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES GST BOCES PROVIDING GED CLASSES IN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAYS FROM 4P – 7PM. SPONSOR-LARISON. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #84-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES EXTENDING JUDGE LEON TUTTLE’S APPOINTMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #85-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPROVES PLACING LEGAL NOTICE FOR RECEIPT OF 2022 TAX ROLL AND WARRANT. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RICH LECLAIRE THANKED EVERYONE THAT VOTED FOR HIM HOWEVER, HE WILL DECLINE TOWN BOARD POSITION (PER NYS GML) AND CONTINUE AS VAN ETTEN BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. LECLAIRE WILL INVESTIGATE WITH BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR RESIGNATION.

KETURI STATED MALLEN DISCUSSED TURNING WHITE BUILDING (BANFIELD SQUARE) INTO MUSEUM. MS. NANCY BANFIELD JOHNSON HAS STATED BANFIELD MAY HAVE FUNDS TO ASSIST. SWAYZE, JR. ASKED IF MS. BANFIELD JOHNSON WOULD ATTEND BOARD MEETING SOON.

SWAYZE, JR. RECAPPED ABOUT NYS CANNABIS LAW; TOWN WANTED TO OPT OUT (FOLLOWED NYS GUIDELINES) TO ENSURE VAN ETTEN RESIDENTS HAD FINAL SAY BY ADDING PROPOSITION TO BALLOT NEXT YEAR. SWAYZE, JR. ADDRESSED CONCERNS EXPRESSED WITH TOWN WEBSITE, HE FEELS WEBSITE IS UP TO DATE AND TOWN FOLLOWS NYS GML FOR ALL LEGAL NOTICES.

KETURI NOTED TOWN WILL TRY TO PAY OFF ONE MORE WATER BOND IN 2022.

TOWN BOARD WILL RECONVENE ON DECEMBER 30 TO COMPLETE 2021 BILLS.

RECESSED AT 8:28 PM MOTION BY SHOEMAKER SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.
DECEMBER 2021 MEETING WILL RECONVENE OF DECEMBER 30, 2021 AT 7:00PM.

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REGULAR DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS RECONVENED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:00 PM ON DECEMBER 30, 2021.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

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DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENFORCEMENT-EXC
DUSTIN ROSE-ANIMAL
CONTROL/CEMETERY CURATOR-EXC
BONNIE MALLEN-TOWN HISTORIAN-EXC
HEATHER GABLE-WATER OPERATOR-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: HEATHER DUNBAR.

RESOLUTION #86-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF \$6,400. FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO A1420.4. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AT 7:02 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTION SESSION WITH BOB EASTWOOD. ALL AYE. CARRIED

AT 7:13 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. AND CARRIED TO RECONVENE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

- KETURI STATED PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

RESOLUTION #87-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE LEGAL NOTICE FOR ORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 13, 2022 AT 7:00PM. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

RESOLUTION #88-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES EXTENSION OF FRANK'S DISPOSAL CONTRACT FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING PICKUP. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, FLORA (EXCUSED), SWAYZE, JR., LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED

MS. DUNBAR THANKED BOARD FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK.

AT 7:22 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTION SESSION WITH BOB EASTWOOD. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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AT 7:35 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. AND CARRIED TO RECONVENE. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

- KETURI STATED PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

KETURI ASKED LARISON TO SEND LETTER OF INTEREST FOR TOWN BOARD POSITION.

SHOEMAKER SPOKE WITH CHEMUNG TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE RICHTER REGARDING ASSESSOR POSITION AND MATT MCCARTHY MAY BE INTERESTED.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2022 AT 7:00 PM. ADJOURNED AT 7:36 PM MOTION BY SHOEMAKER. SECONDED BY KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED.