



**Town of Deerfield
Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2024**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on July 8th, 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, David Kolek, Daphne Jones, & Supervisor Greg Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day and Attorney for the Town William Schmidt, Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr. Excused was Councilperson Mahardy. Supervisor Greg Sacco called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call.

MINUTES

Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Jones seconded that motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting of July 8th 2024. Councilpersons P. Sacco, D. Jones, D. Kolek voted yes. The motion was approved.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Kelly Salami - Spoke about her constant issue with draining in her culvert and ditches. She believed that the ditch on Beaumont Pl is constantly full of weeds which is preventing proper drainage. She is distraught that the Town Highway department will not keep up the cleaning out of the ditch. Highway Superintendent responded that his crew has been by that area and has taken care of the weeds. She provide photos of the weeds growing in the ditch. Highway Superintendent states that he will be down to check on the condition of weeds and ditches. Mrs. Salami also questioned when the street light at the location will be fixed, Counsel person Sacco, answered that It will be taken care of with in the next 2 weeks, as the Street lights are being upgraded through out the town.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

- #51 - 2024 Power Market Solar - approved
- #52 - 2024 Local Law #2 of 2024 - Grass & Brush Issue - Approved
- #53 - 2024 Municipal Insurance - Approved
- #54 - 2024 Summer Park Program Appointee - Approved
- #55 - 2024 Annual Closing of the Books - Approved
- #56 - 2024 Surplus Equipment Sale - Approved
- #57 - 2024 Truck Equipment Purchase - Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Supervisor Greg Sacco - Nothing to report.

Councilperson - Philip Sacco submitted a report
Councilperson Sacco

1 Status of Street light conversion to LED. Spoke with National Grid Representative on June 27th 2024, He said job will start in two weeks and he will contact me with exact date.

2 OCFS Grant – The Community Room Patio: Railings are up and electrical has been done and we are just waiting for the 16' x 13' Awning to come in.

3 Abandoned Kittens: on Wednesday June 26th, while working at the Municipal building the Clerk received a call from a resident about 6 abandoned kittens and their mother left in a crate at BRAZIE PARK, on Pauline Ave at about 10:30 am. I went down and picked them up, brought them to my home and fed the mother cat (she was all skin and bones) Then brought them to the Rome Humane Society which we just signed an agreement with. If we had to go to Anitas's Steven Swan it would have cost \$850 per cat or \$5100. Our Rome agreement is \$225. Per cat or #1350. By entering in the Agreement with RHS the town Saved \$3850.00.

4 – Clear Energy Grant – Heat pump and Mini Splits are installed at the Highway Garage. Just waiting for National Grid Street Light upgrade and we can finish the paperwork for the additional \$35,000 Grant.

Councilperson S. Mahardy - Nothing to report

Councilperson D. Jones- NTR

Councilperson Kolek - NTR

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck : No report given

Town Clerk Karen: -

Wilderness Park Pavilion is almost completely booked for the 2024 Weekend Season.

The week following the discovery of the basket of kittens and mother cat at Brazie Park, another resident walking their dog on Cruikshank Rd, found a litter kitten in a ditch with a bowl of food placed near them. He brought them to his home and Animal Control officers were called and the kitten was then taken to the Rome Humane Society as well.

My office has been very busy, with normal Clerk duties, pavilion rentals and as Director of the Youth Program, I have been working on making the contracts with field trips and vendors for the 6-week Summer Program.

Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr - Report attached

Asking is about further consideration about Camera's at the Highway Garage, I have supplied information regarding the security and wonder if the Board has had time to consider any of it.

Supervisor Sacco answered that at this time they have not.

The dumping of trash has slowed some but the green waste continues.

Water main Break on Carver ST. cause damage to a whole section of Road, so we are working at that currently.

Discussion with Whitesboro School who would like to see a 2nd entrance into the park for safety and convenience during their Cross-Country invitationals. The thought was perhaps across from the Jones house on Walker Rd. Highway superintendent is questioning if the board members have heard anything from Whitesboro on this matter. *Supervisor Sacco says that no one has reached out yet.* The Chassis is on order, spoke to salesman and was told sometime about December or January, possibly later than that.

Still working on Some drainage problems, ie Bell Hill Rd.

Have spoken to the county about a Culvert problem on Miller Rd. The County gave me a list of Engineers companies who would be good to check out. I haven't moved forward on this as the next

round of CULVERT NY will not be out until November or December time. When it does come out they only give you a few weeks to get it all together, so I am trying to stay up on that.

We have completed our first round of roadside mowing, and are currently making repairs to some of the mowing equipment and changing blades.

I was working with the Town Supervisor Sacco, on MS4 Contracts and Plan on attending upcoming meetings.

Building Inspector James Maxwell, report attached -

Board of Assessors George Haskell: We had 3 Grievance cases and all Three are still up in the air. WUTR TV towers, Whitesboro School and Bank of America

Final Roll was submitted the First of July and the public has access to this in the Town Clerk's office
Going forward any changes will be for 2025.

Planning Board Chair - Pati Goldsmith - report attached,

Also mentions that the Farmland Ag district held their meeting here and are hoping to hold another meeting maybe in The Town of Trenton.

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo

ZBA will be meeting this Thursday to consider a variance on Cruikshank RD.

