REGULAR MEETING

VOLNEY TOWN BOARD MEETING

VOLNEY MUNICIPAL CENTER

MARCH 18, 2021 at 5:04PM

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Supervisor G Hartranft opened the meeting at 5:05 PM asking everyone to stand to salute the flag and then asked for roll call

**Roll Call**: Councilor G Stanard Here; Councilor E Wavle Absent;

Councilor M Rusaw Here; Councilor A Hamblin-Smith Here; Supervisor G Hartranft Here

**Announcements:**

**Department Reports:**

**Volney VFC: was submitted and reported by Adam Howard**

The membership approved having a public forum available at the fire station at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month prior to our business meeting. This is for any quick questions the public may have. The New York Statewide Burn Ban is in effect through May 14, 2021. We will have an Open House On Saturday April 24th at station one from 10 am until 2 pm. This is part of statewide RecruitNY campaign seeking new members. We hope to have the Monday night dance and Tuesday night bingo up and running again as soon as we can safely meet the changing guidelines. To date, we are up to 110 calls. Significant events: MVA Co Rte 6/ Power outage and a structure fire. Fundraising: Chicken BBQ April 10th.

**Assessor: NO REPORT PROVIDED**

**Building Inspector/Fire Marshall:** was submitted by Don Ryan and reported by Councilor A Hamblin-Smith

Don Ryan did 11 Building Permit Inspections; William Hamacher did 11 inspections due to complaints, and 1 inspection due to fire notification.

**Dog Control:** was submitted by Don & Pam Mason and reported by Councilor M Rusaw

12 calls received, 0 dog housed at the kennel, 0 dog transferred, 2 dogs reported lost, 0 dogs redeemed, 0 dogs Euthanized, 1 dog bite reported, 23 appearance tickets issued. 0 miles reported, used their own vehicle.

**Highway:** submitted and reported by Roger Dunsmoor

Supplies & maintenance-$43,469.06 Payroll-$47,093.33 for a total of $90,562.39.

Machinery Repair-366 hours,

Plowing & Sanding-1,024 hours,

3113 gallons of diesel fuel and 223 gallons of gas were used.

**Historian:** was submitted by Debra Allen and reported by Councilor G Stanard

I have been answering calls for genealogy help and a few people have to come into the office. Susan (Kelly) Hinman donated the minute’s book from the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union 1962-1968. Ongoing projects include: Gathering information on people buried in the cemeteries, and Going through the pre 1910 bills found upstairs.

**Recreation:** was submitted and reported by Karen Kio

NYS has accepted my proposal and has allocated funds in the sum of $800.00 for the year 2021with the mandatory matching funds equaling $1,600.00 for this year. With the Governor’s directive of easing COVID restrictions, I am working on the logistics of upcoming events. 20% capacity for outdoor events, Thunder Island, however this may change as summer approaches.

**Planning:** was submitted by Karen Ridgeway and reported by Brad Chesbro

Planning Board

March 2, 2021

Attending: Chairperson Brad Chesbro, Victor Runeare, Jim LaDue, Jerry Seguin and Vicki Leroux.

The Planning Board Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

Chairperson Chesbro informed the board members that they had to complete their harassment training by the end of April.

Brian Stumpf, project developer from Buffalo Solar, attended the meeting to give the board an overview of his company.  He stated that he is also a Planning Board member in his town and has dealt with a lot of solar projects.  Mr. Stumpf stated that his company is based locally in Buffalo, NY and began as a residential solar company.  They were so successful in Western NY that they decided to expand the business to commercial solar development.  He stated that he was currently scouting areas in Western and Central NY for new solar development projects.  Stumpf said that his company stands apart from other companies because they look for projects under 1 megawatt and ten acres of land.  The company looks for updated substations and try to utilize what is left.  He stated that they work directly with national grid to help communities develop their own energy.  Mr. Stumpf said that his company  leases land from property owners and the community members can subscribe to the project receiving  ten to fifteen percent off their monthly electric bill.  He said that it is a good alternative to individual rooftop solar panels and that each project can benefit 150 to 300 homes. Specific conditions  that his company looks for is a property with a minimum of ten acres up to a maximum of thirty acres, located  next to a three phase line for interconnection, five to seven miles from a substation, and flat and treeless property with no wetlands.  The leases are for twenty five years and the current rate is between $750 to $950 per acre per year. Stumpf said that landscaping and snow removal would be provided by hiring locals.  Victor Runeare asked how many solar projects have been done in the year that the company has been operating commercially.  Mr. Stumpf said the company had five commercial solar projects running in Western NY but did not have any currently in Central NY.  Jerry Seguin asked if they had submitted any projects in Volney.  Mr. Stumpf said that they were currently in talks for a project on County Rte 6.  Chairperson Chesbro reminded Mr. Stumpf that there was a moratorium on all solar projects until the end of March.

