

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, WURTSBORO, NEW YORK.

Present: Janet M. Lybolt- Supervisor
Eileen Rogers – Deputy Supervisor - Councilwoman
John Lacey – Councilman
James Carney – Councilman
John Crudo - Councilman
Thomas Morrow – Councilman
Gary Forthoffer - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Robert Hufcut – Highway Superintendent
JoAnn M. Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. MEEIC Advisory Committee – Charter
2. Fred Harding - MLDC
3. MOU for Highway Collective Bargaining Agreement
4. Sullivan County Plans and Progress Grant
5. Budget Modifications
6. Highway Department Equipment Purchase
7. Sullivan Renaissance Municipal Partnership Grant

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The March 3, 2020 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- We are continuing roadside mowing throughout the town and have begun ditching on South Road.
- We have added a new truck to our fleet that will improve our efficiency in road maintenance.
- As a continuation of my commitment to safety for all, all employees of the Highway Department attended an excavation safety class in Rock Hill. In the coming weeks, the equipment operators will attend additional training workshops. I believe that properly trained employees will limit accidents and injuries to staff, as well as the community and also limit property and equipment damage.
- I will again like to request a resolution to re-evaluate the code laws pertaining to loggers.
- I would like to thank the Town Board for their efforts and commitment in helping the Highway Department finally achieve a new contract.
- Finally, I would like to thank all of the Highway Department employees for their hard work in creating and maintain a clean and safe work environment.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – as transcribed by Janet Lybolt

- Congratulated our Highway Department for an excellent inspection by Sullivan County RISK Management on Safety Procedures and Cleanliness at a surprise inspection of the Shop. Mamakating will be used as the model of safety for other municipalities.
- We received a Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from NYS Agriculture & Markets of Satisfactory for one of the Dog Shelters we contract with in the Town of Liberty.
- Thanked our Emergency Services Personnel for handling the accident with the pickup truck and the School bus that overturned on Route 17 near Wurtsboro on the morning of Feb. 20th.
- Attended the last weekend of Mamakating's Basketball Program in Emma Chase School this past Saturday. Each participating child receives a participation medal from the Town. It was great to watch the children play and see what they've learned.

ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #5 (Voucher #20200312-20200411) in the amount of \$\$143,691.44. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo to accept the minutes of February 18, 2020. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo to accept the Budget Modifications as presented. All in favor.
- A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo authorizing the Purchase of a 2020 Ram truck with 10' plow heavy duty straight steel plow built in stainless steel spreader/dump body from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund at a total cost of \$107,099.80. (NYS State bid). All in favor.
- A motion to ratify the Authorization for a Sullivan County Plans and Progress Grant in the amount of \$5,111.10 which is the second lowest price quote received, because the price is only \$1,011.10 higher than the low price and this hay wagon is of far superior quality than the low price wagon as recommended by the highway superintendent and therefore this purchase is the best value. A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo to approve the Highway Union's Collective Bargaining Agreement. 6 ayes, 1 nay (T. Morrow).
- A motion to Ratify Authorization for Sullivan Renaissance Municipal Partnership Grant Application in the amount of \$5,448.00 which is a 50% matching grant was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Lacey

- Janet Evans reported to John that she has collected \$13,000,000.00 in taxes thus far.
- Announced that the Mamakating Lions Club will again be having their “Walk & Wine” event at the Bashakill Vineyards on April 18th with the assistance of the BKAA.
- Got a report from Donna regarding Camp registration with the cost going up slightly from last year.
- Regarding the communications system – John reported that the walkie talkies that were costing \$2,000.00 a month were not used and will be returned to the company as they were not being used.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Town Clerk Dougherty asked the town board to reschedule the next board meeting to accommodate St. Patrick’s Day. On a motion by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo, the town board rescheduled the meeting for Monday, March 16th. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk