

Town of Denmark

Minutes

July 06, 2017: July 6, 2017 Special Meeting

Body:

A special meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board was held Thursday, July 6, 2017. The meeting was posted by Clerk Greene in the three US Post Offices located in the Town, on the town website, on the Clerk's bulletin board and media notice was given to the Watertown Daily Times, Journal & Republican and Linking Lewis County.

Present were: Councilman Der (exits at 6:21pm, reenters 6:24pm)
 Supervisor Fleming
 Councilman Jones
 Highway Supt. Mahar
 Clerk Greene (exits 6:21pm, reenters 6:22pm)

Absent: Councilman Fazio

Others present included: Mark Gebo (leaves at 7:11pm), Deb Der and Sandy Jones

The meeting was opened at 6:03 by Supervisor Fleming; he led those assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Der made a motion to accept the amended agenda prepared by Clerk Greene. His motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Absent
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

The billing for G&K Services was discussed. Supervisor Fleming made a motion to pay the claim made by G&K Services in the amount of \$1594.49 as previously submitted and that the bill be handled as a paid prior on the August Highway Abstract. His motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Absent
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

Discussion was held on solar regulation within the Town of Denmark. The Town Board, with the assistance of the Town of Denmark Planning Board, has begun drafting a local law to amend the Town of Denmark Zoning Law to allow for the regulation of solar projects. Attorney Gebo went through the proposed language line by line with the Town Board. At 6:21pm Clerk Greene exited the meeting to get a copy of the current zoning law so setbacks could be discussed. She reentered at 6:22pm. Councilman Der exited at 6:21pm and returned at 6:23pm. Discussions centered on organization of the law, setback distances, allowable acreage and size of the project. Mr. Gebo will have this document written in final form as soon as possible so that the Town Board can set the Public Hearing, begin the 239 L&M procedure with Lewis County, and begin the SEQR process.

Discussion was held on the Town of Denmark Water Law. The original water law was adopted in 2011 and needs to be updated. EDU rates were discussed in relation to different types of parcels (vacant lots) and how much they should be charged for an EDU. Mr. Gebo will be providing this in final form to the Town Board so they can schedule a Public Hearing.

Discussion was held on the Bonds for the construction of the Municipal building and Highway Garage. The bonds may be paid back early and the Town Board may do so with Host Agreement monies as they become available. The interest payment on those bonds is due by mid-July. The process for this early payment was explained by Attorney Gebo.

Attorney Gebo exited the meeting at 7:11pm.

Highway Abstract 640, Claims 102-123, totaling \$10,814.27 was provided to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Councilman Der asked a question about claim 107, Clinton Tractor in the amount of \$749.06, Supt. Mahar explained it was for a rear tire on the mower. Councilman Jones asked if Supt. Mahar has been happy with the services provided by Unifirst and Supt. Mahar responded that he was. Discussion was held on claim 118, Watertown Concrete in the amount of \$100.00. Supt. Mahar explained that the blocks were used on a culvert near the Raymond Hebert property on Roberts Road. Councilman Jones made a motion to pay the bills as read. His motion was seconded by Councilman Der.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Absent
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

Highway Supt. Report: Supt. Mahar reported that Roberts Road has been partially re-profiled and will be paved in late July or early August. Next year he plans to do work on the Fuller Road.

Clerk's Report: Minutes of the June 12, 2017 regular meeting were provided to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Supt. Mahar asked that they be corrected to reflect he was absent from the meeting. Clerk Greene agreed and Councilman Der made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to accept the minutes as prepared with the addition of Supt. Mahar absence.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Absent
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

Clerk updated the Town Board on Dog Control. Clerk Greene has completed the new hire paperwork with Mr. Schantz including oath of office, I-9 form, withholding forms and policies). She has notified NYS Dept of Ag & Markets, State Troopers, Lewis County Sheriff, Villages of Castorland and Copenhagen, and Lewis County Humane Society. Clerk Greene has contacted Lewis County Public Health for the rabies vaccinations and instructed them to bill the Town of Denmark. Clerk Greene reached out to several local agencies and has arranged for Glenfield BOCES to make an ID Badge for the DCO and sent a picture of the DCO for this purpose. DCO has been provided with copies of Denmark Dog Control Laws 5-2010 and 1-2012, affidavits of complaints, dangerous dog forms, and licensing forms and reviewed all of those materials with the Clerk. Clerk has also begun reviewing needed equipment (catch pole, bite gloves and a covered kennel) and has reached out to other Towns and NYS Ag & Markets for vendors of these items.

The Clerk reported that she has received a letter of resignation from Court Bailiff Duane St. Louis effective 7/28/2017. Discussion was held. Joseph Greene was appointed by the Town of Denmark Town Board on 01/28/2017 as an alternate bailiff to serve when Mr. St. Louis is unavailable and the Justices would like him to continue through the rest of 2017. No action needs to be taken at this time.

Other Business: Discussion of a possible dog enumeration was held. A full enumeration has not taken place in at least 16 years. Partials have been conducted at least twice. No action.

The Clerks concern about the monies remaining available for the Deputy Clerk salary was brought to the Town Board' attention by her letter on June 12, 2017. At that time the matter was tabled as a full Board was not present. No action taken. Clerk was asked to add this to the agenda for July 10, 2017.

Being as there was no further business before the Town Board, Councilman Der made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Absent
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Town of Denmark Town Clerk
Prudence Lyn. Greene