Chairperson Chesbro informed the board members that he had received a call from Tony Phillips, with Fullerton Engineering  and Tillman, about wanting to put a communication tower up in the town.  He came in front of the Zoning Board last night for an area variance and was hoping that the Planning Board could act on his project at the meeting tonight.  Chairperson Chesbro informed Mr. Phillips that he did not have a packet to look over for the Planning Board Meeting and would have to wait until the following month.  Mr. Phillips was upset and said he would have stayed in town an additional day had he known the Planning Board meeting met the night after the Zoning Board meeting.

Minutes:

Brad Chesbro made a motion to accept the February 2021 minutes as written.

Victor Runeare seconded the motion.  Vote was held as follows: Brad Chesbro-aye; Jim LaDue-aye; Jerry Seguin-aye; Vicki Leroux-aye and Victor Runeare-aye.  Motion carried.

Victor Runeare made a motion to close the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Jerry Seguin seconded the motion.  Vote was held as follows: Brad Chesbro-aye; Jim LaDue-aye; Jerry Seguin-aye; Vicki Leroux-aye and Victor Runeare-aye.  Motion carried.

The next Planning Board Meeting with be held on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM

**Zoning:** was submitted by Karen Ridgeway and reported by Supervisor G Hartranft

Zoning Board

March 1, 2021

Attending: Chairperson Greg Hartranft, Gary Roik, Richard Forbes, Holly Carpenter and Jared Bellinger.

The Zoning Board Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

The first item discussed was an application submitted by George L Zwolinski (property owner)of 1781 County Rte 8, Oswego, Ny 13126 and Tillman Infrastructure, LLC (lessee) of 152 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019 for the property located at 167 Kings Road, Fulton, NY 13069. Tony Phillips, Zoning and Permitting Manager, attended the meeting on behalf of the applicants.  Attorney Richard Andino, of Costello Cooney & Fearon PLLC, attended the meeting as an observer.  Mr. Phillips stated that he needed an area variance to put up a multi-carrier wireless telecom facility (unmanned) tower.  Gary Roik asked if the purpose of the new tower was due to there being a dead zone in the area.  Mr. Phillips stated that while the tower would provide a little better coverage, that was not the reason why it was being proposed.  He stated the purpose for the tower was twofold; the first being that it would be able to hold more carriers for future use and the second being that the rent charged by the company who owns the current tower was several times the amount that it should be.  Mr. Phillips said that AT&T had tried to negotiate a lower price but the owner of the current tower would not negotiate.  Phillips stated that the area proposed for the new tower was an area where there were other towers and wires and that it would not stand out as an eyesore.

Mr. Phillips said that the town ordinance was confusing as to the allowed height of the tower in the area.  Gary Roik said that he would need a forty nine foot area variance to build the 199’ tower.  Mr. Phillips was also concerned about the setback requirements and weather a variance would be needed for that also.  Greg Hartranft said that he would check on the needed setback.  Gary Roik asked if the tower would be collapsible.  Mr. Phillips said that it would be.  Greg Hartranft asked how far off the road the tower would be.  Mr. Phillips said it would be 178’.  Gary Roik asked if the power would be underground.  Mr. Phillips said that it probably would be.  Mr. Phillips said that they could landscape the area that faced the road if the town would like them to. Chairperson Hartranft said that even though the FAA did not require a light on the tower, the town would like it to have one for the safety of the Volney Airport. Mr. Phillips said that they would put a light on the tower if the town wanted one.

Greg Hartranft made a motion for a public hearing for  George L Zwolinski for a 49’ area variance to build a multi-carrier wireless telecom facility on his property located at 167 Kings Road, Fulton, NY 13069.

Gary Roik seconded the motion.  Vote was held as follows; Greg Hartranft- aye; Gary Roik-aye; Holly Carpenter-aye; Jared Bellinger-aye; Richard Forbes-aye.  Motion carried.

Chairperson Hartranft informed the board that the yearly harassment training had to be completed and dropped off at the Town Clerks office by the end of April.

Richard Forbes said that he might be able to attend the Town Board Meeting for March.  Greg Hartranft said that he would attend the meeting  if no one else could.

 Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

Minutes:

Richard Forbes made a motion to accept the February 2021 minutes as written.

Jared Bellinger seconded the motion.  Vote was held as follows: Greg Hartranft-aye; Gary Roik-aye; Holly Carpenter-aye; Jared Bellinger-aye and Richard Forbes-aye.  Motion carried.

Greg Hartranft made a motion to close the Zoning Board Meeting at 7:48 PM.

Gary Roik seconded the motion.  Vote was held as follows: Greg Hartranft-aye; Gary Roik-aye; Holly Carpenter-aye; Jared Bellinger-aye and Richard Forbes-aye. Motion carried.

The next Zoning Board Meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2021 at 7:48 PM.

**Town Clerk:** was submitted and reported by Sandra Austin

54 Certified Copies for $540.00

4 Fire Inspections for $200.00

4 BINGO Proceeds for $22.94

80 Dog Licenses for $1,135.00

1 Park Reservation for $30.00

7 Code Transactions for $460.00

**Total Revenue** in February 2021 was $2,387.94

Paid out to NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets (Dog Licenses) $117.00

Total Revenue for the Town of Volney $2,387.94

Tax collection has issued the 2nd and final notices. Last check the town was over 90% paid. Settlement date with the county is set for mid April.

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #2021-53-APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVE to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 18th 2021 and the Special Meeting minutes of February 23rd, 2021 as presented to the town board**.

Moved by Councilor G Stanard Seconded by Supervisor G Hartranft

Roll Call: Councilor E Wavle \_A\_ Councilor G Stanard \_Y\_ Councilor M Rusaw \_Y\_

Councilor A Hamblin-Smith \_Y\_ Supervisor G Hartranft \_Y\_

**Motion Carried** \_\_\_4 \_\_\_to\_\_\_\_0\_\_ **Absent** \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #2021-54-PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

**RESOLVE to pay the following vouchers from the appropriate accounts as presented**

**to and verified by the town board on March 16th 2021.**

Vouchers # 050-073, General Fund in the amount of $11,100.06;

Vouchers # 037-049, Highway Fund in the amount of $53,612.47;

Vouchers # 004, SS01-Seneca Hill Sewer in the amount of $97.21;

Vouchers # 004, SW05 Oswego Health Water in the amount of $88.52;

Vouchers # 003, SW17 Service Area # 3 Water in the amount of $40,700.00;

Vouchers # 019-028, Trust & Agency in the amount of $24,724.36

**Monthly Payroll Totals for January 2021**

Highway Gross $47,093.35 Net $34,322.42

General Gross $33,471.87 Net $26,720.72

Moved by Supervisor G Hartranft Seconded by Councilor M Rusaw

Roll Call: Councilor E Wavle \_A\_ Councilor G Stanard \_Y\_ Councilor M Rusaw \_Y\_

Councilor A Hamblin-Smith \_Y\_ Supervisor G Hartranft \_Y\_

**Motion Carried** \_\_\_4 \_\_\_to\_\_\_\_0\_\_ **Absent** \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #2020-55- TOWN OF VOLNEY FORMS AND PROCEDURES**

**RESOLVE** **to accept updated forms and procedures for purchasing, travel & mileage, and timesheets**

Whereas, Forms and procedure changes include the travel and mileage form for reimbursement of travel and mileage, a purchase order form requiring supervisor approval of department purchases of all amounts, and a timesheet that will need approval from the member in charge.

Whereas, All forms and request for reimbursement must be received by the town clerk no later than the 7th of each month for processing. If after the 7th the payments will go into the following months vouchers.

Be it resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Volney are accepting and putting in place updated forms and procedures, as they are presented to them. These procedures will go into effect as of March 18, 2021.

Moved by Councilor M Rusaw Seconded by Councilor A Hamblin-Smith

Roll Call: Councilor E Wavle \_A\_ Councilor G Stanard \_Y\_ Councilor M Rusaw \_Y\_

Councilor A Hamblin-Smith \_Y\_ Supervisor G Hartranft \_Y\_

**Motion Carried** \_\_\_4 \_\_\_to\_\_\_\_0\_\_ **Absent** \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #2021-56-TOWN OF VOLNEY PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN**

Whereas, the NYS Governor signed into law S8617B/A10832 requiring public employers to create plans to protect employees and contractors in the event of another public health emergency declaration in NYS; and

Whereas, the Town of Volney has drafted and submitted the Town of Volney Public Employer Health Emergency Plan. Full plan is on file in the town clerk’s office.

Whereas, the plan has been reviewed and approved by the town board members and approved by the Teamster’s representing the Union employees; therefore

Be it Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Volney does hereby approve As submitted the Town’s Public Employer Health Emergency Plan.

Moved by Councilor A Hamblin-Smith Seconded by Councilor G Stanard

Roll Call: Councilor E Wavle \_A\_ Councilor G Stanard \_Y\_ Councilor M Rusaw \_Y\_

Councilor A Hamblin-Smith \_Y\_ Supervisor G Hartranft \_Y\_

**Motion Carried** \_\_\_4 \_\_\_to\_\_\_\_0\_\_ **Absent** \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**A request for an extension to clean up property located at 683 CR 6 was granted by the town board. The extension deadline date is June 15, 2021. A resident asked about the solar farm moratorium, the town board stated that it would be lifted as of March 31, 2021. Resident was advised to go ahead with starting the process.**

**Future Meetings:**

APRIL 5, 2021--- Planning Board Meeting -6:30 PM

APRIL 6, 2021--- Zoning Board Meeting -7 PM

APRIL 13, 2021--- Bill Signing Meeting - 2 PM

APRIL 15, 2021--- Town Board Meeting- 5 PM

Having no more business, Supervisor G Hartranft asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor M Rusaw Seconded by Councilor A Hamblin-Smith

**Motion Carried** \_\_\_4\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_ **Absent** \_\_1\_\_\_\_

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L Austin

Volney Town Clerk