

NEW YORK STATE
COUNTY OF OTSEGO
TOWN OF MARYLAND

Monday, July 1, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of Monday July 1, 2024 was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Renee Gaston. Present were Deputy Supervisor Renee Gaston, Councilmembers Brian Bookhout, Harold Palmer, Jason Knapp and all per attached sign-in sheet. (See attachment #1).

The minutes of the June 3rd 2024 Town Board Meeting was read. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Jason, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.

The Flag Salute was recited.

- Steve Barton reported that the swim program is going to happen; the permit from the Dept. of Health has been received. The Dept of Health does require a designated phone, which has been obtained and will be in the first aid kit. We have 4 lifeguards, Josh Nelson from Schenevus is here tonight. The 3 girls are from Worchester. The job position has been approved by the County as have their applications. July 4th at 1pm will be the dedication for the rest shack. The rescue boat will be at the beach every day. Eli Reed, with his Eagle Project received the donated shack from Catskill Shed Co. The counter top was donated by Lowes. Thanks to Eli – this is a great addition to the Lake.
 - Reporting for Friends of Schenevus Lake, a non-profit created 3 years ago, Brett Bolton is the VP, Steve Barton is the President. They've established a grant program to reimburse the Town for the salary for lifeguards and other expenses related to the swim program. They are hoping to raise more than the minimal amount so there will be money available to add improvements as time goes on. A motion to appoint the lifeguards as employees was made by Brian, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.
- A resolution needs to be addressed to amend the budget to cover the lifeguard salaries. A motion to approve Resolution 18-2024 was made by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.
- A motion to accept to grant application for the salary reimbursement was made by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.
 - Jason extends thanks to Steve and all of the Friends of Schenevus Lake for all they have done, and are doing.
 - Insurance needs to be contacted to add the swim program.
- Charlie Wycoff (assistant director for the Eastern Otsego Farmers' Market with Josh Taylor) came in and explained about their needing a new location for the Saturday Market, asked if they can rent Borst Field – between the Pavilion and the firehall – for the rest of the season. They would not be using the Pavilion so would not interfere with other people who do rent it. They would need access to the rest room though. They will remove all the waste associated with the Market. They have already rented the field for October 19th and are now asking for this use for August, September and up to the 19th or October. A motion to allow this use of Borst Field excluding the Pavilion was made by Harold, 2nd by Brian. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried. Josh Taylor and Steve Barton will discuss publicity for the swim program at a later date.

- Marge French asked about the future of the Transfer Station; what will happen, how much will it cost residents, what will be done with the money saved by the Town. The Board explained as best they could what the plans are at this time. Since nothing is certain yet, no commitments can be made.
- Bev Barnett said she's learned that the Lorettes have purchased the property across the street and have already done a great deal of clean-up, for which she is very happy.
- Carol Dufresne reported not having heard from Paul Neske regarding her FOIL request.
- Lee Latimer said he has spoken with other neighbors of his about the loud music – they are asking if there is a noise ordinance they can make use of; the answer is no. This same resident revs his car, leaves burned rubber on the road. Harold says he knows this to be true – he can hear it 2 miles away.
- Mark Hoag asked about the smoke free park rule – he does not see any signs. The Town will check with the State and Steve Barton about signage. The boy scouts could be willing to purchase signs.
- Renee reported the new tractor broke while mowing – it is being fixed.
 - Loft Road bridge has been yellow flagged and needs a repair to keep it open until the rebuild happens next year.
- Jason reported that he is working on the bid proposal for the Pavilion, for which the Town has the ARPA funds.
 - The Town has all the paperwork now on the cell tower and is in conversation with the attorney. Since there is a conflict with our zoning ordinance but we can't say no to the cell tower, the company will have to apply for a variance. The Town must post a permissive referendum first. This will be done immediately.
- Renee reported having all the paperwork for the new truck now under control and the 1st payment has been approved.
 - As to the cell tower – the Town missed the correct follow-up details last year. We must now put the Resolution in for this year – Renee read the entire Resolution. A motion to accept this Resolution (17-2024) was made by Brian, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed - 0. Motion carried.
 - There is an issue with minutes not being posted in a timely fashion. Renee will post this resolution on Facebook and it will be posted in the Daily star and post offices.
 - Regarding the town wide yard sale day – its usually in August. Contact person is Christine Snyder.
 - Friday nights in the park went well. It's a nice addition to the community. Thanks to John Bartlett and the Fire Dept.
 - Fall Fest – we're still waiting to hear about a new date if this is to be combined with the school festivities.
 - Regarding the mobile bank, we still need a few answers. The unit would be here once a week and is not handicap accessible.
 - Regarding the new website; the upfront costs have been covered, ongoing costs will be \$140/yr.
 - Lisa Lorette has submit a letter of interest for the open position on the Planning Board.

The Board moved to executive session at 7:36 with a motion by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed - 0. Motion carried. Returned to regular meeting at 8:17 with a motion by Jason, 2nd by Brian. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed - 0. Motion carried.

- Paul Neske announced his resignation as zoning officer for the Town. A motion to accept this resignation was made by Harold, 2nd by Jason. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.
- Brian Bookhout announced his resignation from the Town Council, effective immediately. A motion to accept this resignation was made by Jason, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried. Thanks are given to both Brian and Paul for their service to the Town.
- A motion to appoint Brian Dierks to fill the vacant council position was made by Jason, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. Opposed – 0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38p.m. A motion was made by Jason, 2nd by Harold. All in favor: Renee – aye, Brian – aye, Harold – aye, Jason – aye. All opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Bills were audited and ratified for payment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Jones
Maryland Town Clerk