**Town of Deerfield**

**Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 12th, 2024**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 12th, 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, David Kolek, Daphne Jones, Scott Mahardy, & Supervisor Greg Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day and Attorney for the Town William Schmidt, Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr. 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 Kolek seconded that motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting of August 12th 2024. Councilpersons P. Sacco, S. Mahardy, D. Jones, D. Kolek voted yes. The motion is approved.

EARLY PRIVILAGE OF THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 58 – 2024 – Medical Insurance Buy-Out – Approved

Resolution 59 – 2024 – Appointment of 2 (as Needed) Youth Counselors – Approved

Resolution 60 – 2024 – Public Hearing – Horatio St. Project Setbacks – Approved

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck : report given verbally

This month Oneida County sponsored 18,000 youth to the Oneida Co Fair, Boonville NY on Wednesday July 24th, 2024, for Youth Day. This was a benefit for all youth some of which have never been or even been out of their own neighborhoods or communities. It was an honor to offer this opportunity to our Deerfield Youth Program.

The County is taking part in a Dairy processing Plant study to see if that could be beneficial to Oneida Co. and to the rural dairy farms in Oneida Co.

We have addressed some complaints about the speed of traffic on Cosby Manor Rd and Walker Rd. We have reached out to the OC sheriff’s department to start setting up speed traps, (They are a little bit behind in this due to the current problems with the recent tornado working security for county buildings and locations.)

The County has reached out to both the OC Sheriffs Department and State Police in regard to setting up more overnight patrols due to the number of vehicle and home break ins in the Ramble wood

Supervisor Greg Sacco – Nothing to report.

Councilperson - Philip Sacco submitted a report

1 – All Paperwork completed and submitted for the 2024 - $28,000 OCFS Grant

2 – My Wife and I walked the 1600’ drainage ditch from Walker Rd at Smith Hill to Reel’s Creek. The ditch is in good shape. We took pictures and forwarded them to Highway Superintendent Arcuri for future reference.

3- Met with Highview Dr. resident about two culverts that the Highway Dept will address. I picked up his permit and check and forwarded them to Superintendent Arcuri.

4 – I had a 30-minute conference call with NYSERDA. They will be coming to do a walk Through at the Muni-building to make suggestions on anything that could be energy Cost savings.

5 – I went to County Planning Dept, ordered and picked up current Tax Maps for The Assessors Office.

6 – The only item left on the $50,000 Clean energy Grant is for National Grid to finish Street light upgrade. Then we can close out the grant. The update completion will be Augst 2nd, 2024.

7 – I received a call about a grass issue from Prescott Rd resident and conferred with Codes Enforcement Officer on the problem

Councilperson S. Mahardy – Nothing to report

Councilperson D. Jones– NTR

Councilperson Kolek – NTR

Town Clerk Karen: - report attached

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It has been a busy week, preparing for the Town Board meeting as well as catching up after my vacation.

You will find that there are No National Grid bills in this month reports to pay, as last month National Grid made errors in our bills. I called to have them straightened out, and they were to send us updated and corrected bills. To date I have not received any.

Our email system Zimbra, which is under the Digital Towpath Association, has been ridiculously slow and timing out repeatedly. I have contacted them at least 2 times and heard back from today that the issue has been rectified - However it is still undeniably slow and continues to time out. I will address it again tomorrow.

I have had numerous calls or emails pertaining to building permits, I continue to refer them to the building and Codes officer, while I was out of the office and this past week of office hours.

I had a call from a Resident stating that the Flag at Brazie Park, was quite tattered. I called the Highway Superintendent as he is the keeper of the flags.

Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri Jr - Report attached

1. Met with TAS Electronics on putting GPS on our trucks and what it would cost of cameras at the Highway garage. Received quote for surveillance cameras. Still having some problems with people dumping material from out of town.
2. Finished paving on Carver St. Lunn Place, Patched a spot on Brigham Place.
3. Received an email on adding a new driveway into the Wilderness Park for Parking during large events.
4. Plow equipment was ordered for 2025 Freightliner Chassis.
5. Soft spots on Bell Hill Road repaired and need to be paved over and sealed. Looking to pave soon.
6. Started to work on Culvert NY Project for 2025.
7. Contacted the county for list of engineering companies to contact. Need to wait for NYS to receive project for 2025.
8. 1974 John Deere Grader and 2006 International Plow truck were on Auctions International last week. Grader Bid on Grader was $8400.00; Suggest to sell at this price. 2006 International truck high bid was $23,00.00. Counter offered at $25,000.00 Not to sell below this price.
9. Quote received for installing GPS pm in our trucks. Hoping to move on this for 2025. Back to mowing roadsides for the second time. 2014 mower is in the shop for a/c repairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector James Maxwell, report attached –

Board of Assessors George Haskell: Currently updating files of new homeowner and School Taxes.

Planning Board Chair - Pati Goldsmith – report attached,

Monthly Update to the Town Board Department Chairperson: Patie Goldsmith Date of Report: August 11, 2024, Requests for Town Board Decisions: None Key Points/ Updates: Planning board members recommend applying the setbacks that are currently used in C-2, Highway Commercial Schedule A, to the Planned Development- Extraordinary District. The planning board also recommends that all lots have a minimum lot width of one hundred fifty feet. Where the lot line of a nonresidential use abuts a residential lot, an abutting side yard shall be increased by ten feet and be comprised of a vegetative buffer. An abutting rear yard shall be increased by twenty feet and be partially comprised of a vegetative buffer. Accessory uses shall follow the C-2 District Schedule B regulations regarding the type of accessory structures allowed and the applicable set back and height requirements. A height restriction of fifty feet is also recommended for all buildings in the Planned Development- Extraordinary District. Any building applications exceeding this regulation may apply for the appropriate review process to waive this restriction. Those in attendance: Jim Papaleo, Gregory Sacco.

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, Excused

Town Historian- NONE

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- - Excused

Youth Director Karen Day Report attached –

This is the last week of the summer program, and it has been and outstanding Summer. We have had record numbers of children attending. Many parents have offered to stay and assist and a few that even attended field trips to give us some extra eyes.

This year’s group of children we on the younger side, averaging between 5-7 years of age. However, they were very excited and well behaved. Its been a joy to work with our staff and families.

All field trips went well, the Busing was submitted for the Grant, and We enjoyed the County, Cornell and Boonville Fair Admin, were extremely well to work with and covered all transportation, food vouchers and ride bands for all youth and counselors that attended.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Excused

MEDIA TIME

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

No Sewer Bills – this month

Councilperson Mahardy moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded a motion to pay **Highway Fund** bill number 145 - 164 Councilpersons P. Sacco, Kolek, Jones, Mahardy and Supervisor Greg Sacco voted yes, and the motion was approved.

Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded a motion to pay **General Fund** bill number-158-296 Councilpersons P. Sacco, Kolek, Jones, Mahardy 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, Collins, Jones, Kolek, and Supervisor Greg Sacco voted yes, the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day

Town Clerk