Town Historian- NONE

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- Seniors

We have a good Group that come every week. Unfortunately, due to the rain, we haven't been able to go out to enjoy the patio. Everyone thinks it is fantastic and can't wait to use it. next month we will have our Annual Summer Picnic and are looking forward to a great BBQ picnic both inside and outside the Community room.

Youth Director Karen Day - Summer Youth program began today. Last year, we had an average of 70 young people per day at the park. Today 95 children were signed up for the program and that is only the first day, which has been unheard of in past years. I normally get calls throughout the first week from parents' say I want to bring my kids however we will be on vacation that week. More families have shown interest in the program than in previous years.

We are planning to take 3 field trips out of the park, hopefully the OFCS Grant will cover our bussing costs again this year, allowing this to be possible.

The Marquee Theater is open for free summer movies, Cost is only bussing.

Wonderworks - in Syracuse 2 buses round trip

Oneida co. Fair - a grant offered by Oneida co. Booneville Fair and Cornell Cooperative Extension. All costs covered - Thank you to David Bus, our County Legislator who notified me to this fabulous opportunity. Provided is a \$15.00 Food Voucher, Bracelets use of the for Midway, along with many other free crafts and shows. All transportation will also be covered with is huge as Transportation for the youth program eats up a great deal of our Youth Program budget.

Briefed the board on some of the upcoming activities and trips we are planning this season.

With the Additional staff members, we feel that with an average of 90+ children that will give us a ration of 9 kids per counselor, which is equivalent to what the Boy Scouts of America recommends.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR -

Mrs. Whiting - Marnie St. she wants to update the board on what she has had to deal with, with the Air B&B directly across the street. There were people registering at 11:30 pm, causing a commotion. There are parking issues, I chose to park my car in the road, and they parked directly across the road from my car, causing difficulties for other cars to drive down the road. When asked if the guest would park in the AirB& B driveway, she responded with a dirty look. The Cars often block the mailbox posts and this causes the mailman to skip our mailboxes. At the beginning of the month one guest came out onto the front porch in just a towel. These are some of the things we have had to deal with. Nothing seems to be getting better there and I am hoping that you will have some better news on this situation.

Supervisor Sacco deferred it to Attorney Schmitt.

Attorney Schmitt has submitted briefs to the court and are waiting for the Judge to decide if he wants to take actual testimony, I have one witness who is willing to testify to describe the condition and report the conditions that you described and as soon as I hear from the Judge, I will let you know.

Mrs. Lowel speaks up stating that the Summons was issued on April first and it is now July, demands to know what this judge is doing?

Attorney Schmitt says he cannot say, only that he knows that this is not his only case.

Mrs. Lowel asks, "where our Codes Officer is, do we have one and how do you get to be one."

Attorney Schmitt says we have a pending charge against the Air B& B owner and that is what is before the court. So, the Codes officer cannot go out and do it again & again. If the Judge rules that it is improper then the Codes Officer can go and Fine him for each week that they are in violation, but we must first have a finding by the court as to whether they are in violation.

Mrs. Lowel asks again how long does this take?

Attorney Schmitt says it is in the Courts' hands.

Mrs. Lowel continues questioning Counsel person Jones, about sending the Airbnb Website, and speaks to the number of guests, cars and beer cans that is. Supervisor Sacco states that unfortunately we are at the mercy of the Court.

Mrs., Lowel is not satisfied with the answers and persists in questioning board members and Attorney. Mrs. Martin added that 16 people came out of the house and proceeded to walk up the road, towards the playground, and there is a daycare on the street, and we do not know these people.

Mr. Chad Angus is questioning the local law moratorium for Air B&Bs. As he feels it is his right to rent his house out after he retires and summers in the south. How will this affect him in years to come. Attorney Schmitt explained to Mr. Angus what the Local Law moratorium was about. He is also concerned about the monies spent on Cats pertaining to the Town's Animal Control budget.

Mrs. Martin - when will Trenton Rd Be paved, the holes are not good for her car. The highway Superintendent said he will call the count to check on it.

Mr. Bloomstock asked about the Borlax Solar - Supervisor Sacco said that the last that he had heard was that they have canceled and went back to rebid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

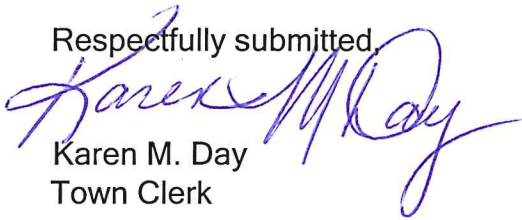
Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded a motion to pay **Highway Fund** bill number 122- 144. Councilpersons P. Sacco, Kolek, Jones, and Supervisor Greg Sacco voted yes, and the motion was approved.

Councilperson Kole moved and Councilperson Jones seconded a motion to pay **General Fund** bill number-222 - 252 Councilpersons P. Sacco, Kolek, Jones, and Supervisor Greg Sacco voted yes, and the motion was approved.

ADJOURN :

Councilperson P Sacco moved and Councilperson Jones seconded a motion to adjourn. Councilpersons P Sacco, Jones, Kolek, and Supervisor Greg Sacco voted yes, the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen M. Day
Town Clerk

