



Town of Nanticoke

Board Meeting 03/12/2024

The Town of Nanticoke held their March Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Nanticoke Town Hall, 755 Cherry Valley Hill Road Maine, NY 13802.

Present:

Roy Willis	Supervisor
Daniel Baker	Town Councilman
Michael Holden	Town Councilman
Anthony Slack	Town Councilman
Robert Hoag	Highway Superintendent
Renny Zanker	Town Clerk
Sue Williams	Deputy Clerk
Robert McKertich	Town Attorney
Nickolas Collyer	Glen Aubrey Fire Chief

Absent: Councilmember Scott Whittaker

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Willis. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on February 13, 2024.

Motion was made by: Councilman Dan Baker

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, D. Baker, motion carried.

Motion was made to approve the Supervisors Report.

Motion was made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Dan Baker

Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to pay the bills as audited.

General (A) Fund...Vouchers 37-60 in the amount of \$49,506.50.

Highway DA) Fund...Vouchers 24-32 in the amount of \$35,535.71.

Motion was made by: Councilman Dan Baker

Seconded by: Councilman Mike Holden

Roll call vote: A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, D. Baker: aye, motion carried.

Reports from Department Heads:

Supervisor Roy Willis:

- Supervisor Willis shared information regarding the fire that took place at the Whittaker Farm. He asked residents, at the meeting, to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. Roy thanked the Jackson and Holden Families along with other residents that had assisted on the day of the fire.
- Roy also encouraged all to participate with any fundraising for the family.

Councilman Mike Holden:

- Mike reported the recovery that was taking place with the young man that was burned in the fire.

Highway Superintendent - Bob Hoag

- Superintendent Hoag reported he and his crew have started with cleaning ditches.
- Bob asked about the bid package for the salt barn doors and if it was permissible to revise the package.
- Bob provided the councilmembers with three different bids for the chipper purchase, and explained how it would be paid for.

Councilman Anthohny Slack:

- Councilman Slack asked questions regarding if there are enough employees to assist with flagging and any other assistance needed while using the chipper.

Motion was made to approve the purchase of a 2024 Vemeer BC 1000 XL Gas Brush Chipper with extra set of knives.

Motion was made to by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Shaun Oliver:

- Shaun gave an overview for Roy to share. There are a few projects that are close to completion and a few new homes and projects starting soon.
- The Solar Project remains on hold.

Dog Control Officer Bill Holmes:

- Bill received a few calls regarding animal abuse and has issued a few appearance tickets. Bill also assisted Fire Chief, Nicholas Collyer with a dog bite call.

Town Clerk - Renny Zanker:

- The records destruction will take place on Thursday for the former Judges records.
- Sue and Renny are planning on attending the 2024 Annual Clerk's Conference in April.
- Deputy Sue is working on getting birth, death, and marriage records in a database that will save time and allow easier access to the records.

Supervisor Roy Willis added how much he appreciated Sue and Mari's time and efforts in getting the grant for updates at the town hall.

Deputy Clerk - Sue Williams:

- Sue updated Supervisor Willis and the councilmembers where we are with the grant monies and what the next steps are.
- There is no updated information regarding the Cyber Security Grant that the town has applied for.

New Business:

Motion was made to retroactively approve the transfer of \$539.80 from NBT Checking Account ending in #3748 to the Broome Volunteer Squad Account ending in #4943 at NBT per our agreement with Broome Volunteer Ambulance.

Motion was made by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Seconded by: Councilman Mike Holden

Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Willis opened Sealed Bathroom Bid Packets for review and consideration.

Motion was made to approve the sealed bid from Daniel Lynch, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the bathroom project.

Motion was made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Dan Baker

Roll call vote: A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, D. Baker: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to approve sending out for sealed bids for the Town Roof Project.

Motion was made by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Seconded by: Councilman Dan Baker

Roll call vote: M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, D. Baker: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to approve sending out sealed bids for the Route 26 Salt Barn Garage Doors.



Motion was made by: Councilman Mike Holden  
Seconded by: Councilman Dan Baker  
Roll call vote: M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, D. Baker: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to approve sending out packets for sealed bids regarding the Town Parking Lot Asphalt Paving Project.

Motion was made by: Councilman Anthony Slack  
Seconded by: Councilman Mike Holden  
Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to change the next Town Board Meeting on April 9, 2024 to 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Councilman Anthony Slack  
Seconded by: Councilman Mike Holden  
Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Willis asked the councilmen if they had a chance to review the Moratorium regarding Solar Farms. Roy would like to get better educated on the impact it would have in our town. Roy would also like to hear comments and concerns the residents may have.

Town Attorney Robert McKertich gave details as to what a Moratorium entails as far as restrictions and specifications the town may like to have in order to protect our residents. This would allow a Public Hearing to give residents an opportunity voice their ideas and concerns.

Fire Chief - Nickolas Collyer:

- Fire Chief Collyer voiced concern as to whom would be responsible for additional expenses to cover the cost for special equipment that would be necessary for fire fighters in the event of a fire if there is a solar farm in town.

Attorney McKertich gave an explanation as to how a Host Community Agreement would assist with covering the additional cost for training and equipment for the fire fighters.

Guests:

- Mr. and Mrs. Walker brought questions regarding their property. Attorney McKertich assisted with answering their questions. The town attorney will look into more information that may assist the Walker's.
- Bill Struble questioned the town attorney as to what would happen if a solar farm goes bankrupt or closed completely. Who would be responsible? Attorney McKertich spoke about a Decommissioning Plan (bond) that would need to be in place. Or a bond through the bank to cover the costs.

Councilman Holden stated how DEC Law handles the recycling aspect of solar panels. Bill Struble added that what is in the panels that may cause a health hazard to the residents.

Glen Aubrey Fire Chief, Nickolas Collyer:

- Thanked all those who helped with the fire at the Whittaker Farm.

Glen Aubrey Fire Co. President, Amanda Collyer:

- President Collyer also thanked the families that took immediate action in helping at the Whittaker Farm. Amanda shared that the proceeds from the breakfast with the Easter Bunny Fund Raiser would be donated to the young man injured in the fire. A trust fund is set up for the family if anyone would like to contribute.
- Amanda updated the residents about the upcoming fund raiser (Ham Raffle) on Saturday March 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The next fund raiser after that, will be a Chicken BBQ in May.

A motion was made to appoint Mike Holden and Anthony Slack to perform a Judicial Audit for the town justice.

Motion was made for Councilman Holden and Councilman Slack to perform the audit.

Motion made by: Supervisor Willis

Seconded by: Councilman Dan Baker

Roll call vote: R. Willis: aye, D. Baker: aye, M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion was made by: Councilman Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, motion carried.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: April 9, 2024



Renny Zanker, Town Clerk

