

**Town of Manheim Regular Board Meeting August 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor Haughton  
Councilman Doerrer  
Councilwoman Gressler  
Councilman Jaikin  
Councilman Snell

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lloyd Hall  
Attorney Ken Ayers  
Jason Preisner  
Dave and Debbie Chlus  
Jordan Hitch, Esq.  
Raymond Smith  
Audrey Murray  
Sam Doubleday  
Rodney Swartz

Supervisor Haughton called the Meeting to order at 7:08 pm, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilwoman Gressler to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 board meeting. Ayes All

**A Motion** was made by Councilwoman Gressler and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve Abstract #8 of 2022 as audited. Ayes All

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Doerrer and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to approve Payroll #14 & #15 of 2022 as audited. Ayes All

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and seconded by Councilman Snell to approve the Supervisors Report for June 2022. Ayes All

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Snell and was seconded by Councilman Doerrer to approve the Clerk report for July 2022. Ayes All

**Privilege of the floor was given to Dam Doubleday with Omni Renewables:**

- Community Distributed Generation
  - Based in Syracuse, NY and serving upstate NY, they are a Community Distributed Generation project marketing and Management Company. They interact with Consumes, utilities and government agencies.
  - This is a NYS energy program started in 2015
- How Does Community Distributed Generation work?
  - New electricity is generated from Community Solar Farms and flows onto the grid.
  - New electricity is monetized as credits, to NYS retail electric consumers who participate
  - Consumers “subscribe” at no cost/no fees
  - Credits appear on utility bills as a line item.
- The Village of Dolgeville Waste Water Treatment Plant is looking to save around \$1,200.00 per year. The CDG Term is for 25 years and 10% back to the consumer.

The Presentation is on file with the clerk’s office.

**Privilege of the floor was given to Raymond Smith:**

- Raymond Smith has heard that there is someone at the Lake that wants to put a family cemetery in. He feels that there should be a law or a code law to prevent people from being able to put in private cemeteries. The local cemeteries survive by selling lots and doing burials and break even because they are unable to tax the public on the lots and burials. Mr. Smith is asking the Board members to consider a resolution to protect the two cemeteries we have. He would like the Board to talk about it because they can’t afford to have cemeteries all over the Town. If the people decided to sell the property and no longer take care of that family cemetery then it will fall back onto the Town to maintain that cemetery.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Lloyd Hall, Superintendent of Highways gave the Board Members a detailed report, which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Additional information that was not included in the report is as follows:

- Received Bids for a Loader
  - John Deere-\$307,000.00 Fully Loaded
  - John Deere-\$285,000.00 Stripped Down
  - Case-\$247,000.00
  - Volvo-\$261,000.00

**A Motion** was made by Councilman Jaikin and seconded by Councilman Doerrer- Ayes 4 Abstain 1.

Supervisor Haughton told Superintendent of Highway Lloyd Hall that he needs to cut back on the hours Larry Nagele is working because he is over budget on his payroll.

**Old Business**

Discussion on Plans for Saltsman Road

Jason Preisner with Lamont Engineering went over the memo that he submitted to the Town Board dated August 3, 2022 and is on file with the Town Clerk.

- Priority 1- The truck turnaround
  - Jason Preisner indicated that he has not heard anything from Brookfield or their attorneys.
- Priority 2- Cutting back the hillside
  - This is to widen the road and to catch to water from the northerly field (culvert added)
- Priority 3- Widening of the Northern and Eastern side of Saltsman Road near the "T" intersection. This will give enough room for a truck to turn around.
- Priority 4- installation of 60' guardrail on the eastern side of the roadway.

The real priority for the Town this year is the turnaround.

Attorney Ayers: Is still waiting for the survey of the property to be completed. The surveyor went on vacation. The Town can acquire an easement but to convey the Town has to have consideration, Resolution and Referendum. The Consideration has to be adequate, and can't be given away. The Town can contact an appraiser to get the fair market value of the property. Attorney Ayers wanted to know how comfortable is the Town Board in exchanging the ½ acre parcel? If they are comfortable then no need for an appraisal. The Town Board is going to wait to make any decision until they see the survey map. Mr. and Mrs. Chlus would like to see a copy of the survey map.

**Minimum Maintenance Roads:**

Attorney Ayers will be having his associate Jordan Hitch take lead on the minimum maintenance roads.

- September 26- Public Hearing
- Jordan will get the procedure to the Town Clerk with all the dates.

**New Business:**

Sales Tax received \$66,097.73 (\$24,943.60 put into DA \$41, 154.13 put into General. With the last sales check we owe general \$8,845.87.

**Correspondence:**

Supervisor Haughton indicates that Bill VanGorder from NYMIR will be coming to a future meeting to discuss with the Town Board about the increase in the Town's insurance.

**Public Comment Period**

Rodney Swartz- 1.2 million Dollar Grant was taken away from the Herkimer County IDA. The County will be having a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the matter with the IDA and the 6 violations.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Doerrer and seconded by Councilman Gressler at 8:25 p.m. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Rockwell  
Town Clerk