Draft Minutes of 05.16.2022

Prepared by Town Clerk Prudence Greene

A regular meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board was held on May 16, 2022, at the Town of Denmark Municipal Building. A Zoom meeting connection was provided for the interested public to attend the meeting remotely if they wished. The NYS Tug Hill Commission offered their assistance and expertise to set up the meeting for the Town of Denmark Town Board. The link for the meeting was posted on the Town of Denmark website, the three US Post Offices located in the Town and was provided to the media.

In attendance were the following officials:

Also in attendance:

Councilman Fred Wadsworth Deputy Supt. James Der exits at 7:07pm

Councilman Frank Fazio Cindy Doyle exits at 7:07pm
Supervisor Scott Doyle Terry Williams exits at 7:07pm

Councilman Peter Jones Mark Souva, Village of Copenhagen Mayor exits at

Councilwoman Darlene Rowsam 7:07pm

Town Clerk Prudence Greene exits at 7:07pm Supt. of Highways Patrick Mahar exits at 7:07pm

Jennifer Harvill, Tug Hill exits at 7:07pm

Ron Vogt exits at 7:07pm Sherry Harmych exits at 7:07pm

Attending remotely:

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Doyle at 6:00pm. Town Clerk Prudence Greene led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Greene conducted a roll call of the Town Board as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth
Councilman Fazio
Present
Councilman Jones
Councilwoman Rowsam
Supervisor Doyle
Present
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Councilman Wadsworth made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2022, as prepared by Deputy Clerk Susan Kirch-Corey.

Roll call vote recorded as:

Councilman Wadsworth
Councilman Fazio
Councilman Jones
Councilwoman Rowsam
Supervisor Doyle
Aye

Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the meeting agenda.

Roll call vote recorded as:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye
Supervisor Doyle Aye

Public Comment: None

General Fund Abstract 655

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilwoman Rowsam as follows:

Resolution 80 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of General Fund Abstract # 655, dated May 16, 2022, paid prior claims 104 – 126 totaling \$230.00, new claim 106-123 totaling \$10,213.06, Total of all claims \$10,443.06.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth
Councilman Fazio
Aye
Councilman Jones
Councilwoman Rowsam
Aye

Supervisor Doyle Aye Resolution 80 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Water District Abstract 80

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth as follows:

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Resolution 81 0f 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments of Water District Abstract # 80, dated May 16, 2022, claim # 7-8, Total of all claims \$350.00.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye

Supervisor Doyle Aye Resolution 81 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Reports of Departments:

Dog Control Office:

DCO Nick Astafan provided a written report of April 2022.

Zoning & Planning:

Planning Board Minutes of May 3, 2022 were provided to the Town Board.

Dep ZEO Kevin Gaines provided a written April 2022 Zoning Report.

Discussion was held on a potential local law to amend the Zoning Law of the Town. Councilman Fred Wadsworth is following up with Town Atty. James Burrows to have the amendment drafted.

Discussion was held on a claim for SWPPP Solar Cost for GSPP 9557 E RD S, LLC and GSPP 9605 E RD N, LLC for \$688.90.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Jones as follows:

Resolution 82 Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board authorizes an Increase to budget line B2770 in the amount of \$688.90 with funds to be drawn the Development Agreement monies paid by GSPP 9557 E RD S, LLC and GSPP 9605 E RD N, LLC to the Town of Denmark for expenses related to the review of the SWPPP plans submitted for those solar projects and an increase to expenditure code B8020.4 in the amount of \$688.90 for payment of those claims.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye

Supervisor Doyle Aye Resolution 82 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Discussion was held on a potential IMA with Lewis County for Flood Damage Prevention Administration and Enforcement. Councilman Wadsworth will forward the proposed IMA to Atty. Burrows for him to review and advise the Town Board.

Assessor:

Assessor Vargulick was unable to attend the meeting. A brief discussion was held on a court order issuing a stay on the implementation of changes to Real Property Tax 575b.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector:

Clerk Greene provided the April 2022 Town Clerks report and the April 2022 Tax Collection report to the Town

Clerk Greene also presented the following correspondence:

- Letter dated 5/5/2022 from Lewis County Clerk of the Board Cassandra Moser: apportionment of mortgage tax 10/1/21 – 3/31/2022 = Town of Denmark \$51,825.28
- RACOG Report for May 2022 submitted by Mickey Dietrich.
- Letter dated 5/10/2022 from Peaches Libkie, requesting water at 3055 Roberts Road. Supervisor Doyle will contact Ms. Libkie about requirements of the water district.

