



APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Cohocton Town Board
August 15, 2023

Supervisor Judith Hall, Councilmember Jan Kastberg, Councilmember Peter Wallace, Councilmember Nancy Levesque, Councilmember Jim McCart, David Miller, Esq.

Judith Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Judith read a letter she received from the Cohocton Development Corporation (CDC) requesting permission of the use/and/or the support of the police, ambulance, fire department, Town Highway Department as well as the grounds for the 58th Annual Fall Foliage Festival. The dates are Thursday, October 5th to Sunday October 8th. Volunteers will be available, and proof of insurance will be provided.

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jim McCart to approve the CDC request. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Peter Wallace to accept the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Nancy Levesque questioned why she did not get an Ambulance Commissioner's Report. Judith said they give a Run Report instead of minutes because that is what the Ambulance Commissioners choose to do.

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Jan Kastberg to accept the receipt of reports. Ayes 4 Noes 1 (Nancy Levesque).

Nancy Levesque took issue with several bills submitted for payment such as Martin's Auto because it said estimate instead of invoice and one to Barry Fairbrother for reimbursement for Mikey's Mini Mart. He purchased food for people from the Village of Cohocton when they helped him with a water problem. This is a courtesy the Town of Cohocton, the Village of Cohocton and Wayland reciprocate when they give each other assistance. She questioned if the board approved the training for the Court Clerk and Judith said the Judge Anger and Judge Drum approved it because it comes out of their budget. She questioned why the town was paying a paving bill to Spallina for work done in the village. Judith explained the Town of Cohocton owns the parcel in question with the village. Judith said several organizations may donate funds to help defray the cost. It was not a board approved expense so Nancy asked if the bill would be removed from the abstract. Judith said if there is a motion to have the bill removed and three board members vote in favor of removing it, then it will be removed. No motion was made to remove the Spallina bill.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart to approve the abstract. Ayes 4 Noes 1 (Nancy Levesque).

OLD BUSINESS

Park- The park is doing well this year with a lot of pavilion rentals. The Health Department came and completed their annual inspection. The park had five minor violations which have been rectified.

Sale of Ambulance- A request was made by Nancy Levesque for a copy of the front and back of the check received from The Town of Fremont when they purchased an ambulance from the Town of Cohocton. Judith sent the members of the board a copy of the deposit slip and the bank statement which showed the check was deposited. Judith does not have the check because it was a check written by the Town of Fremont, so it was returned to their bank. Jan Kastberg suggested Nancy go to Fremont and request a copy of the check. She also wanted to know why the ambulance was sold for \$50,000 when the board



discussed wanting to get \$50,000-\$60,000 for it. Judith said \$50,000 was the only offer the Town Cohocton received for the ambulance.

Zoning Law-The Planning Board is moving ahead and working out a few minor details, and hopefully will have the zoning law next month for the board to examine.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Projects PILOT-Judith received a letter from Delaware River Solar, LLC., or its affiliate that they intend to construct a solar project on 11451 Wheaton Road, Cohocton. Judith does not want them to get a pilot because she wants them to pay full taxes. She needs to respond to their letter within 60 days.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart to send a letter to the solar company saying the Town of Cohocton will not be requesting a pilot because we opted out. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Approval for Barry to Attend the Fall Water Training Conference- The cost is \$45.00.

Motion made by Jan Kastberg and seconded by Jim McCart to pay \$45.00 for Barry to attend the Fall Water Training Conference. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Window and Air Conditioner for the Clerk's Office-The air conditioner in the clerk's office stopped working and Comstock HVAC checked it. They said it is so old parts would not be available. They gave the town a quote of \$4800 for a new air conditioner. Barry got a quote from Mike Landino to put a window in the clerk's office and a wall unit air conditioner. Peter Wallace voiced a concern about security to have a window in the clerk's office. He said he would get a quote for a mini split system similar to what is in the office now.

Town Clerk Taking Credit Card Payments-The Town Clerk has been looking into being able to take credit card/debit card payments. She found a company called GOV-PAY which claims to give their equipment to the government agency and pass the fee onto the customer. Several businesspeople at the meeting voiced concerns that this claim seemed too good to be true.

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Judith Hall for the clerk to get more information from the company GOV-PAY. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Budget-Judith has sent a letter to each department stating their budgets are due before August 25 because she will be going to Baldwin to do the Tentative Budget. The budget workshops can take place any time after that. Judith asked the board to think about what dates they would like to have the workshops scheduled. The Tentative Budget needs to be presented by September 20, so the clerk will present a copy to each board member at the September 19 board meeting.

Board Concerns- Nancy Levesque wants to know when the minutes and town laws will be on the website. Judith said she will be working on that soon.

Motion by Jim McCart and seconded by Jan Kastberg to adjourn. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Allen