

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

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Steve Atterbury, Councilmember; Amy Hunter; Councilmember and John Macauley, Councilmember
Other Town Officials: D. Mark Caldwell, Highway Superintendent, **Pete** Dolan, ZBA Member
Others present: Bill Bacon, Liv Co. Economic Development, R. Niedermaier

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order @ 8:58 a.m. Councilmember Atterbury led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Hunter requested the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 230 – 253 for \$34,000.30; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 149-169 for \$51,629.19. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 08, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept both financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

1. Food Pantry Box- located in the town hall

Old/New Business:

2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET- Resolution 58-2022 Town Clerk presents the Preliminary 2023 Budget and reported the notice for hearing was published in the Livingston County News.

The hearing notice read and opened the hearing 8:59 a.m. and the town is not exceeding the tax cap.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to close the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget held October 13, 2022 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

RESOLVED that this Town Board does hereby accept the Preliminary Budget in accordance of Town Law Section 108 with changes and presented at the meeting for Annual Budget Final approval and adoption for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2023 and that such Budget as so adopted and by this Board, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of said Annual Budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with the Estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 202-A Sub. 2 of the Town Law and deliver one copy thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by the Supervisor to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay 5 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Atterbury, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Supervisor Devine introduced Bill Bacon, Director of Livingston County Economic Development to discuss with the board the repurposing of the closed correctional facility in Groveland currently owned by New York State. Mr. Bacon gave the board a background timeframe from the time the facility closed to October 2020 when County Administrator Coyle and Mr. Bacon toured the closed facility. The facility is a general use facility and has great potential as there is water, power and sewer already on site. Mr. Bacon approached the State to repurpose the facility with the hopes to bring more commerce to Livingston County. Mr. Bacon stated that currently the facility is listed under town zoning as agricultural residential however he feels that it would need to be zoned differently to allow for further commerce to potentially come. Mr. Bacon sees the facility more of a campus type setting.

Councilmember Hunter asked do you see the commerce coming this way. Mr. Bacon stated yes as crime in city areas are continuing to rise.

Councilmember Bean inquired about the size of the lot they wish to acquire. Mr. Bacon gave approximate number including what inside and outside fenced area.

Councilmember Bean then asked if you would continue to farm the vacant land. Mr. Bacon stated everything is always open for discussion.

Councilmember Bean asked what risk to the town is there to moving forward. Mr. Bacon stated none just need to look at rezoning.

Councilmember Hunter inquired if retail had been considered. Mr. Bacon stated he had not pursued that avenue as was more for the manufacturing side of economic development.

Mr. Bacon stated he would think the ALIC district would be most appropriate but willing to work with the Code Officer to ensure the best fit for what they are trying to achieve. There would be no tax implications on the town only a benefit as the facility would be placed back on the tax roll once business begin utilizing the campus.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Atterbury to send the request to rezone the area known as Livingston County Correctional Facility to the Town's Planning Board for their review. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLAR TOUR INFORMATION- Supervisor Devine introduced ZBA member Pete Dolan who attended the training/ tour that was in regards to solar and asked him to attend today's meeting to give the board any updates Mr. Dolan may have following the recent passing of the town's solar law.

Mr. Dolan stated following his review that New York State hopes to be 75% green by 2030, and once the state is complete in their progress they will focus more on solar battery storage. The tour showed what current solar farms are in the area and what questions each town should look for when preparing their laws or reviewing their local laws. An example was what the fence is for to block the view or for safety, if the trees that are planted should die or are not adequate who is responsible to follow through on it. Should the electric be run above ground or underground.

Councilmember Bean asked following the tour he noticed any changes that needed to be done in the town's current law. Mr. Dolan stated the town law was done well just ensure that whoever review each application has the towns best interest as negotiations can be made as it relates to contracts.

M. Dolan inquired about the town's current law and the driveway or access road entering the solar energy system. Would that all be considered part of the project and part of the Zoning. Supervisor interpretation thought that it would be but driveway pipes would also need to be installed by the town highway department and placement would need to be approved by that office as well.

HIGHWAY REPORT UPDATE- Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated highway crew has continued the mowing along roadsides and ditching. Plow equipment has been placed on two of the trucks in preparations for winter weather.

Supervisor Communication: Supervisor meet with Code Maxwell and BOCES to review the stairs at Ambuscade. BOCES feels it is a project that they can take to task but the town will need to apply for a variance as the land the stairs are built on the town does not own and the stairs cannot be built to be ADA compliant due to this reason. Supervisor gave a description of the two types of ADA compliance.

Supervisor Devine also discussed changing the lock type at the park as we have had a key not be returned following multiple attempts to recover. The bathrooms were opened and used when water was turned off and created quite a mess. The hope is to have a one-time code for a user to be able to use for a day and then it locks after a certain time and the town will not have to track keys again.

Board agreed it was a good idea.

Highway Superintendent inquired as now we are getting to the colder weather when the board wanted to open and close the bathrooms at the park for the season. Highway Superintendent Caldwell stated he had been speaking with Bill Przysinda from Carman Electric on how to drain and winterize the well pump.

Board all agreed on May 1st- October 31st to open and close bathrooms at Ambuscade Park.

Supervisor Devine updated the board that the engineer from National Grid has finished his part for the lighting at 390 and now we are waiting for the bill so we can pay it , then we need to submit it to the state. Supervisor has weekly been in contact with P. Gister as the communication from other areas of National Grid has been less than professional. Highway Superintendent stated stakes have been place where the light will be placed.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Bean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular Town Board meeting scheduled on November 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: October 13, 2022