** Town of Deerfield**

**Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 9th 2024**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 9th 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, Daphne Jones, Scott Mahardy, Dave Kolek, Supervisor Greg Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. Supervisor Sacco called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Town Clerk took roll call.

MINUTES for Councilperson Mahardy moved and Councilperson Kolek seconded the motion to accept the August 12th regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS : Supervisor Sacco explained that the Town Board members, Attorney, and Assessor will meet privately for an executive meeting Prior to resolution votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – yes The Town Board, Attorney Schmitt, and Assessor Haskell left the room at 6:38, returning approximately 6:45 prior to The resolution votes.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 61 2024 Medical Insurance Buy-out - approved

Resolution 62 2024 Marcy Deerfield Youth Association Services -approved

Resolution 63 2024 Public Hearing- Horatio St. Project - approved

Resolution 64 2024 Settlement of Heartland Media? LLC, WKTV /LLC -approved

Resolution 65-2024 Settlement of Heartland Broadcasting, INC./Nexstar Broadcasting Group approved

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck:

Seeing an increase in the Bed Tax which helps in our Sales Tax revenue.

The county is supportive of the County Executive Law against illegal Cannabis smoke shops – Although it doesn’t have much to do with Deerfield but if it does, we will be ready for it.

We have had positive reviews from residents over the proper initiative in handling the speed and traffic issues on Cosby Manor Rd and Walker Rd areas. Councilperson Mahardy asked if Mr. Buck had any luck in speaking with the county about Croissant Circle. Mr. Buck’s reply was that the Soil and Water Agency said that they will accept an application from the Town of Deerfield. However, he is still waiting on the City of Utica, to get with him about their plans.

Supervisor Sacco asked about the Flood Mitigation Committee still willing to assist, Mr. Buck said there is not much money left there.

Supervisor Gregory Sacco - No report

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report given

1. I had a call from Summerset Way resident who had two concerns: one road issue and one code Issue. The Highway Superintendent handled the road issue and the *Building* and Codes Officer addressed the Codes’ issue. The Resident called me back to thank Same Arcuri for taking care of the road issue.
2. We were contacted by the State OCFS grant people with a few last items to finish the grant.
3. We completed the final item needed for the $50,000 Clean Energy Grant. The Town should be receiving a check shortly.
4. Received a call from a Prescott Road resident with a building issue on a Garage that burned. I spoke with Building and Codes Officer Mr. Maxwell who called the resident and resolved the issue.

Councilperson Daphney Jones – No Report.

Councilperson Scott Mahardy – Nothing to report

Councilperson Kolek – nothing to report.

Town Clerk Karen Day – report

August has been a techno nightmare, with Digital Towpath Email Server crashing. All town emails were down for 4 weeks, when it finally came back online, we lost all our archived emails.

We are being told that we should be getting them back and repairs and updates are being made.

All town emails had to have their passwords changed

Park rentals are beginning to wind down.

Working toward budget information pertaining to the Clerk’s office.

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr.

Town Board Meeting 8/12/24

1. Met with TAS Electronics on putting GPS on our trucks and what it would cost for cameras at the highway garage. Received quote for surveillance cameras. Still having some problems with people dumping material from out of town.
2. Met with Oneida County and JMT engineering on Firehouse Road (Bridge NY Project) for an update. Contract was slow getting to JMT from the county and put the project off until 2027 for construction. Some of the sub engineering people are starting to work on soil borings and survey work. Looking to possibly straighten the bridge out moving the road toward the north.
3. Received a e mail on adding a new driveway into the Wilderness Park for parking during large events.
4. Working on paving projects on Domser Drive, Smith Hill Road and Bell Hill repairs. Trying to schedule Fairview Drive paving.
5. Road Striping has been done for 2024 by Oneida County DPW. Budget line A3310.4 only has 2500.00 price for the County to strip our roads is about 14000.00 going to have to add some money to the budget.
6. Started to work on culvert NY project for 2025. Contacted the county for list of engineering companies to contact. Need to wait for NYS to receive projects for 2025.

7) 1974 Grader was sold and picked up. We did receive the check today 9/9/2024

8) Quote received for installing GPS on our trucks. Hope to move on this for 2025.

9)2006 International is sold to Town of Ohio for 25,000 Town Clerk has the check.

10) Need to have some trees cut in the town right of way on Crooked Brook Road and Ravine dr. 623 in the back on the town right of way. Price is under county contract with Greater Heights Tree Care for 8000.00. We only budgeted 3000.00 for tree cutting in 2024 do you want to proceed and cut the trees.

11) Installed NO OUTLET sign on Croissant Circle.

12) Rollup doors in wilderness park locks replaced

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell provided a report. Attached.

Building permits – 47

Spoke to Mr. Carcone again about the property at 10603 Cosby Manor Rd.

Issued two stop work orders on Rt. 8 and walker Rd - no building permits

Board of Assessors George Haskell: Making a few corrections and preparing for the new year.

Planning Board – attached report

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

Have one public hearing scheduled for September 19th at 6:30 pm

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

The Seniors meet regularly, they love the patio and use it often. They are taking a trip to the MacHaden theater to see a play next Wednesday. This Thursday we have a cover dish luncheon and are planning our Seniors Octoberfest Celebration.

Parks Committee - Supervisor Sacco mentioned that he and Councilperson Jones will be meeting with Debbie Burke on ideas and plans for Park improvements.

Karen Day Youth Director – written report attached.

The Summer Park program has come to an end, We ended with an outstanding End of Summer party, with loads of Goodies, drinks and water fun games. We had a Dunk Tank, and a giant water slide. Again, this year we were left with a shole trash back full of lost and found.

We will be putting together our Fall Winter Spring Program very soon, beginning in October through April.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Nothing to Report

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR Greg Sacco Sr. – Spoke about CLCPA - Says the tide seems to be turning. – NYSERTA has a Blueprint Draft, if you go to the NYSERTA Website you can read and listen to the latest information, commenting is also available.

Canada is moving away from Wind and Solar to Nuclear power. They have plans for 4 new facilities.

19 Counties in NYS will not take Solar Waste however Oneida County is one of 3 who has agreed to do so.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

**Sewer Fund** bill #10- Councilperson Jones moved and Councilperson Kolek, seconded a motion and the motion was approved.

**Highway Fund** bills number 166-182 moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Jones voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

Councilperson Collins moved and Councilperson G. Sacco seconded a motion to pay **General Fund** bill number 300-326 Councilpersons Jones and Councilperson Kolek 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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