

Angelica Town Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

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Opening

The regular meeting of the Angelica Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 13, 2019 in Angelica, NY at the Grange Meeting Room at 55 Park Circle by Robert Jones.

Present: Robert Jones, Supervisor
John "Skip" Hecker, Councilman
Girard Kelly, Councilman
Don Case, Councilman
Elwyn Gordon, Councilman
Recording Secretary: Sharon Presutti, Town Clerk
Absent: none
Others Present: Kevin "Fred" Demick, Highway Superintendent; Community members, Nate Tucker, Dave Paradowski and Jon Cleveland from NYC DEC Forestry

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Robert Jones announced to those attending the meeting that there were agendas and Board meeting procedure handouts by the door if anyone wished to have one. He also noted that the Board was going to get through most of the Town Business first, then we will have the DEC presentation and a chance for questions to be asked. He announced that the Board would not be voting on the Chamberlain property purchase by the State DEC until the June 2019 meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the April 8, 2019 regular board meeting were distributed. There were no corrections, deletions or additions noted. A motion was made by Skip Hecker to approve, seconded by Girard Kelly.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Don Case	Aye

Abstract Approvals:

General expenditures - \$6589.76

A motion was made by Girard Kelly and seconded by Don Case to approve payment.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Don Case	Aye

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Highway expenditures - \$2460.26

A motion was made by Elwyn Gordon and seconded by Skip Hecker to approve payment.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Don Case	Aye

Budget Sheets and Supervisor's Reports:

Robert Jones read and distributed the Budget Sheet's and Supervisor's reports for period ending April 30, 2019.

Girard Kelly motioned to accept these reports seconded by Elwyn Gordon.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Don Case	Aye

Financial Reports:

Robert Jones distributed the Accountant's Compilation Report for the period ended March 31, 2019 from Berry & Berry, Certified Public Accountants. He asked the Board to look it over.

Robert Jones distributed the NYCLASS Summary Statement for April 2019 noting: Balance \$2,620,548.37, YTD Interest \$15996.88 and Average Interest Rate of 2.30%.

Town Business Review:

Town Clerk's Reports:

The complete Town Clerk's monthly reports were distributed by the Town Clerk.

Dogs - \$96.00
Decals - \$8.56
Certified Copies - \$10.00
Cemetery Lot Sales - \$900.00
Marriage License - \$17.5
Burials - \$275.00
Memorial Bases - \$1514.64

Town Justice Report:

April 2019 Town Justice report was distributed, along with the complete report in councilman's packets. \$18988.00 fines and fees were collected for April. Robert Jones noted to the councilman to complete the monthly checklist for Review of Justice Court Records and to hang on to those.

Assessor/Real Property Report:

Robert Jones announced that Grievance Day will be by June 13, 2019 and that we are still seeking a third member of the BAR.

Code Enforcement: no report given

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Dog Control:

Rick Abbott, Dog Control Officer, was not in attendance but he had told Robert Jones that he had had only one dog complaint.

Highway:

Kevin Demick reported that Excavator Certification Training has been completed for all Highway and Streets employees, Sexual Harassment Mandatory Training has been scheduled for this Thursday, May 16, 2019, this is being done through the EAP program, it is an interactive training class. They have done 5 footers (memorial bases) in the cemetery, the granite stone has been installed in the park for Roy Young.

Kevin Demick would like approval to sell some old surplus equipment (generator) on Auction International along with some pieces that the Village has. Girard Kelly motioned to approve this seconded by Elwyn Gordon.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Kevin Demick noted that Robert Jones included in the Board member folders the letter regarding CHIPS and PAVE-NY funding that the Town of Angelica will be receiving. He noted that at this time there is no Extreme Winter Recovery funding, they have been writing support letters for a bond for this in June for possible funding, Kevin will keep the Board posted on this.

Hyland:

Robert Jones reported that in the Board members folder there is a letter from Joshua Stern, Regional Landfill Controller with the actual tonnage and monies for the first quarter 2019, 116260.89 tons representing \$191830.47, this check has already been deposited. He also distributed the Hyland Revenues sheet for Fiscal Year 2019 by quarter and fund. He noted that on the back of this sheet is comparison to 2018.

Miscellaneous:

DEC Presentation - Chamberlain Property

Robert Jones announced that we have three members from the NYS DEC Region 9 present: Nate Tucker, Senior Forester; Dave Paradowski, Regional Forester; and John Cleveland, Senior Forester. They are here to explain the possible purchase of some of Rob Chamberlains property for a State Forest and to answer any questions anyone may have. Robert Jones announced that this is not a public hearing. Nate Tucker presented a Power Point (included with minutes in the Town Clerk's Office) regarding the NYS DEC interest in purchasing approximately 615 acres of land from Robert T. Chamberlain in the Town of Angelica. Some of the highlights were: This acquisition would be classified as a state reforestation area. This would be the first State forest with frontage on the Genesee River. Allowed on the State Forest would be hiking, hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, biking, camping, canoeing, kayaking, and birding. State Forest pay town and school taxes at the same rate as any privately owned property, they do NOT pay county taxes. There is currently a state forest in Angelica - Bald Mountain State Forest. State Forests do not receive agricultural exemptions and are thus assessed and taxed at the full rate. The County Treasurer's Office, Terri Ross, calculated that the county would forfeit tax revenue, but

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Angelica and GVCS would see approximately 34% increases in tax revenue from the Chamberlain parcels. A State Forest will not develop the property or subdivide and resell the property. Some plans are day use areas, fishing access, kayak and canoe launch, rails to trails. It was noted that a company in Rochester (Kodak) reached a settlement after polluting the Genesee River - there is \$4.2 million set aside for Genesee River Restoration Projects., this plan identifies "Genesee River Angelica Stream Bank Restoration" as an example in the final restoration plan, this could be extended to include recreational access if it is open to the public. They are looking for support from the Town Board for this acquisition, this could bring a lot of tourism to the area. They have support for this from several organizations.

