

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Chris Mathews with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Supervisor Chris Mathews	PRESENT
Councilman Keith Zanetti	PRESENT
Councilwoman Nicole Gorr	PRESENT
Councilman Scott Grey	PRESENT
Councilman Richard Coombe Jr.	PRESENT

Other Officials

Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly	PRESENT
Code Enforcement Officer Keith Stryker	PRESENT
Attorney Walter Garigliano	PRESENT

GUESTS

Cher Woehl	Walt Zeitschel
Phil Coombe III	Andrew McCabe
John Kassay	Joe Bagley
Larry Bracken	

- **Larry Bracken** was present on behalf of the **Grahamsville Fire Department** seeking a letter from the Town Board for their DOT Special Use Permit indicating they are in agreement that the Fire Department can hold a **SCVFA Parade** in Grahamsville on **September 18, 2021**. Larry also informed the Board of the Parade Journal being published and invited the Board to consider purchase a page.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott Grey, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr approving a letter written on behalf of the Grahamsville Fire Department for their DOT Special Use Permit for a parade on September 18, 2021, put to vote and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

- **John Kassay** gave a presentation on **Horseshoe Courts**. John is asking the Town to consider putting horseshoe courts in one of the Town's Parks. The Board will review the information.
- **Phil Coombe III**, treasurer of the **Grahamsville Rural Cemetery** Association, was here to follow up on seeking funding/assistance for maintenance of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.
- **Cher Wohl**, Parks and Recreation Director, asked the Town Board if they were ready to adopt the proposed updated **bylaws** for **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**. The following motion was made:

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A motion was made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti to formally adopt the bylaws, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Cher gave a **Skating Rink** update. The rink will remain open for the remainder of March unless attendance dramatically declines.

- **Joe Bagley** spoke to the Town Board about concerns he has with the role of **Water Operator** for the two parks. Joe would like additional help with the daily testing component of the Water Operator duties.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2021 was ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED on motion by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for the month of February 2021 was ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED and filed on motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY FEE REPORT

ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED for the month of February 2021 to be filed on motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY PETTY CASH REPORT

Month of February 2021/March 2021
ORDERED RESTORED TO \$200.00 by the amount of \$4.00 for postage on motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1. Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly updated the Board on **CHIPS** \$245,299.15, **PAVE NY** \$55,991.97 and **EWR** \$46,633.09 **funding**.
2. Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly requested permission to **attend** the **2021 Highway School** from June 7th to 9th, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, approving Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly's request to attend the 2021 NYS Highway Superintendent's Highway School on June 7th – 9th, 2021, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

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3. Preston would like to **advertise** for **2 seasonal temporary workers**. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott Grey, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr to authorize the advertising for two seasonal temporary workers in the Highway Department as laborers for the period between May 1st and September 30th, with a minimum age requirement of 18 years old, at wage rate of \$15.00 per hour with no benefits, must have a valid driver's license, working 40 hours per week put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

4. Preston met with the Equipment Committee. Preston would like to **replace two pickups** this year because one was not done last year. There is no state bid for pickups but the Town can purchase through **Statewide Piggyback on Onondaga County #ONGOV-106-19** for a **Dodge 3500 with plow** for \$40,845.70 each, \$81,691.40 for two. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott Grey, seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti to purchase two Dodge 3500 Pickups with plows for the total price of \$81,691.40 off Statewide Piggyback Onondaga County #ONGOV-106-19, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Preston also would like to **replace** the **John Deere Mower** off of **State Bid Contract** with a **John Deere 5075E Utility Tractor** \$37,827.55 with side mower \$35,742.75, rear finish mower \$5,305.91 and PTO leaf & debris blower \$6,700.06 for a total of \$85,576.21. The old mower would either be traded in or sold on Auctions International. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti to purchase a John Deere 5075E Utility Tractor with attachments for a total of \$85,576.21 off State Bid Contract, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

5. Preston and the Board discussed the **replacement of 4-wheel drive plow trucks**, Freightliner vs Oshkosh. The price difference is roughly \$109,000 but the longevity of the Oshkosh is 25+ years, compared with the Freightliner that is 15 years. The Board is leaning more towards the Oshkosh. Preston is going to get more information on the Oshkosh truck.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Monthly Receipts Report and Mileage Log and Inspection Report for the month of February 2021 has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Code Enforcement Officer Keith Stryker:

