

The reorganizational meeting for the Town of Farmersville was called to order on Jan 11, 2021 at 6pm by Deputy Supervisor Mark Heberling, all stood for the pledge. Supervisor Francis Lounsbury via phone

Present

Councilman Mark Heberling

Richard Westfall

Pamela Tilton

Donna Vickman

Town Clerk Bridget Holmes

Hwy Superintendent Barry Tingué

Town Attorney Eric Firkel

Guests- See sign in Book

A motion was made by Mr. Heberling to go into executive session at 6:02 and seconded by Donna Vickman, carried- the board invited the town attorney and Mr. Lance Jobe, A motion to come out of executive session at 6:44pm by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried

Mr. Heberling read off a list of appointments for the 2021 Resolution 1 “ Establishing the Annual Appointments, Salaries and payment schedule for the year 2021 – see attached resolution and also adding Community Bank as the bank for the town, Petty Cash for \$500.00 and Olean Times Herald and Arcade Herald as the official newspapers for the town and the town mileage is .56 a mile. There were some mistakes made on the resolution and Mr. Heberling made a motion to correct the mistakes and bring it to the resolution and second by Mrs. Tilton

Roll Call:

Mrs Tilton- yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mr. Heberling-yes

Mrs. Vickman-yes

Mr. Lounsbury-yes Carried

Resoluition #2 to Establish the Dates of the Official Meetings of the Farmersville Town Board for the year 2021 with a workshop at 6pm to go over bills and the regular meeting at 7pm – a motion was made for the resolution by Mrs. Vickman and a second was made by Mr. Lounsbury

Roll Call

Mrs. Tilton-yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mrs. Vickman-yes

Mr Heberling-yes

Mr.Lounsbury-yes Carried

A resolution #3 was for Rules of order for the meeting- A discussion followed after M. Tingué brought up that the public should be able to comment on proposed resolutions - was stated that the petitions from the floor of the resident could be adjusted and the motion was made for the resolution by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mr. Lounsbury

Roll Call

Mrs. Tilton- yes

Mr. Westfall- yes

Mr. Heberling- yes

Mrs. Vickman – yes

Mr. Lounsbury- yes Carried

A motion was made to close the reorganizational meeting by Mrs. Tilton, and second by Mrs. Vickman, carried.

A motion was made to call the regular meeting to order at 7:17pm by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried

A motion was made to pay the bills by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mrs Tilton, carried

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mr. Westfall, carried

Hwy Report

Mr. Tingue stated that they had been hauling in salt and sand and the salt bill that they signed tonight the whole amount was not on there and there would be an adjustment on there for it. Also the pickup had a check engine light on it and he got that fixed and that they found that the transmission lines were starting to rust and the pickup had 78,000 miles and that it was starting to lose the equity and the board will want to start thinking about getting rid of it.

Supervisor report- no report

A motion was made to accept the clerk's report by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman, carried

Justice Report- given by Justice Karcher and she also gave a letter to the board stating that the books were ready to be audited. Discussion followed and board decided that the justice books would be audited by Mrs. Tilton and Mr. Heberling, and the collector's and clerk's books would be audited by Mrs. Vickman and Mr. Westfall

Outside communications:

Taxpayer Jeff Peterson asked about why he had filed Freedom of Information Requests and was told that there was no certain information but if you go to the internet with the lawsuit against the town that information is there. Clerk Holmes asked him if he was talking about emails and he said yes and she stated that she was told by the board there were no emails, Mr. Peterson asked the board what was going on and Mr. Heberling stated that he would have to talk to the town attorney.

New Business:

Via the phone Resident Doug Thompson stated that the clerk was served a freedom of information request and it was past the allotted time and he had heard nothing. Clerk Holmes stated that it was not

past the time, as her response was allotted for 20 business days and there were holidays in those days and they did not count. He would be getting a response email the following day.

County Report given by Ginger Schroder

A resolution was brought up – Resolution 4 – Resolution allowing the removal of certain real property tax exemptions- Clerk Holmes explained it that the governor had signed into law that the exemptions for the senior citizens could be renewed without the seniors having to come and meet with the assessor due to the pandemic, a motion was made by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman to bring the resolution

Roll Call

Mrs. Tilton- yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mr. Heberling- yes

Mrs. Vickman- yes

Mr. Lounsbury- yes Carried

Resolution 5 was brought up to Adopt the Cattaraugus County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Mrs. Vickman and seconded by Mr. Heberling

Roll Call:

Mrs. Tilton-yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mr. Heberling-yes

Mrs. Vickman-yes

Mr. Lounsbury-yes Carried

A resolution was brought forward by Mr. Heberling to establish new code enforcement fees, Clerk Holmes stated that she had just found the current ones and they were in everyone's packet and that she felt that there not enough fees addressed with this resolution for example where was the demo permits as they are a vital part of the assessor being able to keep the tax roll up, the new code enforcement Mr. Jobe stated yes that the clerk was right on the demo permits. After discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Vickman to table this item and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried.

Requests from the floor

Jeff Peterson asked the town attorney at this time about the emails that were discussed in the meeting earlier when the town attorney had left the meeting and the town attorney said to talk to him after the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:23pm by Mr. Westfall and seconded by Mrs. Tilton, carried

Respectfully submitted

Bridget Holmes

Town Clerk

