

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday November 9, 2023

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2 The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Triangle was held at 7:00 PM at the Town of Triangle Town Offices, 2612
3 Liberty Street, Whitney Point, New York.

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5 **Order:** 7:02 PM

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7 **Present:** Supervisor Manasse, Councilmen Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop, Highway
8 Superintendent McGowan and Clerk Martin.

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10 **Guests:** Broome Volunteer Emergency Service representative

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12 Update of the preliminary 2024 Budget: Supervisor Manasse included a change for the Building Inspector's salary and
13 revenue in B fund and adjusted the revenue in A fund to match the appropriations. Supervisor Manasse updated the board on
14 the Building Inspection of Delaware River Solar at 54 Catskill Turnpike . Supervisor Manasse and Douglas Bergold inspected
15 and wil issue a Certificate of Completion.

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17 **Public Hearing:** Supervisor Manasse opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Triangle 202 Budget at 7:02 PM.
18 Councilman Mesceda does ot agree with the increase to the Building Inspector salary. Councilman Mesceda would rather
19 give them the job for a year and then increase the salary next year. Supervisor Manasse and Councilman Bennett know the
20 current job trends are that no will talk to you for the lesser amount of money. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop thinks the
21 Town should have a set of expectations and at least one eight hour day in the office excluding off site inspections.
22 Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop does not like the fact that we have no one certified to do inspections and the Town needs to
23 find a company that does the inspections. Councilman Rapp wants someone accessible. Councilman Bennett wants to know
24 that there will be posted hours that people can meet with the Building Inspector. Supervisor closed the public hearing for the
25 budget at 7:45 PM Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt the 2024 budget as presented by the Supervisor. Second by
26 Councilman Rapp. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye,
27 Rapp aye, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

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29 Supervisor Manasse opened public hearing for the 2024 Triangle Volunteer Fire Company contract at 7:46 PM, in the amount
30 of \$ 71,978.00. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing at 7:46 PM. Motion by Councilwoman
31 Mesceda-Knoop to adopt resolution # 26-2023 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with the 2024 Triangle
32 Volunteer Fire Company for Fire District #2 in the amount of \$ 71,978.00. Second by Councilman Rapp. Roll call vote:
33 Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye, and Councilwoman
34 Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

35 Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing for the 2024 fire contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department
36 in the amount of \$59,236.00 at 7:47. No public comment. Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing on the 2024 fire
37 contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department at 7:48 PM. Motion by Councilman Bennett to adopt Resolution
38 27-2023 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2024 contract with the Village of Whitney Point Fire Department in the
39 amount of \$ 59,236.00. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda
40 aye, Bennett aye, Rapp aye., and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays.

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42 Supervisor Manasse opened the public hearing for the 2024 contract with Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad in the amount
43 of \$ 54369.00 at 7:48 PM. Crystal Gilt, Broome Volunteer Emergency Services representative reports that there have been
44 126 calls for Triangle up to October. Broome Volunteer Emergency Services has a van parked in the a bay in Lisle and a
45 room at the Lisle Fire Station Monday through Friday. Crystal Gilt states the BVES is upgrading the fleet of vans every five
46 years. Crystal states each van costs \$112,000 for the just the vehicle, no equipment or supplies. Crystal will update the
47 contract with Director of Operations as Anthony Scalia and the maximum amount to be billed to be \$ 58,997.14. Supervisor
48 Manasse closed the public hearing at 8:04 PM. Motion by Councilman Bennett to adopt resolution 28-2023 authorizing the
49 Supervisor to sign the 2024 contract with Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad in the amount to \$54,369.00. Second by
50 Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilmen: Mesceda aye, Bennett
51 aye, Rapp aye, and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five ayes no nays. Crystal Gilt left at 8:05 PM.

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53 **Minutes:** Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve as submitted the minutes of October 12, 2023. Second by
54 Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman
55 Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

56 Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve as submitted the minutes of October 19, 2023. Second by Councilman Bennett.
57 Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

58 Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the minutes of October 26, 2023. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop.
59 Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

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61 **Supervisors Report:** Motion by Councilman Bennett to accept the October Supervisor's Report as presented. Second by
62 Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-
63 Knoop all ayes.

