## Present: Supervisor John Francisco, Councilmen Mark Hand, Josh Brown, Jim Schneider and Don Skinner, Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow and Town Clerk Kristine Young

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

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

**Guests:**  Wreaths Across America/Belmont Legion-Meredith Chilson and Suzie Thomas Nick Horton-Belmont Fire District

Meredith and Suzie were present to request permission from the Town Board to participate in Wreaths Across America at the cemeteries in the Town of Amity. They are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who participate each year to lay wreaths on veteran’s graves the beginning of December. The Belmont Legion is also participating and volunteers from the community are welcome to help. There will be approximately 550 wreaths. And they will be collected after Christmas. A motion to give permission to the DAR and Belmont Legion for the wreaths was made by Councilman Schneider. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Skinner. The Supervisor and all board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

Nick Horton was present to discuss with the Town Board and demonstrate a reflective fire number sign. The emergency response vehicles are having trouble finding residents. A lot of the surrounding towns have placed signs at residents. The Town of Amity would need approximately 832 signs at $17.00 per sign. The County does the addressing and has been updated. A GIS person will be at the county soon. The Fire District will install the signs but they would need to be uniform. Nick asked, if there were monies available from the Covid Relief Funds, could that be used for funding. The Board members asked for more information and stated the monies will be used for two bridge repairs and new computers for the Town Clerk’s office first. Residents should be notified before the signs are put in place. Supervisor Francisco will contact the town lawyer to ask if there is a local law or resolution needed.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Councilman Hand. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. The Supervisor and all board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Supervisor’s Announcements:** Supervisor Francisco received a report from NYS Ag and Markets. They did an inspection at the dog kennel and it was passed “reasonably:.

Amity Rescue Squad has submitted a $10,000.00 contract with the Town. A motion to accept the contract with two payments of $5,000.00 each was made by Councilman Hand. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Schneider. The Supervisor and all board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Francisco stated the yearly Town Justice Court Report has been completed for 2021.

The bill for the new boiler system has been paid. On February 23, 2022 the accountant is coming to finish up the yearly report.

A letter will be sent out to the residents that will be involved with the water district. There will need to be public hearings. MRB will come for these meetings.

The Assessor has been at the Town Hall seeing residents about their new assessments. He reports this is going pretty well. Some people have indicated that he hasn’t been returning phone calls to make appointments. They were advised to keep calling and leaving messages.

**Approval of Abstracts:**  A motion to approve the Highway Abstract 02 in the amount of $32695.63 and General Abstract 02 in the amount of $47102.28 was made by Councilman Brown. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Schneider. The Supervisor and all board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report:** Exhibit B. Superintendent Bigelow reported they went and picked up the new sander for the 1 ton and wired it up, changed cutting edges on two of the plow trucks, took down Christmas wreaths at town hall. They had to plow the cemetery and do a full burial, have been doing some maintenance work in the shop and have been plowing and sanding.

**John Clouse, Amity Codes** was present. He will continue to be the Code Enforcer. If he decides to leave the position, he would give 1 year notice and help train a new person. Supervisor Francisco requested from John to turn in mileage for reimbursements. John stated he has been to Irons Road when he’s received complaints or has to go there with CPS. There are some improvements that need to be done with septic and electric. He stated he can’t just go there based on complaints from fire and rescue. The residents would have to complain about the living conditions themselves.

**Wendy Skinner, Planning Board** was present. The joint Planning Board with the Village have completed their final draft for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Round Table:** Councilman Skinner stated the fencing at Wilmac Park is to keep children inside the fence and should not be removed. Superintendent Bigelow got an estimate for 375 feet and Councilman Skinner will get another one.

**Executive Session:** At 8:29 pm, Supervisor Francisco made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Highway employment. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Schneider. The Supervisor and all board members voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

The regular meeting was reopened at 8:57 pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on March 14th at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Francisco. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. The Supervisor and all Councilmen voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity this 14th day of February 2022.

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Kristine Young, Amity Town Clerk