There were many questions asked regarding this, concerns noted and comments made by the Board, the public and the DEC. Most questions were answered, they (the DEC) will get back to us on some that they were not 100% sure on.

Mike Healy, County Legislature reported that today the Allegany County Legislature voted on a resolution in support of this acquisition by the State of New York. Robert Jones noted that he has received letters of support from a neighbor to the property, Sam Beer; and one from the Genesee River Wilds, Inc. Darlene Mann, President of the Allegany County Farm Bureau, noted that they are in support of this also.

After a lengthy discussion Robert Jones thanked the members from the DEC for coming tonight and announced that there will be a vote on this at the June 10, 2019 Town Board meeting.

Town Justice Issue - Robert Jones reported that Robert Evans did circulate petitions and will be on the ballot. Board of Elections called him and told him that Robert Evans has decided to not run again and will fill out his term through December 31, 2019. Mr. Jones contacted Judge Markey out of Buffalo, he is in charge of the local justices. He said that the first thing that should be done is to find someone that would like the Town Justice position. Mr. Jones announced that we are openly looking for Town Justice candidates, they will need to attend Justice school and need to be an elector of the Town. If they attend the schooling prior to December 31, 2019 the Board can appoint them to the position effective 1/1/2020, they would then have to run in the fall of 2020. Mr. Jones asked David Haggstrom to publish in the Booster News that we are actively searching for a Town Judge and a third member of the B.A.R.

Motion to approve Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution - Resolution #5-1-19 - Robert Jones needs a motion to approve the Standard Work Day for Girard Kelley, he has completed his 90 day record of activity log and his standard work day hours are 6 hours giving him 1.12 days toward his NYS Retirement. This needs to be posted for 30 days and then mailed into the NYS Retirement System. Skip Hecker motioned to approve the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials for Councilman Girard Kelly, seconded by Donald Case.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

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Cemetery - Robert Jones was approached by our two cemetery workers. They have requested a porta-john and electricity to the building. Mr. Jones has looked at used porta-john's and noted that it would have to be attached somehow and locked. He thinks the cost would be around \$300-\$400 and would probably only have to be serviced twice in the summer. There were some ideas suggested, a composting toilet. build around the porta-john for better appearance. It was agreed upon that something needs to be done. Robert Jones will look into pricing.

Request for Park Circle use - Robert Jones reported that he has received a letter from Don Ash for Angelica Community Radio requesting the use of the Park on Friday, August 9, 2019 for "Shake on the Lake's" Shakespeare's production of "As You Like It". Skip Hecker motioned to approve this use, seconded by Girard Kelly.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Aye
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Aye

Town Hall update - Robert Jones announced that the Grant is still moving forward for the exterior repair and renovation project. He also noted that the BID specs are ready to go out this week

Robert Jones also noted that he has received a rough estimate from Ed France to repair and paint the big room in the upstairs of the Town Hall. The estimate is \$4250.00. It was discussed that this will have to wait until the windows are replaced to be finished. Skip Hecker will call Ed France to be sure of his availability. Robert Jones noted that he is insured.

Waterfront Revitalization Program - Robert Jones received an email from Brenda Szabo regarding the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. She expressed that she is willing to come to one of our Board meetings with a power point presentation. It was decided to ask her to come to a Board meeting. Robert Jones will inform her of that.

Tennis Court - Robert Jones reported that he has received a letter from Mary Scholla and others regarding the condition of the Tennis Court. We have the fencing and the Village has the pipes. Kevin Demick said that they can fix the three pipes that are bad but the posts need to be painted, he also has a pavement cutter that can be used to cut out the bad asphalt spots and he has already been in contact with Shuttleworth to seal it when the repairs have been done. A new net could also be ordered, there was money put in the 2019 budget for this project. Kevin said if someone could paint the posts they could get the fence up. Kevin will also order a net. It was decided to just get it done.

Joe Giglio letter - Kevin Demick referred to this in his highway report.

Grange use - May 17 - 4-H Clothing Review, May 21 - GVCS Vote and May 25 - Gallmann/Hooker wedding.

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Robert Jones asked if there were any other questions or concerns:

Elwyn Gordon asked about the Village buying a lawnmower from the Town that he wasn't aware that we had for sale. Kevin Demick replied that this was discussed at budget time and that the Village has not bought it yet, he has purchased a new mower as was discussed during budget planning time. The Board would like more discussion before the purchase is done. It was suggested to give the Village the lawnmower since Village residents also pay Town taxes.

Girard Kelly asked if we were going to make a motion regarding the lawn mower if the Village wants it. Robert Jones asked to discuss it at the next meeting, it was his understanding that the Village has money to purchase this. Elwyn Gordon made a motion to give the lawnmower to the Village for \$1.00, seconded by Skip Hecker.

Elwyn Gordon	Aye
Skip Hecker	Aye
Robert Jones	Nay
Girard Kelly	Aye
Donald Case	Nay

With there being no further questions or comments Robert Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Presutti
Town Clerk