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64 **Abstract of Payment:** Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 11 Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop.
65 Vote Supervisor Manasse, Councilman Mesceda, Bennett and Rapp and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop all ayes. Board
66 requested the Clerk Martin call the Humane Society about increasing the redemption fee.
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68 **Claims:** 380-409 in the amount of \$ 9,989.58 in the General Fund, and \$ 36,150.51 in the Highway Fund.
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70 **Department Reports: Historian:** none. **Building permit:** none **DCO:** complaints/calls 4: license 1, missing 2, Court 0,
71 hang-up 1, Village 0, Judge 0, Clerk 0, complaint 0, Dangerous Dog 0, Attorney 0, Other 0, Complaints/calls
72 complete 4, dogs seized 0, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued 3, Reports and other information: all clear.

73 **Clerk report:** Clerk received a letter from Andy Morris about the neighbor Ryan Mess hauling in construction debris and
74 burning it onsite. See attached letter. Councilman Rapp said that Broome County has a law on the books that there will be no
75 disposal of garbage on personal property. Board requested that Clerk Martin contact Josh Davidson from the Sheriff's
76 Department. Clerk Martin also received a letter from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal out lining concerns
77 regarding battery disconnect switches on the vehicle stored at the highway garage. Clerk Martin had Highway Superintendent
78 McGowan review the list and sign off, and it was returned to NYMIR November6, 2023. **Payroll Clerk:** Payroll is up to
79 date. Clerk Martin is having trouble with the NBT system of automatically sending out direct deposits. Clerk Martin has
80 deleted the original and has set up one-time payments that will not go out until the amounts and date is set. Clerk Martin
81 cannot balance October until the savings account at NBT Statement is released. **Highway Department:** Highway
82 Superintendent McGowan reports the Highway Department has the trucks ready for sand and salt, since the scare a couple
83 days ago of freezing rain and sleet, that ended up to the east. Highway Superintendent McGowan does not have the water
84 sample of the old well results yet. Highway Superintendent McGowan provided the bid package from Ford. Highway
85 Superintendent McGowan did not get any quotes from Chevrolet or Dodge. Highway Superintendent McGowan has a welder
86 that the mice have gotten into and chewed the wires off of, that weighs about 1000 pounds and could be scrapped. Highway
87 Superintendent McGowan stated the dump truck has been ordered. Highway Superintendent McGowan was surprised that the
88 "discount" from Beck on the Grader amounted to \$7,000.00, with trade in of the grader would cost \$110,000. Motion by
89 Councilman Mesceda to purchase the 2008 Grader from Beck in Preble New York, fix the rust on the door. Supervisor
90 Manasse recommends hold off on the purchase of the Grader until the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor check the one
91 in Hastings New York. Highway Superintendent McGowan reviews the prices of F550 gas \$ 57,085.00, and Diesel \$
92 65,734.00 with an additional \$ 30,708 for the stainless steel box and plow package from Palmers. Highway Superintendent
93 McGowan talked to Byron Miller, Chenango Sales in Greene and he is interested in the trade in of the 2019 Ford. Highway
94 Superintendent McGowan will contact Chenango Sales about a trade in figure. Supervisor Manasse recommends including the
95 option of selling the F550 on Auctions International with a reserve bid. Councilman Rapp states the diesel is more expensive
96 to maintain and he prefers the gas-powered trucks. Councilman Mesceda would like to post the welder on Auctions
97 International with an end date prior to the next meeting.
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99 **Unfinished Business:** Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Superintendent McGowan and the workers.
100 Asset Management decisions ongoing. The accounts at NBT are still in process.
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102 **New Business:** Supervisor Manasse requested Doug Bergold's presence to inspect the Solar project on Catskill Turnpike.
103 Supervisor Manasse and Doug Bergold then drove to County Line Road and inspected a property. Supervisor Manasse would
104 like to reimburse Doug for his time. Board agreed.

105 Supervisor Manasse talked with Josh Clark who needed the Town's Federal Identification number.
106 Clerk Martin provided a 239 review submitted by the County regarding the electric charging stations Tesla is installing on
107 property owned by the Whitney Point Baptist Church and close to Greggs Market Place.
108 Councilman Rapp wanted to know if the Host Benefit Agreement monies could be spent on a carport/pavilion for the State
109 Police out back. Supervisor Manasse has an issue with the real estate.
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111 **Correspondence:** Broome County Historical Society and Town Topics.
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113 Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:15 PM
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Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk