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TOWN OF TRUXTON

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Town Supervisor
Lloyd G. Sutton Jr.

Town Clerk/Collector
Megan Morrison

Highway Superintendent
Jeffrey Reakes

Town Councilpersons
PJ Dwyer
Carlton Young
Molly K. McDermott
Gus Wehbe

Truxton Town Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Truxton Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lloyd Sutton, Jr. at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot, on June 20th, 2018 at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Gus Wehbe, Carlton Young, Molly McDermott, P.J. Dwyer and Lloyd Sutton, Jr.

Others Present: Levi Sutton, Jeff Reakes, Stephenie Potter, Kathie Arnold

Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 16th minutes was made by Gus Wehbe. Second by PJ Dwyer. All in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jeff Reakes mentioned the transfer station dumpsters are deteriorating and requests purchasing 1 new one to have on hand while the Town Highway employees can fix the dumpsters currently being used.

TOWN JUSTICE COURT GRANT

Levi Sutton, Town Justice brought it to the attention of the Board that the Court Administration is requesting the remainder amount be paid back that was not used on a grant from 2013/2014. The grant was for security, enhancements, software, etc. for the Town Court. Of the \$9800 that was granted, \$4200 was applied. Levi stated grants are available often and the possibility of getting another is there. Gus requested updating the security video system at the Town Hall. Motion to refund the \$5600 to the Court Administration was made by PJ Dwyer. Second motion was made by Gus Wehbe. All in favor except Lloyd Sutton who abstained.

TOWN JUSTICE COURT CLERK

Levi Sutton, Town Justice requested to hire Rita Dawson for the Town of Truxton Court Clerk who is a Clerk for the Village of Homer. The proposal would be that she attended meetings on Court nights, take notes, make calls and is available to be on call. This would be less work than previous Court Clerks, however a lower proposed salary of \$3,000 was made. Judge

Foley highly recommends Rita Dawson. Motion to accept was made by Gus Wehbe. Second motion was made by Molly McDermott. All in favor except Lloyd Sutton who abstained.

PROPOSED NYSEG HIGH VOLTAGE POWERLINE

Kathie Arnold mentioned that NYSEG cancelled their appearances at the scheduled town meetings in Maine and Lafayette this past month. Kathie and the BCO Alliance proposed (2) new local laws. (1) The Real Property Value Protection Plan (see attached) and (2) Transmission lines must be put within preexisting corridors or buried. Molly McDermott made a suggestion that multiple Boards come together to create and pass similar laws to become a stronger force before the new powerlines project begins. The Board is going to review and discuss proposed laws. Kathie also hired a professional to come and take meter readings of the current lines over Youngs flatlands and the signals were off the charts. Currently homes are in areas that were reported high readings, and with higher voltage or new lines, possible health issues could occur. Revisit in July.

PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR TOWN CLERK

Megan Morrison proposed the town purchase Williamson software for the Town Clerks files and reports. As of now, everything is done with paper files and is currently one of the only Clerks who have not purchased an online software for record keeping. The Williamson software automatically backs up when entered so documents won't get lost or destroyed. The program costs \$1695 to purchase and \$595 for the annual update. Motion to approve was made by Molly McDermott. Second motion was made by Gus Wehbe. All in favor.

Lloyd stated that the extension to accept taxes paperwork was needed by the treasurer before the Tax Collector can officially close the 2018 year. Motion to sign and approve was made by PJ Dwyer. Second motion was made by Carlton Young. All in favor.

PROPOSAL TO PUT FINISH COATING ON DECK, RAMP AND STAIRS

The Board reached out to Wade and Nicole Sprouse for a quote on finishing the stairs, deck and ramp at the Town Hall. Wade provided a quote for \$1000 including cleaning and sealing. Motion to accept was made by PJ Dwyer. Second was made by Carlton Young. All in favor.

RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY FOR TAX COLLECTION

The proposed 10-year plan will be voted on May 17th, 2018. Town of Truxton will have \$21,656 loss of revenue going by 2017's numbers.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Jeff Reakes, Town Superintendent had a couple of questions needing to be cleared up from the Board such as:

- Purchasing – Approval of Superintendent is needed for all purchases
- Security Inspections – Searches must be warranted only if something is missing or reason to believe drugs or illegal substance are present
- Overtime Credit – Sick time will not be allowed to be used for overtime.
- Employment of Relatives - Relatives can work for the town but not in the same department. Current relatives of full time/part time can continue to work however after July 1st, no new hires are allowed to be related in same department.
- Personal Time – Personal Time was removed and added as Vacation Time. 2 days were added to each tier.
- Smoking – Superintendent is the one to enforce the Clean Indoor Air Act.

Motion to accept and approve new Town Employee Manual starting July 1st, 2018 was made by Gus Wehbe. Second motion was made by Molly McDermott. All in favor.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS/SUPERVISORS REPORT

Bills were reviewed by Board members and signed. Motion to approve Highway bills was made by Molly McDermott. Second Motion was made by Gus Wehbe. All in Favor. Motion to approve General bills was made by PJ Dwyer. Second Motion was made by Carlton Young. All in favor.

MISC.

Code Enforcer left a message with the Board that he issued tickets to a property in town, however that homeowner has passed. Once estate is placed, tickets will be issued to estate holder. Also, 2 homes in town seem to be abandoned and Lloyd suggested to board up the windows and doors to deter squatters from getting in.

Gus stated that he applied for an Army retired artillery to display at the towns Veterans park back in May 2014. He received notice that his application was approved however none are available at this time but Truxton is on the waiting list to receive.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made by Molly McDermott. Second Motion made by Gus Wehbe. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.