

Town of Austerlitz  
Town Board Meeting  
July 11, 2019

Present: Robert Lagonia, Supervisor, Greg Vogler, Nansi Friedman, Jere Wrightsman and Christopher Schober, Town Board Members, Robert Meehan, Highway Superintendent and Susan Haag, Town Clerk.

Town Board meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

A motion to accept the June 20, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes was made by N. Friedman and seconded by C. Schober.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

C. Schober: yes

N. Friedman: yes

J. Wrightsman: abstain

Motion carried 4:1.

**Auditing of Accounts and Claims**

A motion to pay General Fund, #229-267, in the amount of \$30749.96, Highway Fund, #139-162, in the amount of \$93153.27, and the Capital Fund #95-101 in the amount of \$24765.41 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Wrightsman

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

C. Schober: yes

N. Friedman: yes

J. Wrightsman: yes

Motion carried 5:0.

**Reports**

**Monthly Cash Disbursement and Supervisor Report**

Monthly Cash Disbursement for the Month of June 2019 submitted. Supervisor Lagonia advised that everything is in order.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that the Town Board will hold a workshop before the next Town Board meeting, August 15, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to discuss Air B&Bs. R. Lagonia wants the Town to move slowly with this issue and right now the Town Board is only starting a discussion. Town Board Member Wrightsman noted that he has been online and there is a lot to look at concerning this issue, especially codes that other Towns have put in effect. Supervisor Lagonia explained that the County is looking into this and will be putting some kind of regs in

place, but he is not sure what will ultimately be put in place will fit our Town. The County might be more restrictive.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that budget paperwork has gone out to the individual departments with a return date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Once these are returned, Supervisor Lagonia and Town Board Member Vogler will get together and start the 2020 budget process.

#### Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Meehan reported the Highway Crew is busy doing a lot of little stuff. They have built a new sand box at the playground, put in two new signs for the historic districts, and replaced the pump for the park fountain. West Hill Road is ready for pavement and this project probably will start next Tuesday and finish in August. Dugway Road and Prathill Road will also be done in August.

Blacktop around the salt shed will happen once Superintendent Meehan finishes moto-paving. Landscaping work around the new Town Hall will finish up next week.

Supervisor Lagonia noted the intent is to be completely in the new Town Hall in August.

Town Clerk Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Planning Board Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Supervisor Lagonia noted that Joyce Thompson, from the Town of Hillsdale, will be coming out for the September Town Board Meeting to give a presentation on Aging issues. The Town of Austerlitz will advertise for this event. Columbia County Clerk, Holly Tanner, will also be out soon to present on Enhanced Drivers Licenses.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Justice Grubin Justice Court Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Justice Cassuto Justice Court Report for the month of June 2019 submitted.

Dog Report for the months of April, May and June 2019 submitted.

#### Climate Smart

Member Vogler reported that the Committee has not met since the last Town Board meeting, but is meeting next week.

A motion to accept the monthly reports was made by N. Friedman and seconded by C. Schober.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

C. Schober: yes

N. Friedman: yes

J. Wrightsman: yes  
Motion carried 5:0.

### **Correspondence**

NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services: Town of Austerlitz  
100% Equalization Rate for 2019.

Supervisor Lagonia noted that once the budget is complete, the Town will know the overall effect of the Town Reassessment and what the millage rate is. Too early yet to tell how this will affect the Town, County and School as a whole. The County and School is out of our control.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Town Hall Update**

Wallace Architecture submitted an updated construction budget versus cost sheet for review.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that the punch list for the new Town Hall is much smaller, almost complete. The upstairs restored windows are in and look wonderful. Bob Daloia did a great job. There is a good chance the August Town Board meeting will be in the new Town Hall. Once the new Town Hall is complete, Bob Daloia will move over to the old Town Hall and do some work there. Inmates from the Hudson Correctional Facility will be out to paint. Supervisor Lagonia spelled out what was still left on the punch list.

Supervisor Lagonia noted that the project might come in a little under budget!

R. Lagonia stated that the Town will need an official unveiling of the new Town Hall. Town Board Member Friedman believes the Town should have artists from the Town display their work. Supervisor Lagonia noted that the Town can also ask Town Historian, Tom Moreland, for some historical pieces.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that he will change the times on the automatic timer for the lights in the parking lot of the new Town Hall.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by G. Vogler and seconded by N. Friedman.

R. Lagonia: yes

G. Vogler: yes

C. Schober: yes

N. Friedman: yes

J. Wrightsman: yes

Motion carried 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan A. Haag, Town Clerk