Certificates of Liability Insurance and Evidence of Property Insurance for Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC effective 5/12/2022 - 5/12/2023

Supt. Of Highways Report:

Supt. Mahar updated the Board on the activities of his department. A brief discussion was held on a potential Lewis County permit being considered for activities that would use roads within the Town.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilwoman Rowsam as follows:

Resolution 83 of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board approves payments Highway Department, Abstract # 697, dated May 16, 2022, paid prior claim # 86 for \$20,000.00, new claims #87 - 102 totaling \$20,847.87, Total of abstract \$40,847.87.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Councilman Fazio Ave **Councilman Jones** Aye **Councilwoman Rowsam** Aye **Supervisor Doyle** Aye

Resolution 83 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Supt. Mahar updated the Town Board on the revenue that the Town can expect to receive from NYS as follows:

Chips:	\$ 116,517.34	
Roll over chips	\$ 36,734.15	
EWR	\$ 26,095.63	
Pave NY	\$ 30,959.63	
POP	\$ 20,639.66	
Total	\$ 230,946.41	

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Fazio as follows:

Resolution 84 of 2022: The Town Board of the Town of Denmark does hereby authorize the members of the Town Board including the Town Supervisor to sign the amended section 284 agreement as follows:

Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Denmark _County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Lewis

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

- GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$100,000, shall be set aside to be expended for primary work 1. and general repairs upon 35.61 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.
- PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the 2. permanent improvement of Town highways: 1.5 miles from #3 Road leading to 1,5 miles on Hal

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Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

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Councilman Wadsworth Ave **Councilman Fazio** Aye **Councilman Jones** Aye **Councilwoman Rowsam** Aye **Supervisor Doyle** Aye

Resolution 84 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

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Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Doyle updated the Town Board on his discussions with Atty. Burrows about the NYMIR Risk Assessment Review in August of 2021. Possible development of a written policy was discussed to eliminate personal use of the highway garage by employees and officials. Atty Burrows cited Article VIII section 1 of the NYS Constitution in his response to the Town Board. No additional policy is required because the law already prohibits use of municipal property for personal use.

Supt. Mahar noted that the garage employees will be removing their personal tools from the garage and no longer do equipment repairs for the town as none of the employees are currently classified as mechanics, they are classified as machine equipment operators (MEO's). This will create a need to outsource repair work and may be something that the Town should consider when the negotiations begin on the next Teamsters contract.

The tire pile pickup by Geiter Done is scheduled for May 17th & 18th.

Given the NYMIR risk assessment review conducted in August 2021 outlining no use of private tools & equipment on the property Supervisor Doyle recommends the Town Board consider rescinding the resolution made in April for the work on the flower bed in front of the building. Discussion was held.

The Village of Copenhagen has approved a new connection to Water District 1 for Robb Breyette's garage to be constructed on Plank Road. The Village will send written notice. Supervisor Doyle will advise Mr. Breyette of the requirements to connect to the water system.

Old Business:

Building Doors update, BR Johnson is still waiting for the materials.

Supervisor Doyle got a quote from Tom Aubin for electrical work for the three 110V outlets for the auto door openers required for the exterior replacement door project as follows:

Tom's General Contracting
5/13/22
Estimate
Town of Denmark Municipal Offices

Adding 3 additional 110 circuits above doorways and remove/replace exit light.

Labor:
10 hours at \$65/hour= \$650.00

Materials:

Exit light-\$30.00

Wire and fittings-\$300.00

inch EMT(if needed)-\$75.00

Breakers-\$50.00

Boxes, devices & cover plates-\$150.00

Estimated Job Total: \$1255.00

Total Materials: \$605.00

Councilman Jones recused himself from the discussion because he is related to Thomas Aubin, owner of Tom's General Contracting.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Fazio as follows:

Resolution 86 Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby resolve to allow the Town of Denmark to hire Tom's General Contracting for \$1,255.00 for materials & labor to install 110v power for automatic openers for new doors. The Town Board further directs that the funds to pay for this project be drawn from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received from the federal government.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Abstains
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye

Supervisor Doyle Aye Resolution 86 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Discussion was held on B.R. Johnson Quote 438348 for replacement of a lockset on the garage door as follows:

Qty	Product Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Lockset B AU 5307LN 380AN 497 626	172.19	172.19

Councilman Jones offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilman Wadsworth as follows: Resolution 87 Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby resolve to allow Supervisor Scott Doyle to sign quote # 438348 from B.R. Johnson, LLC in the amount of \$172.19 to replace the doorknob hardware for the garage door. The Town Board further directs that the funds to pay for this project be drawn from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received from the federal government.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Councilman Fazio Aye **Councilman Jones** Aye **Councilwoman Rowsam** Aye **Supervisor Doyle** Aye

Resolution 87 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

A brief discussion was held on possible technology upgrades for the meeting room. Supervisor Doyle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to hold a work session of the Town Board on 05/26/2022 at 6:30pm to discuss the possible upgrades.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Ave Councilman Fazio Aye Councilman Jones Aye Councilwoman Rowsam Aye Supervisor Doyle Aye

Clerk Greene will notify the media and post the information for the public.

