

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
IN EDDYVILLE
MAY 17, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Robert Keis, Supervisor
Nancy Meeder, Councilwoman
Robert Schmidt, Councilman

ABSENT

Larry Johnson, Councilman
Greg Meyer, Councilman

ALSO, PRESENT

Brad Hurley, Highway Superintendent

GUESTS

Daniel Martonis, Director Real Property Tax Service
Cattaraugus County
Michael Telaak,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

After all those present said the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Keis brought the May 17, 2021, Town Board Meeting to order.

Supervisor Keis dispensed from the agenda, to inform Board members that he received a letter of resignation from Town Councilman Larry Johnson, effective May 1, 2021, due to business commitments, he can no longer serve on the Board. Board members regretfully accepted Councilman Johnson's resignation, **ON A MOTION MADE BY** Councilwoman Meeder seconded by Councilman Schmidt, no opposed motion carried.

Supervisor Keis stated that Michael Telaak, is willing to fill the vacant position, as Michael is running unopposed, in the upcoming election in November. He has already circulated a petition for signatures to fill a Councilman position on the Town Board. Said petition was filed in March with Cattaraugus County Board of Elections.

Board members voted **ON A MOTION MADE BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilwoman Meeder no opposed carried to appoint Michael Telaak to the Town Board.

It is noted by Supervisor Keis that Michael Telaak was seated at the guest table, until he was appointed Councilman and signed his Oath Of Office.

**COUNTY ASSESSING/DANIEL MARTONIS, DIRECTOR REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY**

Supervisor Keis stated concerning prior discussion about the assessing situation, in the Town, he invited Daniel Martonis, Director Real Property Tax Service, Cattaraugus County to attend this meeting. After Supervisor Keis introduced Daniel Martonis to those present, Mr. Martonis gave a presentation about County Assessing.

Mr. Martonis has worked with Cattaraugus County for 20 years. He began his presentation by stating the Real Property Tax Services are providing assessing services to several municipalities, and as assessors retire municipalities are asking the County for their help. Mr. Martonis currently has five employees working for him, Kathy, one of his Assessors was in attendance, he has a data collector also. Mr. Martonis stated that the County works for the tax payer and tries to make sure tax payers are assessed equally. Also they work closely with Code Enforcement Officers, and provide municipalities with a monthly report. The County is an option to Towns who wish to partner with the County for assessing duties. Their work is under contract with participating Towns.

After discussion Supervisor Keis stated that the Board would make a decision at the meeting to be held in June.

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2021/APPROVED

For approval of the April Town Board Meeting Minutes **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilwoman Meeder approved carried no opposed, to approve the meeting minutes with the following corrections: Joe Folts was in attendance, not David Telaak, on page 1, under heading Discussion with Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company the third paragraph last sentence should read Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company.

SUPERVISOR'S AND TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS/APPROVED

After Supervisor Keis presented his financial reports and the financial reports of Town Clerk **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Meeder seconded by Councilman Schmidt no opposed carried to accept the financial reports of Supervisor and Town Clerk as presented.

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MEETING BETWEEN FIRE COMPANIES

With regard to Mansfield, Ellicottville and Little Valley Fire Companies meeting together, Supervisor Keis stated that he thought the meeting of the fire companies went very well. Supervisor Keis stated topics to discuss:

- Fire Company agreements are up for renewal
- Talk with Fire Commissioners
- Budget additional monies to Ellicottville and Little Valley Fire Companies
- Fire Companies to work together and have training nights
- Little Valley Fire Company to prepare a list on what should be on a fire truck

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Supervisor Keis informed Board members that he received a letter of resignation from Alan Stocker, whereby, he resigns from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 11, 2021. For Board approval **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Meeder seconded by Councilman Schmidt the Board regrestfully accepted Alan Stocker's letter of resignation.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE & ANNUAL UPDATE PROCESS OVERVIEW

Supervisor Keis informed members of the Board that the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was officially approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on December 16, 2020, and all jurisdictions have formally adopted the plan by resolution.

HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE TRANSFER/APPROVED

For approval of Supervisor Keis Highway Fund Balance Transfer of \$70,500.00 to 2016 Backhoe Capital Project **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Meeder seconded by Councilman Schmidt no opposed carried to approve Supervisor Keis transfer in the Highway Fund.

AUDIT SUPERVISOR'S TWO CHECKING ACCOUNTS/APPROVED

After Board members audited Supervisor Keis two checking accounts **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilwoman Meeder no opposed carried to acknowledge and approve Supervisor's two checking accounts that were in balance as presented.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW/SHARON PITZONKA REAPPOINTED

For approval to reappoint Sharon Pitzonka to the Board of Assessment Review **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Meeder seconded by Councilman Telaak no opposed motion carried. Sharon's appointment Term begins October 1, 2021, Term Ends September 30, 2026.

HIGHWAY EXCAVATOR

Superintendent Hurley reported that the cost of an Excavator is in the range of \$130,000.00 to \$140,000.00. There was no further discussion.

AUDIT OF BILLS/APPROVED

For approval of payment of the bills submitted for payment **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Telaak no opposed carried to approve to pay the following:

- General Fund Voucher Numbers 86 to 100 and voucher number 102, in the amount of \$1,803.97. Voucher number 101 was a duplicate bill.
- Highway Fund Voucher Numbers 65 to 88, in the amount of \$60,512.60.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk

