

**The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday July 11, 2024 at the Town Hall.**

**Present:** Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember

**Other Town Officials:** Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent

Excused: Bill Przysinda, Councilmember, and John Macauley, Councilmember

Others present: R. Niedermaier

**Bill Devine, Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 8:57 a.m.** Supervisor Devine led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 135-155 for \$8,149.00; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 102- 120 for \$308,869.37. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept the regular meeting minutes of 6/13/2024 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. Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

**Information handed out/or acknowledged: None**

#### **Old/New Business:**

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Harvey reported the hire of David Buys as a seasonal employee. The board was glad to hear that the town was able to hire an experienced employee.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to hire David Buys with a start date of July 8, 2024, and a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent stated that the new 2024 Peterbilt is in service, a couple of issues with it but they are being handled. There is a plan to oil and stone on July 30<sup>th</sup> this year weather permitting and roadside mowing continues.

The highway superintendent was approached and asked if the town planned on planting flowers at the sign that pointed to Ambuscade Park. Councilmember Hunter stated she would like to handle planting flowers this year near the sign.

Councilmember Bean stated that the town should look at that in the spring of 2025 and budget for that as well for the future.

The highway superintendent discussed with the board future equipment and options for use of highway fund monies and also the use of CHIPS money for equipment purchases. A quote was provided for a skid steer for the board to review. The board reviewed the quote but would like to table the discussion until the next meeting. The board also requested for the two other board members not present at today's meeting to have the information as well. The board asked the highway superintendent to get confirmation from CHIPS for the approval for use before proceeding further with the board discussion as well.

Highway Superintendent Harvey will see that the two members not present have the ability to review the quote before the next board along with submitting for approval from CHIPS for use prior to the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The quote expires on August 9, 2024.

**SURPLUS RESOLUTION 45-2024-** Highway Superintendent Harvey discussed the need to replace the mower at Lakeview Cemetery. He would like to trade it in similar to how it was done last time and utilizing State Contract for procurement purposes.

WHEREAS the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting the town board has reviewed the proposed surplus list, now therefore be it;

**Surplus:**

- 2021 John Deere mower                      1M0X590FVMM160439
- 48" mower deck for JD                      1M048A0AJMM060578

RESOLVED the items to be declared surplus as the items are no longer of use to the town, and authorize the sale or disposition if no monetary value. Any sold items must turn an itemized slip in with payment to the town.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter and the results were carried with 0 nay, 3 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley absent and Councilmember Przysinda, absent.

**Water District #1 Update-** Supervisor Devine stated he met with 7 households a week ago along with Eric Weis from CPL to discuss a couple of options to keep the project moving forward. The discussion that occurred was about the pump station in the budget. Part of the budget overage is related to the pump station serving 7 homes on Barber Hill Road. The bid price total was \$450,000 for the pump station.

One option that was presented would involve each home installing a booster pump and should reduce the budget by \$400,000. The project would purchase the booster pumps and deliver them to the homeowners for installation. Long term, the homeowners would be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the pumps.

The town did apply for the WIIA grant, if approved then the pump station would move forward as originally planned but this way the project would not be stalled. All property owners except for one who is unsure if they are even going to hook up to the water line once active want to move forward with the booster pump option and want to wait to see if the town receives the grant. The grant process can hold the project up another 6-9 months as it is typical to not hear until December for approval or denial for this type of grant. No booster pumps for the 7 households it would affect would be purchased until the knowledge of approval or denial of the WIIA grant.

Supervisor Devine asked the board with the information that you have been given do you wish to move forward with the project or wait for approval or denial of the WIIA Grant.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter to continue progress on the water district by utilizing booster pumps on 7 households on a portion of Barber Hill Road if necessary should the WIIA grant be denied, seconded by Councilmember Bean. Motion carried.

#### GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DISCUSSION- Supervisor Devine stated that the ARPA grant money the town applied for with Livingston County to upgrade the playground equipment at the ballpark was approved. The county has sent paperwork for the supervisor to sign to receive the money along with the required insurance paperwork. The supervisor has requested and received from the town's insurance agent the insurance listing the county as an additional insured as requested by Livingston County.

Supervisor Devine has delivered all necessary paperwork for the grant money to the county before the town board meeting. The board provided a draft agreement to the fire department president. Moving forward the town will need to know what equipment is being purchased etc. The discussion will be tabled until the August meeting.

COURT UPDATE- Town Justice Love and Bean requested privileges of the floor to update the town board of their office. Board thanked the justices for the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Councilmember Hunter made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Councilmember Bean for matters relating to medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal. Motion carried.

The board asked the Town Clerk to attend.

Board entered executive session at 10:01 a.m.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter seconded by Councilmember Bean to close the executive session with no action taken. Motion carried.

Returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m.

Supervisor Communication:

Supervisor Devine was contacted by Mary Underhill to see if the board was interested in a meeting to discuss the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan. They are updating it from 2003, does the board have any interest in meeting with or have any information to share for the update.

Board requested that Town Clerk email to keep updated via email or the supervisor but they had no questions or input at this time.

The Conesus Lake Association contacted the town inquiring who the town liaison is as there has not been any representation in a while. The last appointment was Councilmember Hunter to the position at the February 2023 meeting. Councilmember Hunter is willing to continue in the position, she has not had any communication from the association. The board requested an email sent with Councilmember Hunter's contact information.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Supervisor Devne to have Councilmember Amy Hunter continue serving as the Conesus Lake Association liaison for the Town of Groveland. Motion carried.

Other Communication: Town Clerk Burgess inquired as to an updated Ambuscade Park use request form, as it was asked to her how the grills were cleaned from use following an event. Highway Superintendent Harvey has purchased an ash bucket to utilize for his staff to clean before a "scheduled" event. Town Clerk inquired about updating the Ambuscade Park request form to read that the town would clean ash from the grills prior to a scheduled event.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to make the minor change to add cleaning of the grills to the request form. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Burgess reported that Kyle Rollins our very own town resident did not make the Olympic Team in Paris this year however did make it to the final round in the high jump and tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place to move forward to Team USA. Mr. Rollins is an outstanding athlete as well as a humble person. Groveland is lucky to have had him represent our small community!

NYS DEC has made changes to the way hunting licenses are to be printed now. Town Clerk Burgess updated the board on the changes as they may cause some issues with some hunters.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting August 8, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk  
Town of Groveland  
Dated July 11, 2024