

Morehouse Town Board Meeting

August 8th 2023

The regular meeting of the Morehouse Town Board was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Farber. Supervisor Farber opened the meeting by leading the Town Board members and their Guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Town Board members present:

William Uebele

Mary Ann Mosher

Sonya DeVuyst

Absent : Brian Taylor, Hugh Farber

Town Supervisor William Farber

Town Clerk Stephanie Tichenor

Guests include:

Lynne Kerstner, Wayne & Sheryl Fleming

There was a discussion about the fact that the Town clerk left out a discussion in the June minutes, about the Town Clerk having 2 deputies.

Lynn Kerstner Stated that the Town Clerk should have a deputy and a secretary.

The Town Board came up with a solution, that the Town Clerk would appoint 2 deputies, 1 will be the 1st deputy and the 2nd deputy would be the 2nd deputy. When the 1st deputy can't take over the 2nd deputy will. They will both be trained by the Town Clerk.

Lynn wanted to know why she couldn't have the July minutes before the August meeting, and why what she said was not put into the minutes.

Supervisor Farber replied The Town has always waited until the next month's meeting to give out the minutes. As they have to be approved by the Town board first. The Town Clerk is doing it the same was as the Clerk before her and the clerk before her.

By the Town Clerk law, The Town Minutes are to pertain to the Town Board Motions and Resolutions.

Wayne was just here to observe

Sheryl Fleming wanted clarification on why the Supervisor and his deputy couldn't be the Town Clerks Deputy?

Supervisor Farber stated that it is the job of the Town Clerk is to appoint their own deputy or deputies.

William Uebele made a motion to accept the July 2023 minutes report, seconded by Mary Ann Mosher. Motion carried.

Ayes: W. Farber, M. Mosher, W. Uebele, S. DeVuyst

Absent Brian Taylor

Nays: none

Mary Ann made a motion to accept the Officers Report, seconded by William Uebele. Motion carried.

Ayes: W. Farber, W. Uebele, M. Mosher, S. DeVuyst.

Absent: B. Taylor

Nays: None

Sonya DeVuyst made a motion to pay the following: General Fund on abstract 8. Vouchers 23-159 – 23-172 in the amount of \$7,036.51. and the Highway Fund of abstract 8. Vouchers 23-50 – 23-60. In the amount of \$4867.40. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes: W. Farber, M. Mosher, W. Uebele, S. DeVuyst

Absent B. Taylor

Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to accept the MVP Voucher from July that was not on the abstract but was paid. Sonya DeVuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes W. Farber, S. DeVuyst, W. Uebele, M. Mosher

Absent: B. Taylor

Nays, None

Supervisor Farber spoke for the Highway Superintendent: they have been Working on putting cold patch on Morehouse Lake Rd and Erb Rd, they are in need of a stock pile. Gorman quoted them 150 tons of cold patch for \$11,100.00. County paved Erb Rd and Fayle Rd this spring, The stock pile would help them to cold patch below Erb Rd where the Gorman and the County ended.

Sonya DeVuyst made a motion to pay Gorman \$11,100.00 for Cold patch. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes: W. Farber, W. Uebele, S. DeVuyst, M. Mosher

Absent: B. Taylor

Nays: None

OLD Business

} Tower- The applications for the SIMS for the Virgil Property have all gone in. APA is coming out to Arietta to do a balloon test. Hamilton County has approved for Fiber Connection for Hope. Towers are moving along. Jill will be attending a meeting, they will be working on Potential targeted applications. Hamilton, Herkimer and possibly the tower in Stuben (Onieda County) Towers coming together.

Wayne asked what the balloon test was. Supervisor Farber explained what it entailed. And stated It was the decision of the Adirondak Park to either approve/disapprove it.

} Solid waste containers- All the signage is done. They moved the containers around, and cleaned up the smaller shed that is used for glass and cardboard only.

} Table and Chair and Building usage- There was a resolution back in 2022 Stated that anyone within Town limits could use up to 5 tables at no cost. Now its 1-5 tables there is a \$50 refundable deposit for Towns people. There was a change in the Policy also, The price of the deposit for the Rec Center is now \$100 instead of \$50. The change has been amended to the Rec Center agreement.

} Building Maintenance & Highway Garage- Wendell is continuing with the painting. He can paint the Town Highway Garage. He will keep the costs lower by Working with the Highway employees and use the Town loader instead of renting one.

} Post Office – Work on the Post Office is coming along great!

} Fire Pond – Hugh Farber, Lenny Croote and Supervisor Farber all talked about the pond issues and Jacksons. Lenny with the Soil and Water will help with the design of any repairs to be done with the ponds. Supervisor Farber Stated he didn't think it had anything to do with the Dry hydrant. He will talk with James Luck to find out as to why the hydrant at Bob Fords is leaking. As for the Dry Hydrant on the bottom of Fayle Road, All the permits are done. When the County is all caught up and when it stops raining and dries up it will be taken care of.

} Clerk Training- The Town Clerk is more than halfway done with her training, James DeMarro said she is a quick Study.

New Business:

Building Cleaning - Supervisor Farber Stated That Lynn Resigned as Building Cleaner, Irma worked with her. So, Supervisor Farber asked her to step in until he could talk to the Board as to what they wanted to do. Supervisor asked the Town Board how they wanted to handle it? Willam Uebele suggested that they keep her on for a monthly basis and see how it goes. No objections.

Sheryl wanted to know if the Town Clerk was going to take care of the Rec. Center Building agreements?

There was a motion made by Mary Ann Mosher to have the Town Clerk take over the Rec. Center agreements. Sonya DeVuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

Ayes: M. Mosher, W. Farber, W. Uebele, S. DeVuyst

Absent: B. Taylor

Nays: None

Rec Center Committee is Bill Uebele and Sonya DeVuyst, they will inspect the Rec Center Before and after it is rented along with the Town Clerk

} **Snowmobile trails**- TRPs and OPRH Applications are being filled out. They will be sent in by Sept. 1st

} **Trailwork, Hiking**- Supervisor Farber talked Soil and Water about cleaning, cutting, and clearing DeBrain Lake Trail. Soil and Water stated "if they didn't get to it, they would send the DEC as they have a group that are working with a summer intern.

} **Budget requests** – Supervisor Farber asked that everyone "please think about what projects that want to get done for 2024. If there is anything please have them to me by September 1st."

} **Lending Library** – There was a discussion about relocating the Lending Library to in front of the Museum.

Sonya asked about getting a street light at the pull off. As it is hard to see in there at night, especially for the plow truck drivers. Supervisor Farber stated National Grid reached out to him regarding the streetlights. The street light planner that was assigned to us passed away, and they are assigning us a new one. They will be coming up for a sit-down meeting to go over all the plans, Supervisor Farber will bring up moving one the streetlights to the pull off.

There was a short discussion on the County Foreclosure Auction coming up!

Sonya mentioned it would be a good idea to get Amanda a plaque for her dedicated service for over 20 years of service.

Sonya made a motion to get Amanda LaRue and plaque for over 20 years of dedicated service. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carries

Ayes: S. DeVuyst, W. Uebele, M. Mosher, W. Farber

Absent: B. Taylor

Nays: None

Mary Ann Mosher made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 Sonya Seconded it Motion carries.

Ayes: W. Farber, W. Uebele, M. Mosher, S. DeVuyst

Absent B. Taylor

Nays: None

Respectfully yours,

Morehouse Town Clerk