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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lloyd Sutton, Jr. at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot, on May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Nicki Sprouse, Carlton Young, Gus Wehbe and Lloyd Sutton, Jr. Excused: P.J. Dwyer.

Others present: Linda VanWagenen, Jeannetta Laudermilk, Fran & Stan Bushaw, Roger Young, Randy Young, Cindy Denkenberger, Krystal and Chris Austen, Korrine L'hommedieu, Mary Anne and Bob Gotie, Tom Brown, Jeff Reakes, Highway Superintendent, and Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator.

Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 20, 2016

Motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 regular monthly meeting, as presented, made by Gus Wehbe and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Scheduled Public Hearing

The Town Supervisor opened the Public Hearing. Public Comments: Linda Van Wagenen asked for a copy of the document. Motion to close public hearing made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Carleton Young. All in favor.

Comments from the board members: Gus has submitted his written comments to the committee. Gus said he feels it is a well-balanced document. Nicki commented that she is impressed with the document as a whole and all the work that went into it. She doesn't want to close the doors to opportunity by what has happened in the past. She said she feels there is flexibility in the document if an opportunity should come up. Lloyd stated that he would like to see that the plan encourages the development of a local elementary school. A comment like that in this document could help with the Charter School application.

Jim commented that there is a proposal by the CNY Regional Planning Board for a "wetland bank" and maybe this potential idea could be included in the document as well.



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Randy reminded the Board that this document doesn't lock the town into anything but it is rather a guiding tool. Lloyd said that the Board can act on the document tonight and he sees no reason to wait. Nicki said that she would like to see the wording about Lloyd's recommendation for adding wording about the local elementary. Lloyd said that the document needs to be referred to County Planning. Lloyd said he will draft wording about the school and that the final document will be forwarded to County Planning for review. Lloyd said we could have the approval from County Planning by the next board meeting. Nicki said that she wants to review the final document as well as the comments received from County Planning.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Community members

Korrine L'hommedieu reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day parade and said she is trying to get a band together. She asked to spread the word and to invite anyone interested in being in the band, to attend the practice at the Community Center this coming Sunday.

Carlton said that the Community Center will be hosting Vacation Bible School this year.

UPDATE ON COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE FUND:

Lloyd said that the County had a meeting last week. He said the County is moving forward with the 60/40 split using assessment value. Lloyd expects another email from the Budget Director this week. He said that the County Attorney is still reviewing the proposed Local Law. The administration cost of the plan will also be a 60/40 split. Lloyd said he is bothered that this money paid by the town is simply gone; it will not pay a claim. Lloyd said he submitted the application for a quote to Comp Alliance and should have by the next town board meeting. Lloyd further commended Homer Town Supervisor, Fred Forbes, for his involvement and comments and the meetings with the County.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Review Building Permit Application Form and discuss permit procedures.

Lloyd said he added this item to the agenda because of the comments made by the public in the Comprehensive Plan Committee's survey to residents. Lloyd said he is working with Scott Evener on updating forms, fee schedules, etc. Lloyd said he will email the board the current permit fee schedule that Scott Evener is using.



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CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE:

Cindy Denkenberger gave an update on the committee's plan moving forward. She said the group is still 100% committed to bringing the school to Truxton. She said that they have very ambitious board members and community supporters to make this happen. She said application denials happen often and, in Truxton's case, the plan for the school is pushing the pattern that the State uses as it is definitely not the norm.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Jeanetta Lauder milk, Krystal and Chris Austen and Cindy Denkenberger all gave an overview of current happenings at the Community Center. Jeanetta presented a proposed "policy/lease agreement" to the board. She said this document would be used for anyone wanting to use the center. Chris Austen asked the board for a release of funds from the recreation budget line for a Daisy Air Rifle course. He is still gathering cost estimates, etc. and will present to the board at a later time. He said he is also going to do a DEC Hunter Education course. Chris asked the Board if they are o.k. with live firearms being fired. The board discussed and said they support the idea. Chris said he intends to do a bowhunter education course as well.

Gus asked Jeff if the Highway Department could mow the field at the community center. Jeff said if the Board directs him to the department will but it needs to be discussed at budget time as well. Gus asked Roger Young if he is willing to take on more responsibility for mowing the field. Roger said that he is part-time and he has also had to assume the task of mowing the Cheningo Road cemetery. Jeanetta commented that it takes approximately 4 hours to mow the field at the community center.

MISCELLANOUS:

Roger Young said that the small riding mower has over 900 hours on it and the board should consider replacing it.

Lloyd said that he received an email from a company who is working with a resident to construct a 20-acre solar farm on Morgan Hill. Lloyd said he is confused by the parcel identified in the email and will communicate with the person to clarify.



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Lloyd said that he has met with the town's insurance representative about the need for additional insurance coverage for the recreation activities at the community center. Lloyd said he was advised of about a \$1,000 per year increase. Lloyd said he also intends to add coverage for internet banking.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR UPDATE: Jim Denkenberger

Jim discussed the County's jail property situation. He said it is looking like the site will be in Cortlandville. Jim said that he thinks the Town Supervisors should all be voicing their opinions.

Lloyd discussed with the board the idea of authorizing the town bookkeeper the ability to pay utility bills online. This would mean that sometimes the bills are paid prior to the monthly board meeting but Stephanie would still provide a voucher for approval. Lloyd said that late fees are sometimes incurred because the bill is due prior to the board meeting. Motion to authorize prepayment of utility bills to meet the deadline for payment made by Carlton Young and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #5) made by Gus Wehbe and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #5) made by Carlton Young and seconded by Gus Wehbe. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Not available.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 p.m.