**Town of Deerfield**



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**Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 11th 2024**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 11th 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, Scott Mahardy, Daphne Jones, Dave Kolek, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. - absent was Supervisor Gregory Sacco,

Councilperson (Deputy Supervisor) Scott Mahardy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call. 18 people signed in on roster.

MINUTES for Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded the motion to accept the February 12thth regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – William Cole and Team – to speak about the most recent updates on Insurance Coverage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 30 2024 – Outdoor Lighting LED Conversion Program- **Approved**

Resolution 31 2024 – Electric Landscaping Equipment - Approved

Resolution 32 2024 – Industrial Overhead Fans - Approved

Resolution 33 2024 –Installation & Wiring of Highway Garage - **Approved**

Resolution 34 2024 – Authorized Advertisement for Bid- **Approved**

Resolution 35 2024– Retention of Special Counsel – Boralex Project - **Approved**

Resolution 36 2024 – December 31st, 2022, external Audit- **Approved**

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: absent – no report

**Supervisor Gregory Sacco** – absent

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report attached.

It has been a very busy month. There are several resolutions tonight that address issues that will save our residents a considerable amount of money in the future.

1. First we will be installing (2) 16-foot fans at the highway Garage. The lowest quote was Beaton Industrial for $14,559. The installation and wiring’s low quate were Engler Electric for $5,940. This will save taxpayers around 3-% on heating oil. The 90x140 Highway garage has in-floor heating and we will also be able to turn the heat down to 40 degrees, which will also help save oil consumption.

2. We are also soliciting Bids for (2) mini-splits and a heat pump at the highway garage. One for the Highway Superintendent’s office and one for the Crew Room. By isolating these rooms, it will allow us to reduce the thermostats in the garage.

3. After this evening, we will be entering into an agreement with National Grid to replace the 48 Townwide sodium Street lights with LED Streetlights at the cost of $1666.00. National Grid will reimburse us $2525.00 and the Town’s General Fund will save $5194.00 per year.

4. We are also working on Municipal Building upgrades such as thermostats and hot water conversions. We are gathering quotes and will report further next month. All these issues I have spoken about are part of a Grant that we applied for called the NEW YORK Clean Energy Grant. It works on a points basis and if we get the 3000 points required, we will be granted the $50,000 grant. Further update to come. I will be meeting with the Grant Representative Amanda tomorrow to see how many points we have accumulated.

5. On February 22, 2024, I had a meeting with Congressman Brandon Williams at his office. I put on a 30-minute presentation to apply for a Federal Matching Grant for $550,000 for our proposed Trash- Transfer Station on the Footprint of the old Highway Garage which will be torn down. The Estimated cost is around 1.1 million dollars. This team really like the concept of this building, that will serve 100% of our Town Residents. We will find out sometime in April if we are awarded the grant.

6. I would like to thank our Town Building & Codes Officer James Maxwell for encouraging the residents on Walker Rd to remove the grey car that has sat there for a very long time and was much too close to the road. As of yesterday 3/10/24, it was removed.

Councilperson Mahardy – nothing to report

Councilperson Jones – nothing to report

Councilperson Kolek – Nothing to report

Town Clerk Karen Day - Report attached

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. report Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell See attached Report

Assessors George Haskell: working to catch up on any new building permits given out by the Building Inspector.

Planning Board – No Report

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

There is still an open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals, looking to replace John Salerno. We would like to find someone from the upper end of town so that the board has equal representation.

We are expecting 2 zoning board appeal meetings coming up soon.

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

Seniors Group is going well, very happy group. We are planning our St. Patrick’s Day Celebration with a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner.

Parks Committee – Debbie Burke – NO report submitted.

Karen Day Youth Director – Report Attached.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and Dr. and Mrs. Schwaner both wrote separate letters addressed to the Town Supervisor and the Town Board members, with their concerns the road condition of Blue Rd and the on-going construction that is going on a crossed the street from their homes. Concerns about the proper permitting and the Town’s awareness to what is being done there.

At the late privilege of the floor, Mr. Murphy wanted to know when and how his letter would be addressed and answered. Councilperson Mahardy suggested they come to the April Board meeting for follow-ups.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

**Sewer Fund** bill #4 Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek, seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

**Highway Fund** bills number 37-54 moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Jones voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

**General Fund** bill number 84-115 moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Jones voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

ADJOURN : Councilperson P. Sacco made the motion and Councilperson Jones

**Motion approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day

Town Clerk

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