

Town of Kinderhook

Town Board Meeting

April 4th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

The Town Board meeting was held at 3211 Church Street in Valatie, NY.

TOWN BOARD MEETING:

1. Supervisor Ooms called the regular meeting to order.
Present:
Supervisor Ooms
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Bickerton
Councilman Casey
Councilman Graham
Town Attorney Andrew Howard, Esq.
Deputy Town Clerk April Pinkowski
Others present:
Twenty-seven (27) other interested people.
2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to amend the agenda to have “New Business” item A take place during the spot reserved for “Public Presentations” and to add a sixth item under Martin H. Glynn Building use applications. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to accept the minutes of March 7th, 2022, and amend the minutes of February 7th, 2022 as outlined in Correspondence item 1 of the agenda per suggestions of William Mancini. Seconded by Councilman Graham. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
4. No Budget Transfers, Appropriations or amendments.
5. A motion was made by Councilman Bickerton to pay audited Vendor’s Claims. Seconded by Councilman Graham.
Adopted: Supervisor Ooms – Yes
Councilwoman Johnson – Yes
Councilman Casey – Yes
Councilman Bickerton – Yes
Councilman Graham – Yes
March Bills
A Fund: \$15,776.46
B Fund: \$2,260.00
DB Fund: \$35,611.85
6. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to accept and direct all Correspondence. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Presentations – The Board recognized the Ichabod Crane Varsity High School Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class B State Championship. All team member present were congratulated and presented a sealed certificate of recognition.
8. Committee and Departmental Reports:

- a. Recreation Director Barbara Berger – delivered the details for the town Memorial Day Parade. The Village of Kinderhook will be hosting for the 2022 celebration. Flyers will be out soon. Summer Recreation Program is moving forward with planning and hiring staff. Registration forms are available on the website and at the Town Hall. Dates for in person registration to be announced on the Town of Kinderhook website calendar. 7th Graders will be allowed to register this year due to parent and youth feedback.
 - b. Climate SMART Committee – Cara Humphreys presented to the Town Board regarding a community solarized campaign to spread awareness about community solar and the funds that could be made available to the municipality should it meet outlined enrollment parameters. Information available at: www.astralpower.com
Councilwoman Johnson asked if in order to participate in the program we would need to have solar farms in Kinderhook. Ms. Humphreys answered that the solar farms need to be within National Grid Territory.
Councilman Bickerton inquired if enrollment is considered by person or by household. Ms. Humphreys answered that enrollment is by residence.
Supervisor Ooms asked about the amount of time it takes for participants to see credits/discounts. Ms. Humphreys replied that these would be seen within two billing cycles.
 - c. Vanessa Bertozzi presented to the Town Board “Local Champions; Partners for Climate Action” informing them of the programs intent to create an ease of access transition for Climate SMART Committees. Information available at: www.localchampionshv.org
No Board comments or questions.
9. A motion was made by Councilman Bickerton to accept Committee and Departmental Reports. Seconded by Councilman Graham. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Niverville Fire Truck Bond 7:00 PM

A motion was made by Councilman Graham to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments For - None

Comments Against – None

No written comments

Supervisor Ooms signed the 147 (f) Approval and Written Agreement for Niverville Fire Department, INC.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Public Comments:

Karyn Watt: expressed concern to the Board over the matter of Solar Farms targeting viable farmland; specifically tier 3 installations as outlined in the new proposed solar law. Full comment attached.

Ed Simonsen: Remarkd his marvel at the skill of both male and female basketball players. Spoke of the dedication of both parents and players to be able to compete at such a high level. Spoke on the new proposed solar law and expressed concern that the concept of conservation has been neglected. Suggested that the Climate SMART Committee work on proposed

conservations based on increasing population and decreasing resources. He thanked the Planning Board for their contributions.

Melissa Miller: commented on the condition of the roadway into Volunteer Park as well as Opportunity Way leading to the Kinderhook Dog Park. Repairs were suggested. Melissa inquired about the Concession stand on the Softball Fields and the contract use with Northern Columbia Little League. Melissa asked a question on the progress with the Kinderhook Facebook Social Media Page. Councilman Casey remarked that it has been created and content will follow.

Village of Valatie Deputy Mayor Larry Eleby: introduced himself and thanked the Board for their work.

11. Old Business:

- a. Change to the Town Code to allow backyard chickens in the Hamlet of Niverville - Town Attorney Andrew Howard has drafted a law and is awaiting comments. It will be presented to the Board upon completion.

12. New Business:

- a. Item moved to Public Presentation.
- b. A motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson to appoint Quinn Murphy to the Board of Assessment Review for term #3 set to expire on 9/30/2022. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. A motion was made by Councilman Bickerton to approve Resolution No. 1 for 2022 in support of the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act. Seconded by Councilman Casey.
Adopted: Supervisor Ooms – Yes
Councilwoman Johnson – Yes
Councilman Casey – Yes
Councilman Graham – Yes
Councilman Bickerton – Yes
- d. It was announced that Town Brush Pick-Up will run on Monday from April 11th through June 6th, 2022.
- e. A motion was made by Councilman Bickerton to go out for bid for an Engineer to upgrade Watermain/Distribution and Transmission. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to allow the Martin H. Glynn Building to be used as a polling site for Federal, State and Local Primary elections on Tuesday June 28, 2022 and for General Elections on Tuesday November 8th, 2022 from 6am-9pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Martin H. Glynn Building Use:
 1. Aaron Perry with the Te Ryu Dojo (Karate Instruction) to extend gym use through June 9, 2022. Motion to approve by Councilman Bickerton. Seconded by Councilman Graham. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Aaron Perry with the Te Ryu Dojo (Karate Instruction) gym use. Tuesday and Thursday 5:30-8:00 from 9/20/2022 through 6/8/2023. A motion was made by Councilman Casey to Table the application. Seconded by Councilman Graham. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Valatie Free Library - Friday July 22,2022 @ 6:30 PM for Jeff Boyer Presents “Fun With Energy”. Motion to approve by Councilman Casey. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Valatie Rescue Squad - second floor room 213 for the Training Division (EMT Classes, EMS Education and Community Education). Motion to approve by Councilwoman Johnson. Seconded by Councilman Graham. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Tom Banks – McBride Hoops/Albany Capitals (6th Grade ICC Girls AAU Basketball) as available 1 time weekly. Motion to approve by Councilman Casey. Seconded by Councilman Bickerton. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
6. (Item added via amendment) Kinderhook Republican Committee to hold a meeting in the Gym on April 14th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Motion to approve by Councilwoman Johnson. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Public Comments:

Ed Simonsen: Interest in the NY-NJ Watershed Act. Commented on the potential Chicken Law. Elaborated on the lack of limits regarding renewable energy.

Bill Mancini: Offered a brief explanation of the NY-NJ Watershed Act. Stated that other municipalities are passing similar resolutions.

14. Board Comments: none

15. Media Questions: none

16. No executive session.

17. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Casey. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

April S. Pinkowski

Deputy Town Clerk