

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 9, 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	OUT OF TOWN
Assistant Building Inspector Jim Fedroff	PRESENT

**GUESTS**

John Tartaglia	Dan Green
Cat Scott	Cindy Menges
Cher Woehl	Larry Bracken

- **Walter Garigliano** introduced **John Tartaglia** and **Dan Green**, of Upstate Power, who gave a presentation on a **Community Choice Aggregation Program**, ("CCA Program"). Upstate Power is an affiliate of Delaware River Solar. The CCA Program offers guaranteed monetary savings on electric bills to residents and businesses by contracting with local renewable community solar projects. After the presentation any questions were answered. The presentation will be posted on the Town's website. The Town Board will discuss the Town's possible participation in the program further at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.
- **Cher Woehl**, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Board that **Yoga** classes have begun. Classes will run twice a week through August. Cher is presently working with the Rondout Stream Program, DEC and DEP to offer a **Kayak program** on the Neversink Reservoir. Cher revised the registration and waiver form used for Parks and Recreation activities and has sent it to Town Attorney Ken Klein for review. Cher updated the Board on the plans to **expand** the **ice rink**. The cost of the equipment needed for the expansion has increased to \$17,244.00. Cher did get the Renaissance Grant of \$2,500 leaving \$14,744 to be funded. A deposit to the supplier of the equipment is needed to hold the price from any further increases. Councilman Richard Coombe Jr. suggested that the Town

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commit \$7,500.00 from the budget toward the expansion. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr to commit \$7,500.00 from the budget toward the ice rink expansion, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.  
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Cher is looking into restarting the **tennis lessons** program. Cher asked what the status is on the house next door. Supervisor Mathews is still working with Soil and Water concerning the land work due to the property being located in the flood plain. Town Attorney Ken Klein is also presently working on the disposal of the contents and should have something for the Board by the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cher has been looking into a Mid-Hudson Grant available to help offset the cost of improvements that need to be made to the water system at the fairgrounds. The cut off for submission is mid-July. Due to the short time constraint, the Board decided to work on preparing a plan that could be used to apply for the grant in 2022.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 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 May 2021 was ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED and filed on motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.  
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

**TOWN CLERK DECALS AND MONTHLY FEE REPORT**

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

**TOWN CLERK MONTHLY PETTY CASH REPORT**

Month of May 2021/June 2021  
No Expenditures made.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

Monthly Receipts Report and Mileage Log and Inspection Report for the month of May 2021 has been filed with the Town Clerk.  
Code Enforcement Officer Keith Stryker:

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- Logged 224 Miles and took in \$2,449.70
- 14 Building Permits, total 59 for year
- 0 Building Permit Renewal, total 0 for year
- 16 Cert of Occupancy/Compliance for the month, total 49 for year
- 2 Complaints, total 6 for year
- 1 Violations, total 7 for year
- 14 Municipal Searches, total 47 for year
- 0 Fire Inspections, total 2 for year
- 1 Junk Yard Permit, total 1 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 19 for year
- 2 CCO Training Hours, total 106 for year (Building Safety Insp.)
- 0 FOIL Requests, total 2 for year
- 0 Fire Call, total 3 for year

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly presented an **Amended Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Funds, CHIPS**, that needs to be signed and filed for road maintenance for the Town of Neversink.

A motion was made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Scott Grey, to accept the amended CHIPS agreement and to authorize the signing and filing of an Amended Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Money, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

2. Preston reviewed with the Board the revised figures for the CHIPS, PAVE NY and EWR Programs.
3. The **bridge** at the **fairgrounds** has received two yellow flags. Both are for guide rails deficiencies and Preston will make the necessary repairs.
4. A motor replacement is needed in one of the older Oshkosh trucks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board **entered** into **Executive Session** at 9:33 pm on motion made by Councilman Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, **to discuss the employment history of a current employee**, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The Board **returned** from **Executive Session** at 9:52 pm on motion made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

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**PLANNING BOARD**

Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2021, *adopted* Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2021, *adopted* Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2021, *draft* Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2021 and Public Notice of Public Hearing for June 2, 2021 were filed with the Town Clerk.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Public Notice of Cancellation of June 15, 2021 Meeting was filed with the Town Clerk.

**FILINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK**

1. Oath of Office:
  - Paul Metzger – CFD Treasurer
  - Ken Klein – Town Attorney
  - Ben Monell – Deputy Highway Superintendent
2. Sullivan County Abstract of Settlement for 2021 Tax Collection Season
3. Grahamsville Fire District Certificate of Results of Canvas of the Special Fire District Election

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. Sullivan County Legislature has adopted a **Municipal Roadside Litter Pluck** program called "Cleanup Sullivan County" for 2021. Towns are being encouraged to partake in the program. The Town Board has decided not to participate because the Town of Neversink's Transfer Station accepts roadside litter from our residents year-round. Trash bags and identifying stickers are given out to residents at the Town Clerk's Office. Filled bags are accepted free of charge at the transfer station for disposal.
2. The **well pump** at the **fairgrounds** is in need of replacement. Specs were sent to six well drilling/repair businesses. Two estimates were received back. One was for \$8,500.00 and the other \$11,198.91. The Board discussed and decided to go with the lower estimate but is going to request that the pump be upgraded from 20 GPM to 30 GPM. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti to accept the estimate for repairs to the well pump at the fairgrounds to Wm. Fulton & Son Well Drilling for \$8,500.00, requesting that the pump capacity being upgraded from 20 GPM to a minimum of 30 GPM, the Board reserves the right to rejected the above contingent on the cost of the upgraded pump being considered reasonable, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

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3. Information from the Sullivan County Treasurer's was received concerning Sullivan County **Room Tax**. The Board was not ready to discuss the information received tonight and will address it at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. The following Resolution for Budget Amendment was presented for the Board's consideration:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2021  
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Neversink Highway Superintendent has been notified that Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding from NYSDOT for 2021 has been approved for \$ 366,094.40, and PAVE NY apportionment for \$ 95,183.68, and the Extreme Winter Recovery apportionment for 81,069.84, making the total funding amount \$542,347.92 for 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 budget has appropriated \$196,000.00, so an additional \$346,347.92 needs to be appropriated,

**NOW, therefore be it resolved** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to increase Estimated Revenue, State Aid CHIPS DA3501 and Appropriation, Improvements of Roads, CHIPS DA5112.2 for \$346,347.92, and that the following budget amendment be made;

DA510 Estimated Revenue - \$346,347.92  
DA3501 State Aid CHIPS – 346,347.92  
DA960 Appropriation – 346,347.92  
DA5112.2 Improvements, CHIPS- 346,347.92

**Moved by:** Councilman Richard Coombe Jr.  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Keith Zanetti  
**And Adopted on Motion:** June 9, 2021

5. Albany passed legislation that June 19<sup>th</sup>, **Juneteenth**, is now an official public holiday for NYS employees. It is up to the Town Board as our Governing Entity to decide if we are observing Juneteenth. The Sullivan County Personnel Office indicated that they will not be observing Juneteenth as a holiday. The Town of Neversink usually follows the County on many policies and procedures related to payroll and civil service issues. The Town Board decided to follow the County and not recognize Juneteenth as a holiday this year.
6. The following motion was made for the annual **ad** in **Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet** at the cost of \$250.00:

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Nicole Gorr, seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti for the ad in the Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet at the cost of \$250.00, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.  
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

**OTHER**

1. Councilman Keith Zanetti shared with the Board photos showing the progress of the **Horseshoe Pits** being built at the fairgrounds.
2. Councilwoman Nicole Gorr shared with the Board that the Neversink Agricultural Society has been selected to received a **Dove** to be painted and installed at the fairgrounds near the kiosk.

**PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

• Abstract #6	\$ 188,240.23
• Vendor Payments	<u>1,785.42</u>
• Total	\$ 190,025.65

Vouchers, Claims were reviewed by the Board and authorized to be paid on motion by Councilwoman 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 Scott Grey, seconded by Councilman Keith Zanetti, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk