

TOWN OF BOLIVAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

1. A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Bolivar, NY was held on, November 19th, 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:

Ricky Gould	Supervisor
Randy Iantorno	Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor
Ed Majot	Councilperson
Bud Wittenburg	Councilperson
Bradley Schiralli	Highway Superintendent
Amanda Gilliland	Town Clerk
4. Absent:

Alyn MacDonell	Councilperson
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5. **Guests Present and Public Concerns:** Chris Taylor, Scott Hollow Rd. – came in to follow up on his concerns over the sluice pipe on Scott Hollow Rd. Supervisor Gould explained that he just got the information from Highway Superintendent Schiralli. Mr. Schiralli did meet with the county engineer and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Schiralli talked about the plan the engineer suggested which was to put a sluice pipe above the driveway and have it go across to the other side of the road. The water will then go onto Mr. Taylor’s property and it will be up to him to dig a ditch or whichever he would like to do. They also discussed placing a catch basin to take on some of the water. Mr. Taylor asked about a timeline. Supervisor Gould stated it would be after January 1, 2025 as will have to use the money in the 2025 budget. Mr. Taylor left at 6:25 after speaking.

6. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15th, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 15th, 2024 meeting were read by the Board. A motion was made by Councilperson Majot, seconded by Councilperson Iantorno, to accept the minutes. Aye – 4, Nay – 0. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

GENERAL FUND A Abstract, Vouchers #192-209	\$15,985.37
GENERAL FUND B Abstract, Vouchers #8	\$48.00
HIGHWAY FUND DA Abstract, Vouchers #69-73	\$7,968.65
HIGHWAY FUND DB Abstract, Vouchers #55-61	\$7,728.27
TOTAL	\$31,730.29

Aye – 4, Nay – 0. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

8. **APPROVAL OF BOLIVAR RICHBURG WATER DISTRICT ABSTRACTS FOR NOVEMBER 2024 TOTALING \$7,511.68:**

On a motion of Supervisor Gould, seconded by Councilperson Iantorno, to approve the abstract for the Bolivar Richburg Water District. Aye – 4, Nay – 0. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

- Water board news: None

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9. REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

- **Highway:** Highway Superintendent Brad Schiralli gave his report to the Board. Town Highway employees have switched back to five 8-hour days starting November 18th. We are still currently working on flood damage caused by the September 21st event. Replaced passenger side gearbox on 04 Sterling single axle dump truck. Red Eddy diesel. Both 2024 and 2022 1-ton pickups have gotten undercoated from Red Eddy diesel. All Town trucks have been suited up with plows and Sanders and are ready to plow and sand. Except for the 99 international. We are currently still using this truck to ditch with. I have three quotes on a rotary bush hog type head for our excavator. I've made mention before about using \$6,000 of our current brush weeds budget, and paying the remainder of \$6,000 balance after the first of the year from our chips budget. I will have all the quotes at tonight's meeting.
I met Tom Windus from Allegheny County DPW. Tom is currently the head of the DPW for Allegany County, and he also has an engineering title. Tom and I met at resident 7390 Scott hollow road, Chris Taylor. Chris Taylor had significant flooding at his residence on September 21st due to a flash flood. Chris was at our last town board meeting requesting an engineer come out to take a look at how the town could prevent any potential flooding events to his residence in the future? Tom Windus suggests that a 24-in sluice pipe be installed across the roadway on the upper side of his driveway to carry water from the south side of the road to the north side. Along with upsizing an existing sluice pipe that carries water from the south side of the road to the north side of the road. An estimated cost for just the pipe for this project would be. \$883.41 new 24-in crossover. \$563.46 up size existing pipe that is there. Total just in pipe cost would be. \$1446.87.
We have a foil request from a refinery road property owner's lawyer. This foil request wants all the work that has been done on the culvert in refinery road, that the town has documented on dating back for the past 25 years.
Will get working on road sign inventory, as well.
Truck mileage and equipment hours was also updated

- **Code Enforcement-** No report for November submitted. 2 building permit applications: Adams, Ed, Wapseny Rd, 20x24 shed; Bauer, William, California Hillw Rd, new modular home.

- **Town Clerk:** The Clerk report for October was handed out to the board. Check #2115 for \$260.70 was deposited in the General A Fund. Check #2116 for \$250.00 was deposited in the General B Fund. Also issued by the clerk's Office were 0 permanent handicap permit and 3

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PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL A FUND	\$260.70
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL B FUND	\$250.00
PAID TO NYS DEC FOR DECALS	\$689.80

PAID TO NYS AG & MARKETS FOR ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL FUND	\$17.00
PAID TO NYS HEALTH DEPT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE	\$22.50
PAID TO COUNTY TREASURER FOR LANDFILL	\$285.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,525.00

On a motion made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson Majot to approve the clerk's report for October.

Aye – 4, Nay – 0. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

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- **Justice:** Justice Gilliland submitted his monthly report to the Board for the month of October. Check #1039 for \$1,769.00 was deposited into the General A fund.
- **Dog Control:** No report submitted October.
 - Grant opportunity available: if applying need proposal submitted before Dec 20.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- Town lawyer – **emailed signed contract and start date. Waiting for response**
- NYMIR inspection: update? There are still some things Mr. Schiralli is working on but should be completed by 12/31/24
- Cemetery: go over maintenance specifications: time frame of work?, grass/weed height maximum?, \$1 million liability policy?, termination clause?
Also, specifications for footers?
- Credit card: approved and available
- Teamster contract update: there was a meeting with the union on 11/18/24 to do some more negotiations with healthcare. If the non-union healthcare plan can stay as it is and only the union employees switch to the new plan, then the board is ok with the contract.

On a motion of Supervisor Gould, seconded by Councilperson Iantorno, to approve the proposed 2025-2027 union contract as long as the non-union member healthcare plan does not change.

Aye – 4, Nay – 0. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTION 10-2024 APPROVING TO ADOPT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Whereas, the Town of Bolivar recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Bolivar; and

Whereas, the Town of Bolivar, has prepared a multi-hazard plan, hereby known as the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2024 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

Whereas, the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

Whereas, the Town of Bolivar is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

Whereas, the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2024 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Bolivar from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

Whereas, adoption by the Town of Bolivar demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2024.

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Now, therefore be it **RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of Bolivar, NY THAT: the Town of Bolivar adopts the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2024 as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the action in the Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Motion was made by Councilperson Iantorno, and seconded by Councilperson Majot, to approve the resolution to adopt the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan on this 19th day of November, 2024. Aye –4, Nay – 0, Absent - 1. Aye – Gould, Aye – Iantorno, Aye – Wittenburg, Nay – None, Absent – MacDonell. Motion carried.

- **Tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age: to change or keep same**

RESOLUTION 11-2024 TO CHANGE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO \$17,000 FOR THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE WITH LIMITED INCOMES FOR 2025”

On a motion made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson Majot, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Aye –4, Nay – 0, Absent - 1. Aye – Gould, Aye – Iantorno, Aye – Wittenburg, Nay – None, Absent – MacDonell. Motion carried.

RESOLVED to change the dollar amount to \$17,000 for the tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age with limited incomes for 2025.

- Dog Shelter Agreement with Town of Clarksville: needs renewed. Agreement renewed by Town without changes. Town Clerk will send copy to Clarksville for approval.

On a motion of Councilperson Majot, seconded by Councilperson Wittenburg, to approve the Dog Shelter Agreement with the Town of Clarksville.
Aye –4, Nay – 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

- 12.** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. was made by Councilperson Iantorno, seconded by Councilperson Majot.
Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Gilliland,
Town Clerk