

TOWN OF BOLIVAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

1. A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Bolivar, NY was held on, August 20th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bolivar Town Hall.

2. Call to order by Supervisor Gould with the Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 pm

3. Present:

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| Ricky Gould | Supervisor |
| Randy Iantorno | Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor |
| Bud Wittenburg | Councilperson |
| Ed Majot | Councilperson |
| Alyn MacDonell | Councilperson |
| Bradley Schiralli | Highway Superintendent |
| Amanda Gilliland | Town Clerk |

4. Absent: None

5. **Guests Present and Public Concerns:** Justine Weidemann – St Rt 417: attended the meeting to ask Supervisor Gould about the weed killer that was sprayed on the bank in front of the Moore Memorial Pool. She asked if the product was RoundUp. Mr. Gould stated that he sprayed a weed killer on that bank on his own time. Mrs. Weidemann asked if it was specifically RoundUP. Mr. Gould stated again that he used a weed killer on that bank on his own time and not as an employee of the Town or Village. He volunteered his time. He stated that yes, it was in poor judgement to spray during active pool hours.

Andee Cole – Salt Rising Rd, Doug Moore – First St, Chris Evans – N Main St: attended board meeting to discuss concerns from the community that were brought up during the public meeting at the fire hall on Aug 1, 2024. The main issues were about the properties that have junk and garbage. Ms. Cole provided pictures of some of the properties that were a concern. The Board explained that the Code Enforcement officer was in the process of handling one of the properties. However, an email will go out asking for an update. Justice Gilliland happened to be in attendance and was asked what would possibly happen if the property owner does not comply. Mr. Gilliland explained that under the current laws and regulations set by the State, there was not much that could be done. Supervisor Gould encouraged residents to fill out a complaint form on the properties that are in disarray, and those complaints would be turned over to Code Enforcement to follow up on. Mrs. Evans asked about the Town putting together a newsletter on ongoing projects to be placed in with the quarterly water bills. Supervisor Gould asked if it was projects like highway roadwork and if so, residents should come to the board meetings. Those projects are discussed at just about every meeting. Also, the water is billed to three (3) municipalities and what is going on in the Town is not the same as the Village or Richburg. Mr. Moore had concerns with the Maple Lawn Cemetery and its condition.

Lisa Morris – St Rt 417: attended the Board meeting to ask about office hours and getting more information out to the public, such as adding a link to the Town's website to the local law search, and adding the website info on the door sign. Clerk Gilliland stated she would work on that. Regarding the hours, Supervisor Gould explained that there were evening hours for years and no one came in. Clerk Gilliland also stated that there is a drop box on the wall by the entrance and resources, like building permit applications and dog license application form were available on the website as well.

Amanda Lehman – Friendship St: arrived at 6:50pm but had questions that pertained to the Village and not the Town.

All guests except Mr. Moore and Mrs. Weidemann left the meeting at 6:55pm. Mr. Moore and Mrs. Weidemann stayed to observe the rest of the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF JULY 16th, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the July 16th, 2024 meeting were read by the Board. A motion was made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson Majot, to accept the minutes.

Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

On a motion of Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson MacDonell, that the bills be paid in the following amounts:

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| GENERAL FUND A Abstract, Vouchers #144-156 | \$8,339.04 |
| GENERAL FUND B Abstract, Vouchers #6 | \$0 |
| HIGHWAY FUND DA Abstract, Vouchers #55-60 | \$3,149.29 |
| HIGHWAY FUND DB Abstract, Vouchers #33-40 | \$59,642.96 |
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| TOTAL | <u>\$71,131.29</u> |

Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF BOLIVAR RICHBURG WATER DISTRICT ABSTRACTS FOR AUGUST 2024 TOTALING \$57,263.63:

On a motion of Supervisor Gould, seconded by Councilperson MacDonell, to approve the abstract for the Bolivar Richburg Water District.

Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.

- Water board news: Supervisor Gould updated the Town Board regarding the 2019 Chevy truck that was put up on auction. The highest bid was \$14,200. The water board declined the bid, as the truck books for over \$19,000. The truck will be put back up for auction in the fall.

9. REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

- Highway: Highway Superintendent Brad Schiralli gave his report to the Board. Mr. Schiralli told the Board that there is water running off the hill on Horse Run Rd, that is starting to cause damage to the road. The resident did inform Mr. Schiralli that a diversion ditch was dug, on the hill, years ago by the Town. Highway Superintendent Schiralli needs board approval to clean out the ditch, as it is on private property. The Board stated that they need to see a written plan on where the ditch is and what is going to be done, along with landowner signature stating that permission is given to do the work.

Mr. Schiralli went on to go over his report that was given to the Board.

On July 11th, we completed two courses of oil and stone on the Kansas Hollow Road project. The follow up final course of 1A oil and stone will be completed August 19th. We will also be oiling and stoning Olive Street and Kossuth Road that same day.

We took possession of our newly purchased trailer from Teitsworth auctions on June 20th. Yesterday I went to the Belmont DMV to register this trailer.

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The ash tree at the entrance of the pool is scheduled to be removed on Monday July 22nd. The town of Belfast has a bucket truck and will be helping us with the removal of this tree. Today we have started grading Scott Hollow Road. Truck mileage/equipment hours were also updated for the Board.

- Code Enforcement- No report for July submitted. 1 building permit applications: Colley – 7275 Kossuth Rd – metal roof & gutter install
- Town Clerk: The Clerk report for July was handed out to the board. Check #22100 for \$802.968 was deposited in the General A Fund. Check #2101 for \$25.00 was deposited in the General B Fund. Also issued by the clerk’s Office were 2 permanent handicap permit

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| PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL A FUND | \$802.98 |
| PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL B FUND | \$25.00 |
| PAID TO NYS DEC FOR DECALS | \$59.52 |
| PAID TO NYS AG & MARKETS FOR ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL FUND | \$24.00 |
| PAID TO NYS HEALTH DEPT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE | \$22.50 |
| PAID TO COUNTY TREASURER FOR LANDFILL | \$304.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$1,238.00 |

ized documents.

On a motion made by Councilperson MacDonell, seconded by Councilperson Wittenburg, to approve the clerk’s report for June.
Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried

- Justice: Justice Gilliland submitted his monthly report to the Board for the month of June. Check #1036 for \$1,427.00 was deposited into the General A fund.

RESOLUTION 6-2024 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION OF THE JUSTICE RECORDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023:

On a motion made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson Majot to approve the above resolution.

Gould – Aye, Iantorno – Aye, Majot – Aye, MacDonell – Aye, Wittenburg – Aye. Nay – none. Motion Carried.

- Dog Control: nothing to report for July.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- Town lawyer – Supervisor Gould will follow up
- Sluice pipe policy: Approval: (updates are in bold)
On a motion made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson MacDonell, to approve the Sluice Pipe Policy that was collectively agreed upon by the Board and the Highway Superintendent.
Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried

- Whole town re-evaluation: tabled
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- Stop sign & speed limit on Kossuth- see rough draft- Set Public Hearing

On a motion made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson MacDonell to approve the corrected version of the Proposed Local Law #1 of year 2024
Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried

The Public hearing is set for September 17, 2024 at 6 pm.

- Host agreement – will table until needed.
- Pool – Councilperson Wittenburg gave an update to the Board on this season at the Moore Memorial Pool. Mr. Wittenburg states it was an overall great year maybe even the best year in a long time. There were community businesses that sponsored events and an individual donated a billboard in Weston Mills, which brought some attention to the pool. Mr. Wittenburg said he spoke with the Director, Mr. Zilker, and he stated that the lifeguards were great. They were knowledgeable and worked as a team. It was mentioned that the pool staff would like to add a LifeVac to the first aid equipment. Mr. Wittenburg stated that the pool committee does need to discuss a few things at the next meeting. There were complaints about seating and shade. There is limited space inside the fence for seating. The Board suggested that people bring their lawn chairs and can sit outside the fence. As far as shade for spectators, they can bring umbrellas and such to provide their own shade. Maybe a sign could be made to state lawn chairs are welcomed outside the fence. The Village is working on possible getting some picnic tables made for the yard area, as they had to borrow tables from Shaner Field. Adding a slide was also brought up by the community. The Health Dept and insurance company were against it years ago. Mr. Wittenburg was advised he could look into it to see if it possible to have one added.
- NYMIR inspection: see indemnification & insurance agreement- Clerk will send the agreement to the venders that work on Town property.
- Public Forum on Aug 1st follow up: was addressed with guests.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed the Maple Lawn Cemetery and some different options regarding the upkeep. An auto mower or mowers could be an option. Councilperson MacDonell said he would ask Sisson's.

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. was made by Supervisor Gould, seconded by Councilperson Wittenburg.
Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Gilliland,
Town Clerk