



TOWN OF MASONVILLE

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
TOWN OF MASONVILLE

March 4, 2020

The Town of Masonville Public Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the sidewalks in the Town of Masonville.

PRESENT:

Supervisor: Betty Scott
Deputy Supervisor: Bill Thomas
Board: Jeri Brayman & Karleen DuMond
Town Clerk: Linda Bourn
Highway Superintendent: Chuck Smith

ABSENT:

Steve Roff

PUBLIC:

Paul Miller, Penny Hager, Nick Genovese, James Phillips, Steve Tiska, Gary & Jennifer Scott, Ron Longwell, Andrew Craig Patti Rude & Gary Mott.

Betty Scott presented some options for the sidewalk repair:

1. Use the \$50,000 grant money to repair the sidewalk where needed from Church St to just past the Dollar General on Route 206, when completed turn all of the sidewalks in town over to the homeowners to maintain
2. The State says we can tear up the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road
3. Leave the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road until it poses a hazard and then tear it out
4. The town could raise the taxes and re-do the side of sidewalk along Route 206 on the town hall side.

Patti Rude spoke about the home owner having to do the repair the other sidewalks in from of their properties and having to do everything by code. This would be very costly for them.

Betty said that the highway department could maintain them, but there is no money to pay employees to do this. Every time we turn around the State is charging us for more stuff. We can only add about 10,000 each year for the budget to stay under the 2% tax cap.

We could have the highway guys take care of the sidewalks in the event that the homeowner does not do it, but that means if we start maintaining it we have to continue even on Saturdays and Sundays, because we have put down salt and melted the snow, we now created the ice if it freezes up and now we are at an even greater liability risk because we initially created the problem by salting and shoveling.

Andrew Craig, asked we use the grant money up to the Family Dollar and then the homeowners' are responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalks? Betty stated that it is now the home owner's responsibility to clear the sidewalks of debris, snow and ice, but we don't enforce that law now. The other piece of this is the gutters on the State road, we don't know if the state has any plans to repair them any time in the future. It really does not do a lot of good.

There was discussion about turning all the sidewalks over since not all of them are going to be brand new and the homeowners would have the expense of repair when needed. Also there are cars parking on the sidewalks and that will destroy the sidewalks faster if "no parking" on sidewalk is not enforced. Betty advised them if they see someone parking on the sidewalks they can call the police and they could come out if they are available to hand out tickets.

It was decided that we need to clarify with the state, who owns the sidewalks .Betty will ask the State to come to the April monthly town meeting. Ultimately it does not do a lot of good to fix the sidewalks if the gutters are not going to be fixed.

Public Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

The Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Masonville was called to order at 8:00 pm.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Betty Scott.

MINUTES:

Motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting by, Bill Thomas, seconded by Jeri Brayman.

FLOORTIME:

1. Nick Genovese asked about the Hospital closing in Sidney at night, Betty explained that because of the volume they receive for those hours it is not cost effective to staff an emergency room at this time. If you have an emergency the ambulance will take you to the closest hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Check from the Town Clerk for \$557.00 for February money collected.
2. Received a check from the Town Clerk for \$823,415.00 for the town's portion of the 2020 property taxes received.
3. Received a refund check from Frontier for \$352.77

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Chuck informed us that the town hired Sean Walker for the open highway position.

Chuck also reported that we did buy the truck from Andes that the board voted on at the last meeting.

- Plow and sand roads as needed.
- Received one barrel of waste oil.
- Finished flatbed on 1997 Freightliner.
- Truck #2 to dealer for warranty work, other issue to be fixed in the spring.
- Lots of repairs done on truck #6 such as new front brakes, hydraulic tank leak, steering box input seal, new seat, rear spring and new water pump is ordered and to be installed soon.
- Sentry alarm is working on a quote for highway shop fire sensors.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

MOTIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed in the public meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dog Control Officer's Report:

- Report attached
- Mileage \$14.50

Code Officer's Report:

- Report attached - \$150.00
- Mileage \$120.80
- Joe will be at the next meeting if anyone has any questions.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Betty has been placed on the mental health committee at the county.
- The mental health building is being built in Walton in the near future.
- Office of the Aging received a grant to help with getting volunteers to transport to medical appointments.
- Betty brought a bunch of brochures back from the county to place on the table if anyone is interested.
- The towers are up with new frequencies, both the old and new systems will be working for now. The fire departments are not ready as the new frequencies will be encrypted.

GENERAL:

45	Betty Scott	\$268.30
46	Couglin & Gerhart	\$432.77
47	Edson Jones	\$96.00
48	Linda Bourn	\$108.02
49	Laing	\$44.50
50	The Reporter	\$18.47
51	The Reporter	\$19.24
52	NYSEG	\$241.29
53	AO Fox Hospital	\$27.69
54	NYSEG	\$663.36
55	By The Books	\$760.00
56	Boulder Oil	\$428.40
57	Quill	\$113.98
58	Town of Masonville Justice Court	\$23.00
59	Walmart	\$106.30
60	Edson Jones	\$84.00
61	Joe Reynolds	\$120.80
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		\$3,556.12

HIGHWAY:

20	Interstate Billing Services	\$235.96
21	Jesse Howes	\$224.46
22	John Winn	\$357.55
23	Cooks Brothers	\$1,100.90
24	Mirabito	\$2,169.42
25	Kimball Midwest	\$388.43
26	Tracey Road Equipment	\$243.62
27	Volo's	\$393.05
28	Universal Nut & Bolt	\$31.45
29	Town of Andes	<u>\$9,200.00</u>
		\$14,344.84

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Bill Thomas to pay all abstract of claims, seconded by Karleen DuMond, all in favor carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 PM

Linda Bourn
Town Clerk

