

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday January 13, 2022 at the Town Hall.

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

Others Present: B. Macauley

Absent: Steve Atterbury, Councilmember and Councilmember; Amy Phelps

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order @ 9:01a.m. Councilmember Bean led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 1-15 for \$6,295.88; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 1-11 for \$131,316.44. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept the regular meeting minutes of 1/06/2022 as presented. 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 and disbursed. Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

1. Food Pantry Box- located in the town hall

Old/New Business:

SOLAR MORATORIUM PUBLIC HEARING SOLAR LAW # OF 2017 MORATORIUM-

Supervisor Devine read aloud the public hearing notice for the local law to extend the Solar Law Moratorium along with recognizing that the local law was sent to the Livingston County Planning Board for their comments to date no comments have been received.

Public hearing opened at 9:03a.m.

Supervisor Devine stated after the public hearing closed once the town has the comments from the County Planning Board, the extension of the moratorium can move forward at February 10, 2022 regular meeting.

Discussion re: the County Planning Board about extension. Supervisor Devine states we have until February to enact the law, so action will be taken at the February board meeting.

APPROVAL OF PROCEDURE AUDITS – RESOLUTION 28-2022- Copies of completed audits were passed around. Audits will be part of the official minute book. Letter acknowledged from the court requiring such audits to be performed. Supervisor’s audit to be completed at the next regular board meeting due to COVID there would not be a quorum to audit supervisor account books as Councilmember Bean will need to abstain as she was the Supervisor’s Secretary in 2021.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting, to review the 2021 examination of the Justice Court, Tax Collection, Town Clerk policies and procedures of their account books.

WHEREAS, two councilmen did meet with each department as indicated on audit sheets at the Town Hall to provide a process to monitor and review the work performed by those who handle money as part of their town duties; and

RESOLVED: the town board performed the examination and verification of the 2021 account books with court and town clerk and appeared to be in good order in Pursuant to Town Law, Section 27(1), Section 64(1), and Section 123.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay, 3 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Atterbury and Councilmember Phelps absent.

DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORTS –The AUD report is not available until March from our Accountant. In order for the AUD to be prepared all annual reports will need to be turned by February 28th to allow for a month for review and approval in March. Town Clerk will send an email to request annual reports from each department.

REZONING DISCUSSION- Supervisor Devine stated Brad Macauley is here to discuss zoning for areas along State route 63 and Route 408.

Brad Macauley They have 2 parcels – tax map #98.-1-13 which is 2.33 acres at the corner of East Groveland Rd and Rt. 63 across from the police barracks. The second is tax map #98.-1-6.111 which is 206 acres adjacent to the first parcel. There is 22 ½ acres surrounding the other 2.33 acres that they would like to incorporate.

It is currently zoned ag and they would like to open it up to industrial. There is water and gas there already.

Councilmember Bean checked out the map to ascertain exactly the area in question.

Discussion regarding steps to take –

Supervisor Devine stated they will have to go to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He also didn't think spot zoning because of the salt mine and county complex being there, a lot has already been turned commercial. Look online for the definition of spot zoning.

Recommend Mr. Macauley check with Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell and go before the boards mentioned. Given Mr. Maxwell's business card.

Done at 9:19 am

HISTORIAN GRANT REQUEST- Ms. Aten emailed Town Clerk on January 12, 2022 that she would be unable to attend the January meeting but would like to plan on having some time on the floor at the February regular meeting.

Supervisor Communication:

Supervisor Devine attended County meeting yesterday. No new news regarding COVID or receiving more masks and tests. Salaries approved and appointments made.

Councilmember Bean asked about Highway plan for COVID. Supervisor explained that they are having no contact with other employees. If being called into work, they are going to their truck, working, then back to personal vehicle after wiping down truck.

Discussion about amount of time being required to remain out of work after positive test. Different amounts of time have been reported by different agencies.

Supervisor Devine states he is also still waiting to hear about the contract for the Highway employees.

Hwy Superintendent Caldwell has passed along the information that the new hire (Jordan) has passed his CDL test and is ready to work. Supervisor Devine would like to put him full time as soon as possible as that will give time for him to be trained on driving snow plows.

Discussion regarding how many full time highway employees there can be. There is currently one employee who will retire shortly.
Supervisor Devine will talk with Superintendent Caldwell tomorrow regarding start time.

Other Business/ Announcements:
None at this time

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:29 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting February 10, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Keitha Sleggs, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: January 13, 2022