

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

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

Other Town Officials: Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent

Absent/Excused:

Others in Attendance: R. Niedermaier, P. Dolan

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order @ 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Bean 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 64-83 for \$10,117.71; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 54- 70 for \$111,700.05 and Capital Fund voucher number 2 for \$315.23. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to accept the regular meeting minutes of 3/14/2024 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. Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

1. Tax Collection closed with 35 unpaid

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Harvey reported the crew has been continuing to clean the back highway area, The one cargo container that was originally to be surplus will be placed back on the asset list as it was found to be able to be opened, and create more space and in still useable shape. Snow fence is being taken down and put away for next season along with some snow plow equipment is being taken off, there are still a couple of trucks with snow equipment on.

Highway Superintendent Harvey inquired about the fencing at Ambuscade Park as one of the containers has old vinyl fence from when construction of the new pavilion commenced. It is brittle and breaking.

Supervisor Devine stated to keep and replace anything at the park if there is anything in disrepair you can fix it with what we have if necessary at the park and destroy the rest.

Highway Superintendent Harvey was unsure what the board wanted to do as it pertained to fencing or if any, he obtained preliminary quotes for the board.

Councilmember Bean stated the fence was to identify the town-owned borders and to do just the back area of the park where the “gully” area would be.

Councilmember Przysinda stated he is not in favor of vinyl because it starts to look poor in a few years, he would recommend a few vendors but he would be willing to send the highway superintendent contact information to get a couple of ideas and to obtain quotes.

Councilmember Hunter recommended Shamrock Fencing Company but agreed there are many ways and good ideas to get more information for further discussion.

Highway Superintendent Harvey will follow up with the town board.

Councilmember Bean inquired about the use of certain sizes of stone on seasonal-use roads as it has not been used in the past. The Highway Superintendent stated that due to the time of year, the stone would stay in place better and not travel down the steep road to the lower portion is why that type of stone is being used.

Councilmember Bean stated more semi-truck traffic is using a road not made allowed for that size of the truck as it is a weight-limited road, the concern is the water line does travel down the particular road and would that have an effect on that road if it continues to be utilized in such a manner is where the area of concern comes from. The Highway Superintendent stated that we have another road that is torn up terribly from farm traffic and doing the best he can but it is a constant battle.

Councilmember Bean stated the town may need to do a bit more research into seasonal-use roads and what the town can do to protect the roads financially as there is a major cost in road maintenance and where would the town's liability come into if damage is done to the waterline.

SURPLUS RESOLUTION 38-2024 Town Clerk Burgess notified the board of items that are no longer in use and can be sold at auction/ traded in and some destroyed as they no longer have value.

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:

- **4 drawer metal file cabinet**
- **3 drawer metal file cabinet**
- **Brothers wireless printer**

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 Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Hunter and the results were carried with 0 nay, 5 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley; aye and Councilmember Przysinda aye.

COUNTY DESIGNATED ARPA USE MONEY FOR PLAYGROUNDS- Supervisor Devine updated the board as he has an application to apply for the ARPA money from the county for the playground at the fire department's ball field.

R. Niedermaier notified the town board that he, P. Dolan, and P. Johnston are on the committee to represent the fire department for this project.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter to create a Groveland Fire Department ball field playground committee with Councilmember Bill Przysinda and Councilmember John Macauley to be committee members to represent the town board. Seconded by Councilmember Macauley. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter to allow Supervisor Devine to sign the grant application sheet for Livingston County ARPA money to be allocated towards the Groveland Fire Department ball field playground once the committee finalizes their decision on the type of equipment request for \$20,000. Seconded by Councilmember Macauley. Motion carried unanimously.

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CELEBRATION AND PREPARATIONS- Pete Dolan, Chair of Earth Day was in attendance to update the town board on his success to involve local community members. Mr. Dolan is looking forward to bringing the community together to clean up and celebrate.

Supervisor Communication: Supervisor Devine stated the bid opening for Water District #1 will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday April 18th. USDA- RD needs to review all bids and agree with the recommendations received before the town officially awards the project. Supervisor will keep the board informed once he gets more information.

Other Communication:

All employees have been emailed to participate in the Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training that is offered online. They also have been given both copies of each policy.

AED information passed out following last month board meeting. The annual subscription the town does to verify our current AED is up to date is due as well the subscription does not give any benefit to the one year or 5 year. All board agreed to keep it on an annual basis but would like to inquire about adding another AED to the plan.

The board all agreed to purchase a refurbished AED a quote was provided and will decide next month on the future of the subscription once the information has been received.

Town Clerk stated the retired Highway Superintendent doesn't wish to have a retirement party, how does the town wish to handle his retirement gift?

Councilmember Bean stated a gift card is a good option.

A motion by Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to purchase a \$100 gift card. Motion carried unanimously.

Livingston County is offering the town to participate in their Employee Assistance Program for a \$25 fee per employee, the town clerk inquired if the town board was interested in the service. The town board all agreed not at this time.

R. Niedermaier stated that the fire department is having their annual open house this weekend along with all others in the county.

Mr. Niedermaier also informed the town board that Pete Dolan will be recognized as Groveland's senior citizen of the year for 2024. The town board all congratulated Mr. Dolan on his wonderful his nomination.

A motion by Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting May 9, 2024 @ 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 April 11, 2024