- Logged 53 Miles and took in \$1,644.25

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- 10 Building Permits, total 19 for year
- 0 Building Permit Renewal, total 0 for year
- 8 Cert of Occupancy/Compliance for the month, total 19 for year
- 0 Complaints, total 0 for year
- 1 Violations, total 4 for year
- 4 Municipal Searches, total 13 for year
- 2 Fire Inspections, total 2 for year
- 0 Junk Yard Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 Mobile Home Park Permit Renewals, total 2 for year
- 0 Temporary Use Permit, 0 total for year
- 0 Special Use Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 CEO Training Hours, total 0 for year
- 28 CCO Training Hours, total 49 for year (Building Safety Insp.)
- 0 FOIL Requests, total 2 for year
- 0 Fire Call, total 1 for year

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Agenda for February 16, 2021 Meeting, Meeting Minutes *draft* for January 19, 2021 and Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2020 were filed with the Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK

1. Tax Collection is at 89.78% as of 03-05-2021. Last year on the same date it was at 89.20%.
2. Central Hudson was contacted concerning the brackets mounted on their poles for hanging baskets. If the Town is not going to be hanging baskets this year, Central Hudson would like the brackets removed. Residents are not permitted to install and maintain hanging baskets on brackets themselves, only the Town can. The Town Board would like the brackets to remain at this time and not be used as we see where the flower program is going.
3. An inquiry has been made about using the Route 42 Park Pavilion for a small rehearsal dinner on September 24, 2021. The Board approved the event as long as all COVID-19 protocols are being followed by the users.
4. Lisa is asking for permission to attend the 2021 NYSTCA Virtual Conference. The Board approved.

FILINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

1. From Sullivan County Clerk's Office:
 - Lot Improvement – Plat of Land of 7491 State Route 55 Property Co. LLC
2. FOIL request from:
 - Empire Center – Highway Union Contract-fulfilled
3. Oath of Offices:
 - Eileen Delaney – Treasurer NFD
 - Stephen Poley – ZBA
 - Andrew McCabe – ZBA Alternate
 - Jennifer Pisaniello – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
 - James Garigliano – Planning Board Alternate

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4. Public Notice from Assessor's Office:
- All Exemption Forms to be received by 3/1/2021
 - Partial Tax Exemption for Seniors

5. Planning Board Special Use Resolution for FSH Lodge at Neversink LLC
Items were ORDERED LOGGED and FILED on motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR

1. The following Budget Amendment Resolution was presented for the Board's consideration:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2021
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Whereas, Town of Neversink has purchased Property at 265 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY, and
Whereas, an expense for the Land Tax is due to the Tax Collector,

Whereas, \$ 834.00 needs to be appropriated into A1364.4 Expenditures on Property Acquired for Taxes, the Funds are to be transferred from A9060.8 Medical Insurance,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the budget transfer of \$834.00 from A9060.8 Medical Insurance to A1364.4 Expenditures on Property Acquired for Taxes and that the following budget amendment be made;

A960- Appropriations-	\$ 834.00
A9060.8- Medical Insurance -	834.00
A960- Appropriations	- 834.00
A1364.4 Property Acquired for Taxes-	834.00

Moved by: Councilman Keith Zanetti
Seconded by: Councilwoman Nicole Gorr
And Adopted on Motion: March 10, 2021

2. The **Municipal Cleanup program** was discussed. Dates suggested were April 24th and 28th and May 1st and 5th. The following Resolution for **Spring Cleanup** was presented for the Board's consideration:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2021
CLEANUP INITIATIVE
"SPRING CLEANUP 2021"**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature adopted the Sullivan County Cleanup Initiative 2021 Program; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink hereby authorizes the Supervisor, Chris Mathews, to sign the municipal agreement with the County of Sullivan to cooperate in conducting a municipal cleanup; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Neversink anticipates holding the municipal cleanup program on April 24 and 28, May 1 & 5, 2021

Moved by: Councilman Keith Zanetti

Seconded by: Councilman Scott Grey

Adopted UNANIMOUSLY by VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board **entered** into **Executive Session** at 9:02 pm on motion made by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, **to discuss a personnel issue and asked that Attorney Walter Garigliano stay**, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The Board **returned** from **Executive Session** at 10:45 pm on motion made by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

• Abstract #3	\$ 201,215.07
• Vendor Payments	<u>2,483.07</u>
• Total	\$ 203,698.14

Vouchers, Claims were reviewed by the Board and authorized to be paid on motion by Councilman Scott Grey, seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

ADJOURN OR RECESS

On motion by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilman Scott Grey, the meeting was recessed at 10:55 pm to reconvene on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk