Regular Board Meeting – April 12, 2021 @ 7 pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

**PRESENT:** Supervisor John Francisco, Councilmen Mark Hand, Don Skinner, Dana Ross and Josh Brown, Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow and Deputy Town Clerk Christina VanCuren. Absent: Town Clerk Kristine Young.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Francisco at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All votes taken at this meeting will be by roll call.

**Approval of Minutes:** The reading of the minutes of last regular meeting was waived. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Brown. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Skinner. The Supervisor and Councilmen all voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0

**GUEST:** Brent Schlafer proposed to the board doing a local law for ATV use on town roads. He provided copies of Angelica’s local law that passed in 2020. Some of the things he referred to were, not exceeding 25mph, required registration before getting the sticker allowing the ATV on the town roads, the town can choose the roads they are allowed on, revenue for the town, and reinforcement of the law by the police. Also stated that if the town opts not to do this when the county is a part of it the town will not get any revenue, but if the town is already a part of it, it will still receive the revenue. The town will look further into it before making any decisions. They will be in contact with Mr. Schlafer at that time.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report:** Exhibit B. Superintendent Bigelow asked if the board would approve an extended warranty for the John Deere Excavator. It adds 3yrs, and 3,000 hours to the existing warranty for $1905.00. Councilperson Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of the extended warranty. A second motion was made by Councilperson Skinner. The Supervisor and all councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Superintendent Bigelow also asked for approval for the 2 door openers that the town was cited for at the shop. He believes that the town can be reimbursed for most, and possible the full cost. The total up front cost would be $3,500.00 for 2. Councilperson Ross made a motion to purchase the 2 door openers. A second motion was made by Councilperson Hand with the stipulation that Superintendent Bigelow apply for reimbursement. The Supervisor and all the Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0. As previously agreed when doing the 2021 town budget the cemetery personal services account A8810.1 that consists of $15,000.00 would be moved to cemetery equipment account A8810.2, and the highway workers would take care of the cemetery. A motion to move money from account A8810.1 to A8810.2 was made by Supervisor Francisco. A second motion was made by Councilperson Skinner. The Supervisor and all Councilpersons voted aye. There were no nay votes. Carried 5-0-0.

**Approval of Abstracts:** Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract 4 in the amount of $32,399.80 and General Abstract4 in the amount of $64,541.26 with changes to the number 74 being in there twice. Move the second one to the last abstract changing it to #98. A second motion was made by Councilman Brown. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Francisco presented a resolution for the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The committee will consist of individuals from both the town and village planning board to create a comprehensive plan. Appointed members are as follows, Gretchen Hanchett, Barb Zlomek, Wendy Skinner and Don Skinner. Motion to accept the resolution was made by Councilman Hand. A second motion was made by Councilman Ross. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted yay. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilperson Skinner talked about the cemetery committee that is being formed. They met last week. Some of the issues that will be addressed are plantings and ornaments around the headstones. The committee would like to meet with the sexton to discuss the issues. Councilperson Skinner would like to have the board meet and possibly reword the way the rules are written. As to make it undoubtedly clear what the rules are for the cemetery. Phil Brown suggested putting something in the rules that states if you don’t know for sure that it allowed, the answer is no until you speak with the board, and get approval. Councilmen Hand and Skinner will work with Supervisor Francisco on the cemetery rules.

**Supervisor’s Announcements:** John Savage is going to be helping Laurie set up accounts for the water district. He said that each account should be like its own business.

**Round Table:** Councilperson Skinner is trying to get the Comprehensive Plan Survey out to as many people as possible. He hopes to have at least 500 responses.

Wendy Skinner stated that the planning board continues to work with P-Mac on the application. The application that they did send in was missing quite a bit of information needed, and was returned to them. Their lawyer relayed that it sated in the August 2020 town board minutes that it was supposed to be grandfathered in and that they would not need to fill out the land use application because they purchased the land before the land use law was finalized. The land use law does state that if you change the use of the land within the first two years of owning it you need to fill out an application. P-Mac has changed the way the land is being used, therefore needing to send in an application anyway. Our attorney Robert Strassel sent their lawyer a letter stating that they could always meet with the planning board.

The new owners of The Coffee Mill property is meeting with the Planning Board to go over the plans and blueprints for what they are planning to put there. It is going to be Genesee Valley Country Produce.

Supervisor Francisco is going to call the IDA to see if they will meet with the town on April 26th at 7 about the Great Lakes project. They had asked the town to write a resolution of support on the project. There are quite a few unanswered questions that need to be addressed before any they decide to write the letter.

**Next Meeting:**  April 26, 2021 at 7 pm. Tentatively

The next regular board meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Supervisor Francisco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity on the 12th day of April 2021.

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Christina VanCuren, Amity Deputy Town Clerk