

Town of
Denmark

Minutes

September 07, 2017: September 7, 2017 Special Meeting**Body:**

A special meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Media was provided notice via email by Clerk Greene and she also posted notices in the three post offices in the Town on the morning of August 30, 2017.

Supervisor Fleming opened the meeting at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were:

Councilman Der
Councilman Fazio (enters at 6:10pm)
Supervisor Fleming
Councilman Jones
Supt. Mahar
Clerk Prudence Greene
Budget Officer Sharon Fleming

Also Present:

Attorney Mark Gebo
Fred Wadsworth
Sandy Jones
Deb Der

Supervisor Fleming asked Attorney Gebo to discuss the bond for road repairs provided by Copenhagen Wind. The amount of the bond is \$1,000,000.00 for the life of the project.

Discussion was held on the Decommissioning Bond for the Copenhagen Wind Project. The bond is in the amount of \$3,000, 000.00 and includes monies not only for the decommissioning but also restoration. The document was presented as follows:











Councilman Jones asked about the longevity of the bond. Attorney Gebo explained it would remain in place for the life of the project and cannot be cancelled without notice to the Town.
Discussion was held on early payoff options for the bonds taken out for the building construction.

Councilman Fazio entered the meeting at 6:10pm.

Discussion was held on budget transfers for the Water District Expansion project. Any monies borrowed from other budget lines must be documented by resolution and pay interest back in addition to the funds borrowed.

Discussion held about Lewis County position that Town is responsible for Fire Departments Workers Compensation Insurance. The Villages have paid this previously but a Comptroller Opinion from 1963 is being used as justification for the change from Village to Town.

Sharon Fleming left the meeting at 6:23pm.

Discussion continued.

Sharon Fleming returned at 6:25pm.

Attorney Gebo explained this is an advisory opinion from the State Comptroller. He suggested that the Supervisor speak to other Town Supervisors in Lewis County and try to discuss it with Lewis County as a group. Councilman Der asked a variety of questions of the Town Attorney. He asked for clarification of the word "coverage" in regards to lot size requirements for solar projects. His concern centers around the interpretation of the word "coverage"; does this term mean the entire footprint of the array or simply the area of the panels? Mr. Gebo explained that an interpretation would come from the ZBA. If the Town Board is concerned about particular language they could amend the law if they wish.

Councilman Der asked a question about budgeted monies for salary lines. Does the amount budgeted have to be paid out? Attorney Gebo explained that Elected Officials are paid a salary as outlined in the budget and public notices of the budget. Appointed Officials are either paid a salary or an hourly amount and that is determined typically at the time of the appointment.

Councilman Der asked about Lead Agency status for the Planning Board. He wondered if the Town Board makes this appointment. Attorney Gebo explained that the Lead Agency must be a decision making board and therefore Lead Agency status falls to the Planning Board.

Attorney Gebo left the meeting at 6:40pm.

Fred Wadsworth exited the meeting at 6:40pm.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the agenda prepared by Clerk Greene. His motion was seconded by Councilman Fazio. Vote recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Der and Deb Der left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Fred Wadsworth and Sharon Fleming returned to the meeting at 6:42pm.

Budget Officer Fleming passed a letter out to the Town Board that she received from Lewis County Self-Insurance for the 2018 Workers' Compensation Assessment. The assessment is as follows:

20% Property Valuation	\$ 8,554	
30% Payroll	3,162	
50% Experience	13,526	
		Copenhagen Fire Dept
		Castorland Fire Dept
		Town Highway Portion
	30	
	<u>1,290</u>	
Total	\$26,562	

Councilman Der reentered the meeting at 6:44pm.

Councilman Der made a motion to allow Supervisor Fleming to sign the Copenhagen Wind Project Decommissioning Agreement as presented and discussed earlier in the meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Fazio.

Vote recorded as:

Councilman Der	Aye
Councilman Fazio	Aye
Supervisor Fleming	Aye
Councilman Jones	Abstains

At this time discussion of the 2018 Budget began. The budget was reviewed line by line with both income and projected expenses being discussed. None of the three fire departments or Villages have responded to the letter they were mailed by Clerk Greene on July 12, 2017 asking them to provide their request by the end of August. The increased projection of Worker's Compensation was discussed at length. Budget requests from town departments were considered.

Clerk Greene supplied all members with a copy of the following documents:

- 9/5/2017 Memorandum of Betsy Boliver, Lewis County Real Property, Exemption Impact Report
- Letter and materials from Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. -Copy of Municipal Shelter Inspection Report, 8/30/2017
- Flier from NYMIR "Drive To Survive"

Being as there was no more business before the Board Councilman Fazio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

Vote recorded as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Prudence Greene
Town of Denmark Town Clerk

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