

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

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

Other Officials

Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly	PRESENT
Code Enforcement Officer Keith Stryker	PRESENT

GUESTS

Cher Woehl	Walt Zeitschel
David Brittenham	Brian McPhillips
Sean Boyes	Aric Boyes
Andrew McCabe	Michael Brooks

- **Cher Woehl, Parks and Rec Director**, presented the Board with a list of items she is going to order with the funds remaining in her 2023 Budget. The Board approved her list as it is within her budget. Cher also reviewed with the Board an **event showcasing products made in NYS using NY Agricultural ingredients** not limited to food and drink. She would like to do the event in June in place of Winter Fest that was so reliant on weather. The Board approved the idea and Cher will move forward to see if there is interest by potential vendors for the event.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2023 and the Work Meeting held on October 5, 2023 were ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED on motion by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson 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 September 2023 was ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED and filed on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

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TOWN CLERK DECALS AND MONTHLY FEE REPORT

ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED for the month of September 2023 to be filed on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY PETTY CASH REPORT

Month of September 2023/October 2023

No expenditures

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1. Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly would like to put in the **Public Notice of Seasonal Highways** that are classified as seasonal limited use highways for the period of December 1, 2023 until April 1, 2024. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to accept the list of Seasonal Limited Use Highways as submitted and to authorize the advertisement of the list to the public.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

2. Preston met with Supervisor Mathews and the Neversink Ag Society to discuss the **replacement of the waterlines at the fairgrounds**. Preston will begin the job after the last event this coming weekend.
3. Preston investigated hauling the **lime** for **Route 42 Park** from NJ but our highway trucks do not have the proper permits to haul in NJ. He would rather get it from Cochecton. Preston will order the 22 Tons of lime to be applied to all the fields after the AYSO Soccer season is over.
4. Preston is requesting permission to **list** two **pickups**, 2021 Ram 3500 with 9' Western plow and the 2018 Ram 3500 with 9' Western plow **for sale on Auctions International**. After discussion it was decided to also list the 2013 Ford 550, the counter offer was rejected the last time it was listed. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, giving permission to list the 2021 Ram 3500 with 9' Western plow, 2018 Ram 3500 with 9' Western plow and the 2013 Ford 550 for sale on Auctions International, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

5. Preston explained to the Board about a **water problem on Aden Road** by Sean Boyes' Sap House. The neighboring parcel owner, Mike Dean, put in a road as an addition to an existing log landing area. During previous logging

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the normal water run-off route changed course causing the water to run onto Sean's property in front of the sap house and into the road. When the logging was completed the water route was restored eliminating the problem but now the new roadway has changed it again sending water into Aden Road. Preston is concerned that if it is not corrected there will be extreme problems again with ice on Aden Road, a hazard for residents who use that road. Preston would like to put pipe in along the road but it is more pipe than is usually allowed and he does not feel the taxpayers should foot the bill for the pipe, Sean Boyes is in agreement. After discussion, Preston and Supervisor Mathews will meet with Mike Dean and see if he will correct the water run-off problem that was caused by the road until a proper water drainage plan can be developed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Monthly Receipts Report and Mileage Log and Inspection Report for the month of September 2023 has been filed with the Town Clerk.

- 178 Miles
- \$2,054.39 Receipts
- 11 Building Permits, total 101 for year
- 0 Building Permit Renewal, total 0 for year
- 4 Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance, total 81 for year
- 1 Complaint, total 1 for year
- 0 Violations, total 1 for year
- 4 Municipal Searches, total 49 for year
- 0 Fire Inspections, total 3 for year
- 0 Junk Yard Permit, total 1 for year
- 0 Mobile Home Park Permit Renewal, total 2 for year
- 0 Operating Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 Special Use Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 Fireworks Permit, total 1 for year
- 0 CEO Training Hours, total 26 for year
- 0 FOIL Request, total 1 for year
- 0 Fire Calls, total 2 for year

The Spa – Hemlock Neversink will be opening this Friday October 13th.

PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Agenda for October 4, 2023 has been filed with the Town Clerk.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Public Hearing Minutes, accepted, for April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, accepted, for April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, draft, for September 19, 2023 and Public Notice of Cancellation of October 17, 2023 Meeting have been filed with the Town Clerk.

