

Regular May Meeting Town of Fine May 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Fine Town Board was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Municipal Office Building in Star Lake. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor Susan Westbrook	X			
Councilman Philip Giardino	X			
Councilman AD Brown	X			
Councilwoman Barbara Horner	X			
Councilman Jeremy Thompson	X			

Town officials present:	Present	Absent
Christopher Cooper, Town Attorney	X	
Hope Dolan, Town Clerk	X	
Tracy Typhair, Highway Superintendent	X	
Herb Snider, Code Enforcement Officer	X	
Mark Hall, Water Superintendent	X	

Guests: P. MacKay, B. Dolan, C. Tuttle, J. Condino, A. Hynes, M. Smith, and L. Denesha.

Water – John Condino from Barton & Loguidice was present to give an update on the water project.

Contract 05/2016-126 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by J. Thompson to authorize the signing of amendment #2 of the agreement between the Town of Fine and Barton & Loguidice for \$730,000, which will take care of some of the design phase of the water project.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Footbridge – The bids for the construction of the footbridge have been opened. Two bids were received. The lowest bid was reviewed and has been submitted to Parks for approval. The low bid was very close to DANC's estimate and meets the MWBE requirements for the grants. DANC is not recommending approval of the two alternates for the project. The Base bid from Northeast Concrete Coring & Cutting, Inc. is \$219,000.00. The bid from Vector Construction Corp is \$521,000.00. By accepting the low bid, there is still a funding gap of about \$25,000. The Wanakena Historical Association is aware of this gap and they will continue to work on fundraising.

Butch was very concerned about moving forward with the project with the funding gap. It was explained that the town is already \$76,000 into the project and if the project does not move forward the town would lose all of their funding sources. Marcia Smith from the Wanakena Historical Association said that the WHA has known from the very beginning that they would need to come up with the money to rebuild the bridge.

Bids- 05/2016-127 Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by B. Horner that upon the recommendation from DANC, the Town of Fine awards the base bid for contract #1 – General Construction to Northeast, Inc. in the amount of \$219,000 contingent upon the approval of NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

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Amendment – 05/2016-128 Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by B. Horner to authorize the signing of Amendment #1 of the Technical Services Agreement with DANC resulting in additional costs up to \$7,500.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

County – Larry Denesha was present to give an update on what is happening at the County level. The owner of Sevey's Point Store in Colton is looking to open up a camping site on Route 56 with 200 camping sites and 8-10 cabins. A health insurance audit is being conducted and the tobacco settlement of \$1.6 million has been received.

Some County Legislators will be going to Albany on May 24th to talk to our State representatives regarding County issues such as indigent defense, Chips funding, unfunded mandates, the J&L site, and our sheriff being allowed to issue pistol permits.

Mayfest – Larry attended Mayfest in Massena where three of our local residents were honored. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Thornton and Dianna MacKay received awards this year.

Minutes -05/2016-129 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by P. Giardino to accept the minutes from the April 11th meeting.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports – The Supervisor's financial reports were submitted to the board.

Bills – 05/2016-130 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by J. Thompson the town bills be paid.

<i>General Fund -</i>	<i>\$15,211.21</i>
<i>Highway Fund -</i>	<i>\$14,396.26</i>
<i>Street Lighting -</i>	<i>\$ 1,953.33</i>
<i>Star Lake Water -</i>	<i>\$ 4,871.48</i>
<i>Wanakena Sewer -</i>	<i>\$ 435.28</i>
<i>CF Golf Course -</i>	<i>\$ 3,266.46</i>
<i>Capital Projects -</i>	<i>\$50,054.00</i>
<i>Trust & Agency-</i>	<i>\$ 26.34</i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$90,214.36</i>

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Bookkeeper – 05/2016-131 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by J. Thompson to add five hours per week to the position of bookkeeper for a period of six months to help with his training and getting ready for the Town audit of 2015.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Contract – 05/2016-132 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by J. Thompson to authorize the signing of the mowing contract with St. Lawrence County.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Road Sand – Tracy discussed with the board about where the town will be getting their road sand. The Langevin pit that the town purchased has a limit of 10 loads of sand per day and about a 10-year life span. The Javall pit has been used by the Town for approximately 27-28 years, but is owned by Tracy's father. The board did not see this as a conflict because it seems to be the best option, he is not seeing any financial gain, and has been used long before Tracy was the highway superintendent.

Playground – The highway crew removed a section of fencing behind the tennis courts in Fine because it was dangerous. Tracy asked what the board wanted done. The board told him to leave it as is for right now.

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Code enforcement – Herb has been busy working on garbage cleanup in the town. He contacts the homeowners and gives them 10 days to clean up the garbage, if they do not he issues them a ticket. This seems to be working quite well.

Arena – Herb brought up a safety concern of young children riding motorized vehicles around the property at the arena. The board talked about posting signs and talking to the State Police.

Smart Growth – There was a meeting yesterday with Melissa McManus regarding the Smart Growth program and our grants. She sees it as necessary to work of the payment requests and get those in. Some of our grants are coming to an end and this needs to be done soon. Malinda Riquelme has resigned as the Smart Growth clerk to take on a fulltime job. Melissa is recommending that the position be left open right now as they work on the payment requests. There will be another meeting in 6 weeks to update the town of our progress. Jeremy has concerns about not filling the position right away and changing focus on the projects.

Report – 05/2016-133 Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by B. Horner to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Dog Control – the dog control officer's report was submitted to the board.

Arena – The Arena financials and committee minutes were submitted to the board.

Golf Course – The golf course meeting minutes were submitted to the board.

Rates – Jeremy asked for clarification on the rates. Some of them do not make sense and some of the separate prices are actually cheaper than their specials. It was agreed to move forward with these rates for this year and work on fixing the rates for 2017 at the November joint meeting.

Rates – 05/2016-134 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by J. Thompson to adopt the 2016 rates as submitted.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Hiring – 05/2016-135 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by P. Giardino that upon the recommendation of the golf course committee, the town hires Makayla Terry and Austin Milone as golf course attendants for the 2016 season.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Town Hall – The Town Hall Committee will have their meeting in June when Eldon Shaw returns. The public meeting at the office building will be held after that.

Youth Commission – Jeremy is still trying to get a committee meeting set up. Margeaux Davis has resigned as Arts & Crafts director. The position will be advertised along with the playground attendants.

Right-of-way – Jeremy, Chris and the Rice's met to discuss the right-of-way issue with their property. They have come up with a potential option, but need to get another landowner's permission.

Propane – Tripp sent a letter to lock in propane prices at \$199/gallon. Sue looked into State contract price; it is with Griffith Energy at \$1.0047/gallon. Sue will look into this some more to see how often contract price changes and what needs to be done.

Grievance Day – Flora is going to have Coran Condren sit with the roll on one Saturday and take the minutes for Grievance Day. She has done this in the past.

Adjourn – 05/2016-136 Moved by A. Brown, seconded by P. Giardino the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk