

Town Of Austerlitz
Special/Organizational Meeting
January 5, 2015

Present: Robert Lagonia, Supervisor, Greg Vogler, Jon Mesick, Matthew Verenazi, Town Board Members, Highway Superintendent Robert Meehan, and Susan Haag, Town Clerk.

Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano also present.

Bryan Geel, Town Board Member, absent.

Special Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

A motion to enter into Executive Session to deal with Highway personnel issues and violation notices was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1. Executive Session entered at 5:03 p.m.

A motion to invite Highway Superintendent Meehan and Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano to attend the Executive Session was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1. Executive Session exited 6:13 at p.m.

A motion to adjourn the Special Meeting was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1. Special Meeting closed at 6:19 p.m.

A motion to open the Organizational Meeting was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1. Organizational Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Moment of Silence, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

2015 Organizational Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS 1-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints Joseph Catalano as Attorney for the Town for a term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 on a time and materials basis at a rate of \$150 per hour.

A motion to adopt Resolution 1-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 2-2015

Be it resolved that Kinderhook Bank is hereby designated as the primary official depository for all town funds for the year 2015 and other secondary financial institutions for investment purposes may be chosen at the discretion of the Supervisor. The Town Supervisor will be designated as signatory for Supervisor's Accounts.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 3-2015

Be it resolved that the Register Star newspaper, having circulation in the Town of Austerlitz, is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Austerlitz for the year 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 3-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 4-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints the Town Supervisor, Robert Lagonia, as the budget officer and is hereby authorized to invest idle funds of the Town of Austerlitz in those investments as approved by law, the State Comptroller, and the Investment Policy of the Town of Austerlitz as it becomes apparent that such funds will not be required to meet immediate commitments of the Town.

A motion to adopt Resolution 4-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 5-2015

Be it resolved that after the audit of properly submitted claims to the Supervisor, the Supervisor, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Assessor, Election Inspectors, Justices, Justice's Clerk, Councilpersons, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Animal Control Officer, may request mileage and tolls reimbursement for the use of privately owned vehicles on official town business, such expenses, will be made at the rate that is promulgated by the Federal Government and provided that funds are available in the budget. Be it further resolved that with the exception for the Assessor, and Animal Control Officer, mileage shall not be paid for normal travel within the Town of Austerlitz in ordinary performances of duties of the office held or for the travel to and from meetings of the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or committees thereof.

Daily automotive log must be submitted with vouchers and substantiated.

A motion to adopt Resolution 5-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 6-2015

Be it resolved that the Superintendent of Highways is authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the furnishing of road materials and highway supplies including but not limited to calcium chloride, culvert pipe, sand, gravel, shale, salt, crushed stone, fuel oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline, that may be required for the year 2015. Be it further resolved that if a state or county bid for the foregoing materials is available to the Town, the Superintendent of Highways may elect to purchase such supplies and/or materials under such contract rather than by competitive bidding, pursuant to State Law. All purchases shall be made in accordance with the Town Procurement Policy.

A motion to adopt Resolution 6-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 7-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Austerlitz shall meet on the third Thursday of each month for its regular monthly meetings and said Board meetings will be commenced at 7:00 p.m. and held at the Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencertown, NY.

Be it further resolved that the regular monthly meetings of the Town of Austerlitz Planning Board is hereby designated to be held on the first Thursday of each month in 2015 and the Zoning Board of Appeals regular monthly meetings is hereby designated to be held on the second Thursday of each month in 2015 with all meetings to be held at the Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencertown, NY and commence at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 7-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 8-2015

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 29, subdivision 10a of Town Law that the Supervisor is directed to submit to the Town Clerk within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the report sent to the State Comptroller which is required by section 30 of the General Municipal Law, and the Town Clerk shall cause a summary of such report to be published in the Town's official newspaper within ten days after receipt thereof; this shall be in lieu of preparation of the report required by subdivision 10, section 20 of Town Law.

A motion to adopt Resolution 8-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 9-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby affirms the following Planning Board members with term dates expiring December 31st of each respected year and hereby appoints Richard Madonia to a term ending December 31, 2019:

Deborah Lans: 2015

Susan Geel: 2016

Marie Meehan: 2017

James Engel: 2018

A motion to adopt Resolution 9-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 10-2015

Be it resolved that James Engel, a member of the Planning Board, is hereby designated as Chairman of the Town of Austerlitz Planning Board for the 2015 year.

A motion to adopt Resolution 10-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 11-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints to the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee the following members with term dates expiring December 31, 2015:

Barbara Smith
Edwin Barden
Timothy Stalker
Constance Mondel

A motion to adopt Resolution 11-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 12-2015

Be it resolved that Timothy Stalker, a member of the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee, is hereby designated as Chairman of the Town of Austerlitz Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee for the 2015 year.

A motion to adopt Resolution 12-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 13-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby affirms the following Zoning Board of Appeals members with term dates expiring as of December 31st of each respected year and hereby appoints Nancy Kern to a term ending December 31, 2018:

Penny Rubin: 2015
Michael Fabiano: 2016
William Simmons: 2017

A motion to adopt Resolution 13-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes

G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

The Town Board will be looking for someone to fill the vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION 14-2015

Be it resolved that _____, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is hereby designated as Chairman of the Town of Austerlitz Zoning Board of Appeals, and _____, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is hereby designated as the Deputy Chairman of the Town of Austerlitz Zoning Board of Appeals for the 2015 year.

Resolution 12-2015 was tabled.

RESOLUTION 15-2015

Be it resolved that the 2015 salaries for the following elected officials and appointees, and the schedule of payment of such salaries, shall be as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 7075.00 per year payable monthly
Councilpersons (4 each)	\$ 2317.50 per year payable monthly
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 27631.00 per year payable bi-weekly
Registrar of Vital Stats	\$ 450.00 per year payable annually
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 10.00 per hour payable biweekly
Superintendent of Highways	\$ 49995.00 per year payable bi-weekly
Highway Superintendent Clerk	\$ 15.36 per hour payable bi-weekly
Justices (2 each)	\$ 11255.00 per year payable monthly
Justice's Clerk	\$ 9200.00 per year payable monthly
Justice's Deputy Clerk	\$ 10.00 per hour payable monthly
Town Assessor	\$ 19648.00 per year payable monthly
Town Accountant	\$ 10200.00 per year payable monthly
Town Payroll	\$ 2405.00 per year payable bi-weekly
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 13507.00 per year payable monthly
Historian	\$ 1850.00 per year payable monthly
Planning Board Chairman	\$ 2800.00 per year payable monthly
Planning Board Members (4 each)	\$ 915.00 per year payable monthly
Clerk/Typist (Taker of the Minutes)	\$ 50.00 per meeting payable monthly
Animal Control	\$ 2060.00 per year payable monthly
Clerk/Typist (Bldg Insp/Plan Bd/ZBA)	\$ 15.36 per hour payable bi-weekly
Custodian	\$ 2184.84 per year payable bi-weekly

A motion to adopt Resolution 15-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
J. Mesick: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 16-2015

Be it resolved that the wage scale and fringe benefits for highway employees for the 2015 year shall be as follows:

1. Wages: Wages shall be increased by 3.0% over the wages received by said current Highway employees in the year 2014 and the starting salary for new Motor Equipment Operators (MEO) (all current Highway employees are MEO's) shall be \$13.50 per hour; and the Foreman designated by Highway Superintendent shall receive an additional \$0.50 per hour;
2. Vacation: (i) upon completion of one year full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to five (5) days of paid vacation; (ii) upon completion of two years full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to ten (10) days of paid vacation; (iii) upon completion of seven years full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days of paid vacation; (iv) upon completion of full-time employment in excess of seven years, Highway employee shall be entitled to one (1) additional day of paid vacation for every additional year of full-time employment up to five (5) additional days; (v) the maximum paid vacation days for any Highway employee per the previous schedule shall be twenty (20); (vi) up to five (5) days of unused vacation time may be carried over to the following year of employment to be utilized as vacation days but must be used by June 1st of the carry-over year; (vii) the scheduling of all vacation time must be approved by the Highway Superintendent; (viii) for the use of any vacation time of over two (2) days, all employees must submit a written request to the Highway Superintendent for vacation days at least thirty (30) days prior and the Highway Superintendent must approve or disapprove the request within one (1) week after submission of the request;
3. Paid Holidays: Highway employees shall be entitled to the following paid holidays for 2014: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day; said holidays will be paid only if the employee works the day immediately prior to and after such holiday or holiday weekend unless they are on a previously approved vacation or personal day or have a sick day with doctor's note;
4. Sick days: Each current full-time employee is entitled to five (5) paid sick days per year; sick days may accumulate and carry over from year to year up to a maximum of 80; and any employee seeking paid sick days in excess of three (3)

days requires a doctor's note or such days will not be paid or personal days will be charged;

5. Personal days: Each full-time employee is entitled to a maximum of five (5) personal days per year; said personal days cannot be carried over from year to year and must be utilized in the current year or will be waived; notice must be given to the Highway Superintendent at least the day before a personal day is taken in order to be paid;
6. Bereavement: Each full-time employee is entitled to three (3) days paid for immediate family members (parents, siblings, children);
7. Medical Insurance: The Town will pay 100% of individual or family coverage for Highway employees that are grandfathered under such policy; the Town will pay 100% of individual coverage for all other full-time employees not grandfathered but for the 2015 year only and this additional benefit for non-grandfathered employees shall not accrue or continue as an additional benefit for later years unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Town Board.

The Town will pay 75% of family coverage for all other full-time Highway employees with the other 25% of such cost contributed by each employee via pro-rata deductions from bi-weekly paychecks; employees are responsible to pay all deductibles and co-pays under the insurance policy except the Town will pay up to 50% of insurance policy deductibles for grandfathered employees for 2015 only and this additional benefit for grandfathered employees shall not accrue or continue as an additional benefit unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Town Board; any current full-time employee who elects not to participate in the Town's health insurance shall be entitled to receive \$2,000 at the end of the year provided such employee has worked full-time for the entire year;

8. Retirement: Mandatory enrollment shall be made for all full-time employees with the Town contribution set by the State; part-time employees will have the option for enrollment but the Town shall not make any contribution;
9. Clothing Allowance: Full-time employees shall have a clothing allowance for 2014 at a maximum of \$300 for the purchase of apparel, gloves, boots, used on the Highway job, provided receipts are submitted for same.
10. Emergency call outs will be paid on a 4 hour minimum overtime rate. Any Highway official or employee shall have the discretion to call another Highway employee for assistance on any emergency call out as appropriate under the circumstances.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-2015 as amended was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 17-2015

Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to pay certain regularly occurring invoices, such as utility, telephone, health insurance premiums, postage and **Visa**, without prior audit.

A motion to adopt Resolution 17-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
G. Vogler: yes
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 18-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Clerk is hereby appointed to the position of Records Access Officer for a term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 18-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
J. Mesick: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 19-2015

Be it resolved that all diesel fuel, heating oil, and furnace maintenance will be purchased under state and/or county contract for the period of January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 unless such products and services are subject to competitive bidding.

A motion to adopt Resolution 19-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
J. Mesick: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 20-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Austerlitz hereby authorizes attendance for schooling and annual conferences for officials and/or employees of the Town – the specific individuals so authorized will be designated by the Town Board at a later date. Be it further resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes the payment of said officials or employees' actual and necessary expenses incurred at each school or conference in so much as said expenses have been included in the annual budget.

A motion to adopt Resolution 20-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 21-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Austerlitz hereby appoints Steve Aciani as Broker for the Town's Health Insurance beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 21-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 22-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Austerlitz hereby appoints Mary Davis as a clerk/typist for the Planning Board, Code Enforcement, and the Zoning Board of Appeals beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 22-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 23-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Austerlitz hereby appoints Constance Mondel as minute taker for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and at the absence of the Town Clerk, the Town Board for the 2015 year. Rate of pay will be \$50.00 per meeting.

A motion to adopt Resolution 23-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 24-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints Furlano and Associates as Accountant for the Town to perform accounting services and Adirondack Payroll Services beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-2015 was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 25-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints Morris Associates, as Civil Engineer for the Town, to provide engineering services as authorized by the Town Board beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 25-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 26-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints Wes Powell, as Dog Control Officer to perform those duties as outlined in Article 7 of the Ag and Market Law, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 26-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 27-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints Lee Heim, as the Code Enforcement Officer, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 to perform building and code enforcement services as set forth in the shared services contract, dated July 28, 2010, as amended and re-authorized by the Town Board between the Town of Austerlitz, and the Towns of Canaan and Hillsdale.

A motion to adopt Resolution 27-2015 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 28-2015

Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby appoints, Doris Jean Stalker as an Advisory Council Member to the Columbia County Office of the Aging beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 28-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

RESOLUTION 29-2015

The Town Board hereby consents and authorizes the following Department Head appointments as follows:

Supervisors Appointments

The Supervisor hereby appoints Bryan Geel to serve as Deputy Supervisor without pay for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. In the position of Deputy Supervisor, Bryan Geel can act as Supervisor when the incumbent Supervisor is unreachable, unavailable or not capable of performing the duties of Supervisor. Be it noted that said Deputy Supervisor can attend Columbia County Board of Supervisors meetings in the absence of the Supervisor or as his designee but does not have voting power on Columbia County affairs.

Town Historian

The Supervisor hereby appoints Sarah Light, as Town Historian, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

Highway Superintendent Appointment

The Highway Superintendent hereby appoints Shawn Williams to serve as Deputy Highway Superintendent without additional pay beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. In the position of Deputy Supervisor, Shawn Williams can act as Highway Superintendent when the incumbent Highway Superintendent is unavailable or not capable of performing the duties of Highway Superintendent.

The Highway Superintendent hereby appoints Mary Davis as Highway Clerk for the Highway Superintendent beginning January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Court Clerk Appointment

The Town Justices hereby appoint Eileen Olson, as Court Clerk beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

A motion to adopt Resolution 29-2015 was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler and a poll vote was taken as follows:

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

Auditing of Accounts and Claims

A motion to pay 2014 Highway Fund #252-256, in the amount of \$1921.87, 2014 General Fund #430-439, in the amount of \$9046.00, 2015 General Fund #1-12, in the amount of \$3889.01, and 2015 Highway Fund #1-2, in the amount of \$3556.94 was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

Contracts

The Town Clerk provided a listing of all Contracts, Leases, Planning Board Escrow Accounts and Bonding for the 2015 year to the Town Board. The Town Board briefly reviewed.

Public Officer Training 2014

The Town Clerk provided a list of all training completed by Town Employees. It was noted that some personnel did not complete the required schooling in the 2014 year.

Red Rock Volunteer Fire Company Contract for 2015-2017

A motion to authorize Supervisor Lagonia to sign the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Company Contract for 2015-2017 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

Grader Purchase

Resolution #30-2015 Grader Purchase

A motion to adopt Resolution #30-2015, Grader Purchase, was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

J. Mesick: yes

B. Geel: absent

Motion carried 4:1.

Whereas, the Town of Austerlitz has a pressing need to acquire a heavy duty grader for Town highway maintenance since the Town's present grader is no longer functional and a replacement grader must be obtained as soon as possible in order to have it available for use during the spring highway maintenance season; and

Whereas, the Town Board together with the Town Highway Superintendent has been investigating pricing, brands and models, and various options for the purchase of a replacement grader; and

Whereas, the Town received two competing proposals: one for a John Deere grader and one for a Caterpillar grader, both of which are comparable, fit the Town's needs, and are offered pursuant to the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative purchasing

agreement, but the Caterpillar grader is at less overall cost through the term of the purchase contract;

Whereas, based upon the investigation into the type of equipment, the purchase options available, and the authorization for the Town to enter into a lease-purchase agreement via the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative purchasing agreement from the Town Board, the Town Board and the Town Highway Superintendent are in agreement for the purchase of the Caterpillar grader as offered by the Milton Cat dealership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

11. The Town Board hereby approves the purchase of the new 2014 all wheel drive Caterpillar grader, model 120M2 AWD, pursuant to the purchase and sale offer from the Milton Cat dealership at a purchase price of \$265,460 less the trade in value of the Town's current grader at \$15,000 that is to be purchased through a lease purchase agreement over 8 years at 2% annual interest.
12. The Town Board also hereby determines that the Town existing grader, being no longer functional for Town highway purposes, is surplus equipment and approves and authorizes the sale of said grader via a trade-in to the Milton Cat dealership in order to lower the purchase price of the new grader by \$15,000 as set forth above.
13. Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent to take such actions and to sign such documents that will effectuate the purchase of the 2014 Caterpillar grader, model 120M2 AWD, consistent with this Resolution.
14. This resolution shall thereby take effect immediately.

Highway Form 284

The Town Board and Highway Superintendent Meehan discussed the individual items and costs as listed on Highway Form 284. Completed form will be presented to the Town Board at the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Senior Citizen of the Year

Columbia County Office of the Aging has sent out nomination forms for Senior Citizen of the Year. Should anyone want to submit a nomination, please see the Town Clerk for the forms. The Town Board will submit a nomination for Constance Mondel.

A.O.T. Voting Designation for the 2015 Annual Meeting

A motion to designate Town Board Member, Greg Vogler, as the voting delegate for the Town of Austerlitz, for the 2015 A.O.T. Annual Meeting to be held on February 18, 2015, in New York City, was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
J. Mesick: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes
G. Vogler: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
J. Mesick: yes
B. Geel: absent
Motion carried 4:1. Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan A. Haag, Town Clerk