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FILINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

- Letter from Supervisor Mathews to local adult home directors who use our Town Parks
- Dangerous Dog Disposition Order
- FRP for NFD for Digital Display Sign
- Foil request from SmartProcure
- Unified Court System of State of New York Certificate of Completion Continued Judicial Education Program for Michael Scagnelli
- Parking Review by NYS DOT for NYS Rt. 42 by Community Park
- Notice of Claryville Fire District Budget Hearing
- Request from Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club for an increase in annual stocking funds for 2024
- Notice of Grahamsville Fire District Budget Hearing

Items were ORDERED LOGGED and FILED on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR

1. **Introductory Local Law 1 of 2023**, a local law to **override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit** established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York was presented to the members of the Board. The following Introductory Resolution was presented for the Board’s consideration:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2023
INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023**

**“A local law to override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit established by
General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the Town of Neversink,
Sullivan County, New York.”**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, in said Town, on the 11th day of October, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mathews and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Chris Mathews
Councilperson Keith Zanetti
Councilperson Nicole Gorr
Councilperson Scott Grey

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Councilperson Ricard Coombe Jr.

ABSENT:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2023 entitled “A local law to override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York” is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a public hearing on the aforesaid local law at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, on November 8, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the Sullivan County Democrat, of such public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Christopher Mathews	voting	AYE
Councilperson Keith Zanetti	voting	AYE
Councilperson Nicole Gorr	voting	AYE
Councilperson Scott Grey	voting	AYE
Councilperson Richard Coombe, Jr.	voting	AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr. explained to those present tonight why the Town is unable to stay under the 2% tax cap this year. Two of the main reasons are the cost of health insurance and retirement which both had projected increases greater than 2%.

2. The following two 2023 budget amendment/transfer resolutions were presented for the Board’s consideration:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2023
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Whereas, the Town Board was eligible for a total of (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act Funds of \$351,793.81 the funds were received in 2021 and 2022,

Whereas, the balance of the ARPA funds were invested into the winterization of the Water System and Town Pavilion Building at the Fairgrounds,

Whereas, additional funds of \$ 75,000.00 needs to be appropriated to A7110.21 Parks, Capital Outlay in 2023 for the completion of the project, said funds to come from General Fund Balance,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to increase Appropriation A7110.21 Parks, Capital Outlay for 75,000.00, coming from A599 Fund Balance, and that the following budget amendment be made;

A599 Fund Balance- \$75,000.00
A960- Appropriation - 75,000.00
A7110.21- Parks,Capital Outlay- 75,000.00

Moved by: Councilperson Keith Zanetti
Seconded by: Councilperson Nicole Gorr
And Adopted on Motion: October 11, 2023

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2023
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Whereas, appropriations need to be increased in A1410.1 Town Clerk, Personal Services for \$ 3,000.00,

Whereas, the \$3,000.00 needs to be moved from A1990.4 Contingent Account,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to do the above transfers and that the following budget amendments be made;

A960 Appropriations- \$ 3,000.00
A1990.4 Contingent- 3,000.00
A960 Appropriations- \$ 3,000.00
A1410.1 Town Clerk, Personal Serv. - 3,000.00

Moved by: Councilperson Scott Grey

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Seconded by: Councilperson Keith Zanetti
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3. The Board discussed the **flower baskets for 2024**. Tri-Valley FFA has offered to do the hanging baskets again for the same price as last year. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr to authorize Tri-Valley FFA to do the hanging baskets and tubs in 2024 at the cost of \$30.00 each, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

4. The Board discussed the request from the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club to **increase the annual stocking funds from \$500 to \$1000 in 2024**. With the increase they will be able to purchase more trout and be able to stock a third stream in the Town. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr to increase the annual stocking funds from \$500 to \$1000 in 2024, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

• Vendor Payments	\$ 5,458.57
• Abstract #10	<u>112,354.59</u>
• Total	\$ 117,813.16

Vouchers, Claims were reviewed by the Board and authorized to be paid on motion by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

ADJOURN OR RECESS

On motion by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk