

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday April 13, 2023 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Phelps, Councilmember and John Macauley, Councilmember

Other Town Officials: D. Mark Caldwell, Highway Superintendent

Absent: Steve Atterbury, Councilmember

Others Present: M. Halladay, Genesee Valley Conservancy, R. Niedermaier

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Councilmember Bean led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 65- 93 for \$45,411.41; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 54- 74 for \$113,661.78, Capital Fund voucher numbered 6 for \$14,200.00 and Fire and Ambulance Fund voucher number 1 for \$122,221.74. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept the regular meeting minutes of 3/09/2023 and the special meeting of 3/30/2023. Motion carried.

Supervisor Devine forwarded copies electronically of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received. A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

Old/New Business:

FARMLAND CONSERVANCY DISCUSSION- Supervisor Devine was contacted by Matt Halladay representing Genesee Valley Conservancy to discuss two local farms looking for town support in their grant application for the conservancy. Mr. Halladay is here to show the board the areas and answer any questions.

Mr. Halladay stated that currently there is over 30,000 acres of protected land in conservancy and approximately 4,000 of that is in Groveland.

Councilmember Hunter inquired if solar would be allowed on farms within approved conservancy land. Mr. Halladay responded stating that solar is allowed for farm use only, it would not be allowed for large scale commercial solar if placed into conservancy.

Councilmember Bean asked if the conservancy coincides with the town farmland protection plan. Mr. Halliday stated that the conservancy always tries to ensure that they do follow the farmland protection plan, as the lands have to be at a minimum of 50% prime soil to be placed into conservancy lands.

Councilmember Macauley left the room prior due to a known family association with the Wachholder properties at 9:19 a.m.

Supervisor Devine provided maps of each property for the board to review, and Mr. Halladay answered further questions.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to request the Supervisor to provide letters of support for Brady Farm and Wachholder Farm to apply for a Conservancy Grant. Motion carried.

Councilmember Macauley reentered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Caldwell reported the crew has been busy with maintenance around the shop and taking down the snow fence. 3 trucks for the winter have been taken apart.

Truck repairs have been made in the shop, to the 2006 Mack Dump Truck for the clutch and the 2004 Mack Dump Truck had brake repair done recently.

The used oil furnace has been replaced following last month's approval by the town board.

Highway Superintendent inquired about when to open Ambuscade Park for the season.

Board discussion: weather will play a part

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to open the park on April 15th and close October 15th.

The highway crew would like to purchase clothing items from CINTAS the uniform distributor with the Town of Groveland logo on it. The company stated it is allowable however the board would need to approve it as the town would be billed and each employee would need to reimburse the town for the purchase.

Board discussion:

Councilmember Hunter inquired about the ability to do the invoicing. Town Clerk Burgess stated it could be done but stated that preferred to do it either annually or biannually up to the board, similar to invoicing the town that we invoice for code officer training.

Supervisor Devine stated that he was in support of the purchase however the laundering, repair and maintenance of the clothing will be the responsibility of the employee.

Councilmember Bean inquired if the highway crew could utilize their show allowance in the future. Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated that would affect the union contract and could potentially discuss in the future but would not recommend it for right now.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to allow an annual clothing purchase through CINTAS the Town of Groveland uniform provider for the

highway department. This annual purchase will be in the month of June annually; and the clothes will be invoiced to each individual by the town clerk following the invoice received by CINTAS. The clothes purchased will not be laundered, repaired, replaced or maintained by the town. Motion carried.

APPOINTED HIGHWAY SUPERITENDENT DISCUSSION LOCAL LAW # of 2023
RESOLUTION 45-2023- Supervisor Devine inquired following the community meeting held on March 30, 2023, regarding the Elected vs. Appointed Highway Superintendent position does the board wish to proceed with the Local Law as presented to a public hearing.

Councilmember Bean stated she thought the meeting went well.

Councilmember Hunter stated it began bristly at first but after discussion, it appeared that the community understood the intent. Councilmember Hunter wonder if the 10 mile radius was an appropriate distance. Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated he would not change it as during the winter you may need to have someone close to the town.

Supervisor Devine stated that he hopes that another public hearing may promote a positive environment for more discussion.

WHEREAS, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering adopting a proposed local law, entitled “A Local law to Change the Office of Highway Superintendent from an Elected Position to an Appointed Office,” which would abolish the elected position of Superintendent of Highways and replace it with an appointed position of Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Groveland; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Groveland finds it in the best interest of the Town to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of said local law.

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Groveland will hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of said local law on the 11th day of May 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine aye; Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye. Councilmember Atterbury, absent

BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 46-2023- Town Clerk stated that following the most recent sale of the highway equipment from surplused items, and the approved purchases for the Highway Pickup and new used oil furnace it needed to be recognized in the town budget. The budget also needs to recognize the revenue received that the State paid the town for the newly installed per-contract streetlight at 390 and State Route 408 and the budget needs to reflect the expense of the same streetlight to be paid to National Grid by the town per the contract.

Increase 2023 Budget Revenues & Expenditures GF as follows

Increase GF Revenue – A2770 (Miscellaneous) \$26,413.00
Increase GF Expenditure- A5182.4 (Street Light Cont.) \$26,413.00

Increase 2023 Budget Revenues & Expenditures HF as follows

Increase HF Revenue – DA2665 (Sale of Equipment) \$23,173.00
Increase HF Expenditure- DA5130.2 (Machinery Equip.) \$23,173.00

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; and Councilmember Macauley, aye. Councilmember Atterbury, absent

Professional Municipal Clerk, Kimberly Burgess and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

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Other Communication: Town Clerk Burgess inquired about the AED annual subscription as it is due to expire. How does the board wish to proceed with a one year at a cost of \$207 or five years for a cost of \$831.

Board discussion: place in the annual budget discussion as it was not budgeted for a larger amount.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to proceed with the one-year AED subscription. Motion carried.

Ron Niedermaier was present for the meeting and stated the Groveland Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast and open house on April 30, 2023. The pancake breakfast will be from 8 a.m. until 11 a. m. following the pancake breakfast, they will be hosting an open house from noon until 2 p.m. the same day. There will be free hot dogs as well. The new Fire Station across from Rosebrugh Road now houses two tankers and the grass truck.

Supervisor Communication:

The supervisor updated the board regarding the email he received from the engineer on the Groveland Water District #1 water line. Here is the most recent update, The soil boring is the other key component that needs to be completed before bidding, as the information from those borings is needed by the contractors for accurate pricing. The work should be close to being wrapped up by the end of April. They anticipate being able to advertise for bidding in May. Supervisor Devine will request a meeting with the engineer once bids go out.

BAN #1 of 2023 has been awarded to Green County Bank with an interest rate of 4.25%.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:59 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting May 11,2023 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: April 13, 2023