

**THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 29 AT 6:00 P.M. AT 2948 ROUTE 209, WURTSBORO, N.Y. AND VIA ZOOM.**

**Present:** Michael Robbins- Supervisor  
John Rufer, Jr. – Deputy Supervisor - Councilman  
Gary Forthoffer – Councilman  
Peter Goodman – Councilman  
Tyler Wood – Councilman  
James Post - Councilman  
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town  
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

**Also present:** Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator  
Jackie Broder – Director MEEC

**Absent:** Matthew Mordas - Councilman  
Thomas Morrow – Highway Superintendent

**Worksession Items for Discussion**

1. Budget Modifications
2. Court Room Name
3. Set Public Hearing for Charter Communications Agreement
4. Set Public Hearing for Proposed Soda Factory at 29-33 Burlingham Rd

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The June 29, 2023 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Prep work continues on roads slated for resurfacing this summer. We are ditching Budd and Red Hill and letting pipes settle on Pleasant Valley and Na- Shopa Roads. We are awaiting one last large pipe to arrive for installation on Na- Shopa. We are aiming to start paving the week of July 10th.
- We continue mowing town wide.
- This past week we have had (2) two trucks assisting Forestburg with paving. This is a shared service agreement that will also benefit us as we start paving.
- We will continue to handle odds and ends and small projects in between the larger projects.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

- Founder’s Day St. Fair on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Supervisor and Town Board members will be at a booth throughout the day to address any questions or concerns the public may have.
- NYCLASS has earned us \$81,000.00 to date.
- Mamakating camp begins on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The Farmer’s Market continues every Friday on the Town Hall lawn from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Rep from Senator Molinaro’s office is present to discuss the sudden closure of the Westbrookville Post Office.

## **ABSTRACTS**

A motion was made by J. Rufer, seconded by G. Forthoffer to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #12 (Voucher #2023945-20231076) in the amount of \$263,735.83. All in favor.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by T. Wood, seconded by J. Rufer to acknowledge the receipt of the Expenditures, Encumbrances & Appropriations Report, Revenues & Expenditures Report. All in favor.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Rufer to accept the Minutes of June 6, 2023. All in favor.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING**

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled "Zoning Amendment To Allow Soft Drink Manufacturing As A Permitted Special Use In The IC Zoning District," be and it hereby is introduced by M. Robbins, before the Town Board of the Town of Mamakating in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Town Hall, 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro, NY 12790, at 6 P.M. on August 1, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk post and publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Town of Mamakating of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior thereto.

On a motion by Councilperson T. Wood, seconded by Councilperson G. Forthoffer, the resolution was adopted on a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## RESOLUTIONS (cont.)

- A motion was made by T. Wood and seconded by J. Rufer to approve the Budget Modifications as presented. All in favor.
- A motion to approve the Name Designation of Court Room “Honorable Judge Joel Welsh Court Room” was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by P. Goodman. All in favor.
- A motion to set a Public hearing for Charter Communications Franchise Agreement for 7/18/23 at 6:00 pm was made by J. Rufer, seconded by T. Wood. All in favor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEEC** served 375 people in the month of May and 267 in June. This does not include the outreach at the Mamakating Farmer’s Market every week. We finished up our Nature Tots program, had a very successful native plant sale and held our first aquatic plant program at the Bashakill with Richard Mandelbaum, which was very popular.

Our summer nature tots program will begin on July 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a drop in program for children ages 2-5 with their parents. No registration necessary, come when you can. Fee is \$2/child for Friends of MEEC members \$5/child for non-members.

Thank you to the town board for acknowledging the hard work of Friends of MEEC in procuring a \$51,300 grant. We are in the process of hiring staff and are looking forward to all of the programming we’ll be able to accomplish in the coming year. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a Summer Day Camp this year as we did not have staff in time to organize.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

- P. Goodman let his Ward 4 constituents that Verizon was looking to put up a tower in that area.
- T. Wood updated the public and the board on the Park Pole Barn. Construction should commence in the next couple of weeks.
- M. Robbins assured the public that he and J. Post are still working on getting a meeting together addressing the issues with Sullivan St. and Route 209 regarding trucks.
- M. Robbins stated that there might be a person interested in operating the Westbrookville Post Office.

## ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Wood, seconded by J. Rufer. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk