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The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Gus Wehbe at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot on August 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Gus Wehbe, Stephanie Potter, Lloyd Sutton, Jr., Nicole Albro-Sprouse and Tom Brown.

Others present: Kim Harris, Roger Young, Patty Dawson, Jeanetta Laudermilk, Cindy Denkenberger, Dan Ellis, Town Attorney, Reporter from *The Cortland Standard*. Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator and Jeff Reakes, Highway Superintendent.

Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes for the June 15, 2015 meeting, as presented, was made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Jeanetta Laudermilk and Patty Dawson gave a presentation on possible uses for the Hartnett Elementary School building. They advised that the Fall of 2017 would be the soonest date for the opening of a Charter School. Some possible ideas of building uses are a preschool/daycare program, a library community meeting space/banquet hall, recreation uses (volleyball, basketball, Zumba, etc.) food pantry/soup kitchen. The ladies also said there is the possibility of the NYS Troopers having a satellite office in the building. The presenter and the town board members discussed with the Town Attorney the legalities of having town offices in the building. Mr. Ellis said that he would do some research on the matter. Patty Dawson also shared with the board that the school was part of the town's emergency center. Jeanetta spoke at length about the logistics of purchasing the building with private funding, a not-for-profit purchasing the building. She stressed that every idea is on the table and being investigated thoroughly but the ultimate goal is to continue to have the Town of Truxton be a great town and, in her opinion, and what she is hearing from many townspeople is that a Community Center would be an asset to the Town. Gus commended the entire Charter School group for their diligent efforts on saving this building.



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Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator. Jim gave an update on county happenings. Jim shared the details of the possibility of building a new jail and that the Legislature is considering giving raises to each Legislator. Jim said that the Truxton-Tully Road project is underway. Jim said that he anticipates big changes to the next Legislature and he is determined to get information that he needs to make decisions. Kim Harris asked Jim about an incident involving SUNY Cortland and the removal of asphalt from a tennis court. Jim explained to the board that a contractor severely underbid a project and the tipping fees at the landfill became too much for the contractor to absorb. This contractor has asked the Legislature for forgiveness of part of the landfill tipping fee. Jim said that this matter is still pending. Tom Brown requested Jim investigate privatizing the inmates healthcare.

Highway Department: Gus asked Jeff to review a memo he received about a new health insurance plan that is available. Jeff said he would review with his men and let Gus know their opinion. Gus asked Jeff to consider moving the shed at the Transfer Station. Jeff said he'd work on it. Jeff said that they need a new platform body for the 2008 pickup truck. He has found one for \$1,500.00 and he plans to purchase it.

Misc. Matters. Gus received correspondence from the New York State Office of Real Property advising that the equalization remains at 100%.

Kyle Hoke

Employee Manual. Gus has collected samples from surrounding towns. Nicki and Tom volunteered to review the samples and work on updating Truxton's current employee policy. The existing policy was last updated in 1999.

Town Comprehensive Plan. Gus suggests updating this plan. The existing plan was last updated in 1981. The Town Attorney will review the existing plan. Lloyd suggesting have a small group appointed to work on this project. Gus is going to PDF the document to the Board. Gus will also contact Thoma Development to see if there are grant monies available. Nicki suggested having a town survey done again, similar to the one done back in 1980. Nicki shared a few of the survey responses from that 1980 survey.

Large-Scale Construction Moratorium. Lloyd asked the board to consider enacting a moratorium for large-scale construction. The board discussed. A motion was made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Tom Brown to have the Town Attorney prepare the moratorium, set the public hearing for September 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. All in favor.

Internal Audit. Gus would like the Board to consider having an internal audit conducted by an outside agency. Nicki said that she thinks that this is a good idea as a pre-emptive measure for



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when the State Comptroller performs an audit. The board discussed and it was decided that Gus and Stephanie would meet with Duane _____ to obtain a quote for his services, etc. Tom Brown said that he also has someone who he would like to obtain a quote from as well.

Recreation Reserve Fund. Gus said that he spoke with Gina and asked her to prepare the paperwork for the Town to create a Reserve Fund for the Town Parks. Gus said that Tom Brown has expressed an interest in donating the compensation he receives as a Town Councilperson back to the town and into this fund. The Town Attorney would like to research this matter. The matter was tabled until next month.

Sales Tax Resolution.

Gus shared with the board the proposed annual Resolution required by the New York State Retirement System for employees. Motion to approve the Resolution made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Gus provided the board with a packet of information received from NBT Bank regarding its FDIC security measures. The bank is requesting the town sign an agreement authorizing the bank to hold collateral for any amount over the FDIC insurance coverage. Motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Gus received a letter from the Cortland County Real Property Tax Office asking the town if they intend to have their sales tax distribution formula remain the same as last year. The board discussed briefly and decided to keep the distribution the same as last year. Kim will let the Real Property Tax Office know that no changes will be made.

Old Business. Transfer Station. Gus said that he discussed with Jeff the possibility of moving the Transfer Station shed closer to the gate which may make it easier for the attendant's to view the dump tags.

Employee Manual. Gus said that this topic was brought up some time ago and never completed. Gus said that he would like to the board to work on this matter. Kim will contact the Town of Preble and Town of Solon to see if they have an Employee Manual that they use.

Gus asked the board members to please provide him with any budget information as very soon they 2016 budget work will start.



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The Board discussed the need to stain the deck at the Depot. Nicki will ask her husband what stain he would suggest using. The Board also discussed the need for storm windows on the Clerk's side of the Depot. Kim will contact area glass companies to obtain estimates.

Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$376,057.03
Highway Fund	\$536,383.38
Trust & Agency	\$ 83.17
Comm. Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,577.13
Depot Project-Sav.	\$ 10,484.12

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #8) made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #8) made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.