**Town of Deerfield**

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**Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 11th 2024**

The Deerfield Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 11th 2024. Present were Councilpersons Phil Sacco, Scott Mahardy, Dave Kolek, Supervisor Greg Sacco, Town Clerk Karen Day, Attorney for the Town William Schmitt & Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr. Excused Councilperson Daphne Jones. 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 Jones seconded the motion to accept the September regular town Board meeting minutes.

EARLY PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 68 a 2024 Notice of Public Hearing December 9th, 2024 - approved

Resolution 69 2024 Oneida Co. Sewer District Service area - approved

Resolution 70 2024 Final General Budget for 2025 - approved

OFFICIAL REPORTS

County Legislator Buck: absent - attached report

Supervisor Gregory Sacco - No report

Councilperson - Philip Sacco Report given

1 - I received a call from a Floyd Ave resident about speeding cars. I spoke to Sheriff Maciol and he said he would address it.

2 – We are moving forward on the Croissant Circle Stormwater project. We measured all areas from the top to bottom as well as from the top east on Cosby Manor Rd 200.ft where run off water also impacts the street. I received a verbal ok from the city of Utica that the existing natural drain running 3600 + ft to Elmdale Place would not have a negative impact on the city. There is will up to (4) legal matters that Attorney Bill Schmitt will be involved in. Also received a v3ry ok on an easement a crossed a finished yar. I have several photos and all mapping needed for the upgrade of the drain. Highway Superintendent Arcuri is working on estimates of materials and labor. We will probably need some service on the past plans from that engineering firm. We will keep you up to date and hopefully do the job in the Spring of 2025.

3 – I receive two proposals late Friday on a Grant for rooftop Solar at the Highway Garage. Explanation to follow.

Councilperson Daphney Jones – excused – no report

Councilperson Scott Mahardy – Nothing to report

Councilperson Kolek – report given

Town Clerk Karen Day – report

Not much to talk about. Routine work, and some prep for the new coming year.

Will need to be updating, forms, and templates, website and social media.

Visited with many residents on Election Day.

Highway Superintendant Sam Arcuri Jr

1. Working on getting the trucks inspected and winter equipment installed.
2. I met with the Oneida Co. 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, moving the road toward the north.
3. Crew working on Some drainage work on Ramblewood Drive.
4. Going to start working on some ditching work on John Road and patching holes for the winter.
5. Schuyler water project is moving forward, sent the project plans to us for comment.
6. All the paving projects that were started are done for the year.
7. Wilderness Park is winterized for the year.
8. Quate received for installing GPS on our trucks. I hope to move on this for 2025. I am still hoping to move forward on the GPS Project.
9. Plowing contract send into Oneida County for 2024 – 2025 and 2025 – 2026 season.
10. CHIPS / EWR/PAVE NY/ POP paperwork has been turned into New York State for reimbursement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

 Building Inspector: Jim Maxwell provided a report. Attached.

Building permits – 53

I have been in contact with Advocacy Center on Walker Rd. They are zoned R-2. Accessory Buildings must be five feet from a property line. The Shed is more than five feet from the line. The clothes bin is legal to be on the property, but they are going to move it away from the road. The sign was already in place, but they covered the old sign with aa new one. I have updated Supervisor Sacco where we stand on this. I have also called Neil and Erica Woods and left them a message where we stand at this point.

I have sent a letter out to the owners of Walke Rd.’s property about building a small tree house on the property that is not large enough to build any structure on it.

I have had a lot of calls about building permits and meetings with people to go over their project that they may want to do and still doing a lot of inspections.

Board of Assessors George Haskell: stated wrapping up the 2024 year and still have a few STAR applications coming in.

Planning Board – attached report

Monthly Update to the Town Board Department Chairperson: Patie Goldsmith Date of Report: November 11, 2024 Requests for Town Board Decisions: None Key Points/ Updates: The dates for the 2025 regular meetings of the Planning Board will be: January 8th July 9th February 5th August 6th March 5th September 3rd April 9th October 8th May 7th November 5th June 4th December 3rd A motion was made and carried to recommend to the Town Board that Gabe Greco be re-appointed as the Planning Board secretary. A motion was made and carried to recommend to the Town Board that Patie Goldsmith be re-appointed as the Chairwoman of the Planning Board. The board members continued to work on regulations regarding potential Airbnb properties in the town. Those in attendance: None

Zoning Board of Appeals Lura Raymo, verbal report

As the Building season comes to an end, The zoning Board has nothing on its schedule.

Town Historian- position still open

Senior Citizen Director Lura Raymo- no report submitted.

The Seniors meet regularly. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving this coming Thursday. We have a trip planned to the Turning Stone, for a Christmas Show.

We have also scheduled our Christmas Luncheon at the Harts Hill Banquet Center.

Parks Committee - no report given

Karen Day Youth Director – written report attached.

We are midway through our fall Winter Schedule. Residents are very happy with the program.

We had great success in number to the last 3 events, pumpkin farm, Spooktacular, and Roller Skating. Our next event is Candy Bar Bingo at the Fire Hall. Thank you to the Deerfield Fire Department for providing a space that can hold the large number of participants. We will be ending this Season with a Christmas special event and Ice Skating in December.

Town Attorney: William Schmitt: Advises the Board to decide how they want to continue with the lawsuit against the owners of the 142 Marnie St. Air BnB. Since the owner has sold the property, there seems to be no advantage to continue.

Updated the Board as to where we stand on the Zoning change to POE (Extraordinaire)

 The Town Board all agreed to drop the case.

MEDIA TIME - NONE

LATE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

1 - Linda Hajdasz as chairperson for the Town of Deerfield Winterfest, spoke about the plans and added costs to the Event as prices have increased. There will be Horse and Sleigh Rides, Petting Zoo, (weather permitting) – The Theme this year will be “HAPPY BIRTHDAY”, plans to update and switch out some of the old games and refreshments with new ones. Hoping that the Celebration Budget, will be able to pay for a Magician to participate this year. A 2025 Event Budget was submitted to the board.

2 – Ken Roser – Questioned Highway Superintendent Arcuri about his concern for the Town to be up on the new regulations of Electric Vehicles. He doesn’t want the town to be unprepared.

 \*\* Highway Superintendent responded – that he is very aware of the new regulations and some of the issues it may cause in the future. He is involved with Oneida County Highway association and they are looking for other options.

Ken also was concerned about our website, and the lack of updated information.

 \*\*\* Supervisor Sacco – assured Mr. Roser that Council person Jones is now trained by the Web designer and will be the point person as well as the Town Clerk, for all information posted on the website.

The council person P. Sacco, spoke to the members of the Town Board on the Solar Grant for the Highway Garage- He has been researching two grants, one which is a federal grant which will cost us out of Pocket Monies, The other is NYS Grant, which offers a bit less but there is NO out of pocket on the Towns portion. looking for a verbal agreement from board members to move forward on the work his is doing on this grant - if He can accomplish it with State funding on or closely near $50,000, this plan will save the Town 3,000 a year in electric bills for the Highway Garage.

 \*\*\*\* The Town Board members gave their verbal agreement to Councilperson Sacco to proceed.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

 **Sewer Fund** No sewer bills from National Grid due to an error on their part.

Bill Number11 moved by Councilperson Mahardy and Councilperson Kolek voted yea and the motion was passed

**Highway Fund** bills number 370 – 403 moved by Councilperson Kolek and Councilperson Mahardy voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

**General Fund** bill number 327 - 369 moved by Councilpersons Kolek and Councilperson Mahardy voted yes, and the motion **was approved**.

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

**Motion approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Day

Town Clerk

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