

Minutes of Special Meeting 10.25.2023
Prepared by Prudence L. Greene

The Town of Denmark held a special meeting on 10.25.2023 at the Town of Denmark municipal building. The following notice of the meeting was provided to the media, posted on the town website, posted in the three US Post Offices in the town:

The Town of Denmark Town Board will hold special meetings, on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6pm and Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6pm for the purpose of entering into executive sessions to conduct interviews of candidates for a potential appointment as Supt. Of Highways. The meeting will be held at the Town of Denmark municipal building located at 3707 Roberts Road, Carthage, NY 13619.

By order of Town of Denmark Town Board
10/17/2023
Prudence L. Greene
Town of Denmark Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Scott Doyle. Town Clerk Prudence Greene then led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

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

Councilmember Fred Wadsworth	present
Councilmember Frank Fazio	present
Councilmember Peter Jones	present
Councilmember Darlene Rowsam	present
Supervisor Scott Doyle	present

Also present were the following:

Town Clerk Prudence Greene (present at 6:00pm, exits at 6:01 pm, reenters at 7:27pm)
Michael Hoppel (present at 6:00pm, stays for Executive Session and exits Executive Session at 6:28pm)
Chad Seelman (present at 6:00pm, enters Executive Session at 6:30pm, exits at 6:59pm)
Gary Sullivan (present at 6:49pm, enters Executive Session at 7:00pm, exits at 7:21pm)

The following statement was read aloud by Supervisor Doyle: "In accordance with our ethics policy, Mr. Jones will be participating in the interviews in an observatory role. While he will not be taking an active role with the interviews, the post interview discussion, or the vote to appoint, it is his responsibility and desire as a board member to observe and remain informed about the interview process and candidate selection as this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability within our organization. "

Councilman Jones sat in the rear of the meeting room.

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion at 6:01pm, seconded by Councilman Fazio, to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews of potential candidates for appointment to the position of Supt. Of Highways should a vacancy occur. Vote recorded as follows: 4 ayes, 0 no, Councilman Jones did not vote.

Clerk Greene and Chad Seelman exited the meeting at this time. Michael Hoppel was asked to remain in the Executive Session.

At 6:28pm Michael Hoppel exited the Executive Session and the meeting.

At 6:30pm Chad Sellman was asked to enter the Executive Session.

At 6:49pm Gary Sullivan arrived and remained outside of the Executive Session.

At 6:59pm Chad Seelman exited the Executive Session and the meeting.

At 7:00pm Gary Sullivan was asked to enter the Executive Session.

At 7:21pm Gary Sullivan exited the Executive Session and the meeting.

Councilman Wadsworth made a motion to exit the Executive Session and his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rowsam. Vote recorded as follows: 4 ayes, 0 no, Councilman Jones did not vote. The meeting resumed at 7:27pm and Clerk Greene reentered the meeting.

Discussion was held on a potential timeline for appointment of a new Supt. Of Highways. Clerk Greene explained that an appointment cannot occur until after a vacancy occurs. Town Officers must submit resignations to the Town Clerk and the resignation becomes effective on the date specified or 30 days after it is received by the

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Town Clerk. The Town Clerk has the sole discretionary authority to allow the withdrawal of a resignation. A new Deputy Supt. Of Highways could be appointed by Supt. Mahar if the current Deputy were to resign.

Clerk Greene was asked to email those interviewed and explain that the appointment of a Supt. Of Highways cannot be made at the 11.09.2023 meeting unless a vacancy occurs.

Being as there was no further business before the Town Board Councilman Fazio made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wadsworth to adjourn the meeting. Vote recorded as follows: 4 ayes, 0 no, Councilman Jones does not vote.

Meeting closed at 7:36pm.

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