Supt. Doyle has requested that the members of the Ethics Board have the copies of the Local Code of Ethics law attached to the procedure manual when they are appointed. Members are still being considered at this time.

Discussion was held on the Pandemic Plan adopted in May 2021. The plan calls for readoption annually.

Councilman Wadsworth offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Councilwoman Rowsam as follows: Resolution 88 Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby adopt the Town of Denmark **Pandemic Action Plan as follows:**

TOWN OF DENMARK





PANDEMIC PLAN

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- Level 3: Mitigation
 Confirmed cases among employees, board members and staff

 The effected building will close for 24 hours while the local Department of Health investigates and sets forth a plan for further precautionary measures that the village must take to limit exposure.

 Potentially cancel all Town events
 Communicate to staff about which employees are to report to maintain services and which employees work remotely
 Perform a deep cleaning of all areas
 Communications to Community and Employees

- Personnel

 reventing the spread of illness is a community responsibility and needs to be a priority of the Town of Denmark.

 Ve encourage all to practice the following healthy behaviors:

 CDC recommendations: Mask: double layer, fitted to face, and covering the nose and mouth at all times.

 As needed per pandemic issues.

 Using hand sanitizer or washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially:

 After touching your eye, nose, or mouth

 After touring flydisposing of garbage

 After touching/disposing of garbage

 After touching public computers, tables, and countertops, etc.

 After handling your mask

 Before and after preparing or eating food

 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

 Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow

 Practice social distancing when possible, at least 6 feet or 2 arm lengths

 Stay home when sick and seek medical attention when necessary

 Avoid close contact with people who are sick or exposed

 Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as counters, phones, doorknobs, and light switches, etc. at the beginning, middle and end of each shift. Wash frequently touched areas with soap and water then disinfect. Wear disposable gloves to protect skin and protective eyewear to protect from cleaners splashing into eyes. Throw the gloves out after use. Eyewear can be washed after use. When using bleach to disinfect follow the directions on the bleach bottle for preparing a diluted bleach solution. If your bottle does not have directions, you can make a bleach solution by mixing:

 S Tablespoons (1/3 cup) of bleach per gallon of room temperature water or

 4 Teaspoons of bleach per quart of room temperature water

Employees should notify their Department Head immediately and not report to work if they show symptoms of the virus: such as fever/chills, cough, muscle and body aches, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, congestion, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headache, and /or acute respiratory illness. The Town of Demark may require additional assessments be taken, such as, but not limited to, appropriate testing, physician release

order to return to work and/or isolation if it has been determined the employee has been infected or exposed to the virus. Each circumstance will be handled individually and confidentially while working with all guidance from the CDC, NYS and County Health Department.

The Town of Denmark will maintain flexible policies that permit employees to stay home to care for sick family

The Town of Denmark will pay all employees pandemic related sick time for any pandemic related situation/il Employees in a Collective Bargaining Agreement will be paid according to the policy outlined in the agree This will not be counted against the employee's sick time. This is per Board approval.

- Emphasize staying home when not feeling well, educate respiratory etiquette and proper hand hygiene by all employees.
 Instruct employees to clean their hands often with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 50% alcohol or wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty. When using hand sanitizer rub on all surfaces of hands and fingers until dry.

 Provide soap and water and alcohol-based hand rubs in the workplace. Ensure that adequate supplies are maintained. Place hand rubs in multiple locations or in conference rooms to encourage hand hygiene.

 Remote working: The Town will provide non-essential and essential employees the necessary equipment to work remotely when needed. A daily/weekly outline will be obtained by each employee the expectations of the job duties to be completed remotely and will be reviewed by the Board.

 Advise employees before traveling to take certain steps:

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- Board.

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 Check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices and NYS for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel. Specific travel information for travelers going to and returning from different countries can be found on the CDC website. Any employee that travels to another quarantined state will follow the NYS guidelines for appropriate testing and isolation requirements.

 Check for symptoms of acute respiratory illness before starting travel and notify supervisor and stay home if sick.

 Ensure employees who become sick while traveling understand they should notify their supervisor and promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

 If outside the US, sick employees should contact a healthcare provider or overseas medical assistance company to assist them with finding an appropriate healthcare provider in that country. A US Consular Officer can help locate healthcare services.

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3. Essential Services for the Town of Denmark:

The Town has identified essential/non-essential workers and essential services that we will maintain during a public health crisis. All non-essential and some essential employees can work from home via Town owned electronic devices. The Highway Department crew can work as separate crews and the Town Clerks Office can stagger shifts and workdays to minimize contact between employees.

Essential services are:

Office:

- n residents, agencies, Town Board, and staff

- Vouchers
 Budget preparation
 Cleaning and disinfection of community spaces.

WAY DEPARTMENT:

- ater District #1:

 Water samples taken daily on workdays and on a monthly and quarterly basis
 Daily water inspections
- ntial Employees Identified: lighway Department Employerintendent of Special Distric

Superintendent of S Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk

Modify Town Office: The Town Clerk's Office will be open to public by appointment when n

- sources:

 Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

 NYS Department of Health

 Lewis County Department of Public Health

 Avoid using the news outlets or multimedia soun provide accurate information.
- edia sources as a resource of information as they may not

Costs:
The Town of Denmark will track costs throughout this event (labor, purchases, equipment, etc.) for possible Reimbursement from FEMA or other agencies.

vacation: Employees will follow the New York State guidelines for traveling and adhere to the recommendations, according to Lewis County Public Health guidelines.

The Town will provide an anonymous way (via outside drop box) of reporting concerns regarding pandemic related issues if the employee does not feel they can communicate with their supervisors.

- 10. Personal Protective Equipment:
 The Town will maintain at least six months of PPE for all employees and keep them in a properly stored environment. The Town will follow CDC, NYS and County guidelines on mandating employees to wear the appropriate PPE. Departments may vary from what is required.

 CDC recommendations: Mask: double layer, fitted to face, and covering the nose and mouth. Cloth masks should be washed regularly. N95 are also permitted if preferred. Masks with vent valves are not suggested.

 Reusable or disposable gloves for cleaning. Wash hands after removing gloves. Venting the room when cleaning, such as a fan or opening a window for a few minutes or turning on exhaust fan to draw particles out of the room.

11. Public Meetings: The Town will follow the Governor's guidelines on public meetings. The Town, if possible, will offer in person meetings with social distancing, public attendance will be limited to 12, as well as offering zoom meetings for residents/guests.

12. De-escalation of the Action Plan:
Local conditions will influence the decisions that public health officials make regarding community-level strategies.
The Town needs to remain in contact with NYS Department of Health and Lewis County Public Health to assess
the progression of disease severity to determine de-escalation timing and plan.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye **Councilman Fazio** Aye **Councilman Jones** Aye **Councilwoman Rowsam** Aye **Supervisor Doyle** Aye

Resolution 88 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

Resolution _____ Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board does hereby adopt the Town of Denmark Pandemic Action Plan as presented.

Clerk Greene will provide the Pandemic Plan to all employees and record their acknowledgement of the policy.

Discussion was held on making the front entry ADA compliant. Supervisor Doyle suggested raising the parking lot 8" to minimize the slope of the sidewalk. Supt. Mahar was asked to get an estimate of the costs to raise the parking lot and repave it.

Discussion was held on the Village of Copenhagen- Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department Contract for July – December 2022. Copies of the proposed contract were provided to the Town Board for their review.

Councilman Fazio offered a resolution, seconded for adoption by Supervisor Doyle as follows:

Resolution 89 Of 2022: The Town of Denmark Town Board hereby sets a Public Hearing of the contract between the Town of Denmark and the Village of Copenhagen and the Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department Incorporated for fire protection in DENMARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 223 for a six (6) month term from July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. The hearing shall be held on June 20, 2022, at 6:00pm during the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Denmark Town Board.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye

Supervisor Doyle Aye Resolution 89 Of 2022 adopted 5.16.2022

At 7:07pm Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Doyle to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter.

Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye
Supervisor Doyle Aye

At this time Supt. Mahar, Deputy Supt. Der, Town Clerk Greene, and all others present exited the meeting.

At 7:45pm Supervisor Doyle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to exit the Executive Session.

Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye
Supervisor Doyle Aye

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Wadsworth Aye
Councilman Fazio Aye
Councilman Jones Aye
Councilwoman Rowsam Aye
Supervisor Doyle Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.