

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday April 11, 2024

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 Liberty Street, Whitney Point, New York.

Order: 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Two residents

Minutes: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve, with the addition of “except the Justice” on line 66, the minutes of March 14, 2024. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilmembers: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Supervisors Report: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to accept the March Supervisor’s Report as submitted. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 4. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: Claims 126-157 in the amount of \$90,204.20 in the General Fund, \$ 17,605.03 in the Highway Fund and \$32,803.00 in the Fire Districts.

Public Participation: Speaker addressed the Town Board regarding the letter received from the Town about dogs running at large on Waverly Road. She insists that it is not her dog and that she has text messages from her neighbors that her dog is not on their property. She claims the dog never leaves the yard. She has installed an invisible fence after the neighbors complained about her dog, Maverick wandering around. She left at 7:18 PM. Supervisor Manasse introduced Juliette Sinclair is a resident of Triangle, owns property and a business, Star Gazer Farms at 184 Page Brook Road. Juliette has worked as an auditor in Hotel Management, in the construction field, and Heavy Equipment purchasing. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to appoint Juliette Sinclair to the position of Code Enforcement contingent on the completion of the coursework with New York Department of State. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Supervisor Manasse requested her to be present Friday at 11: 30 am to issue a permit for a home being built on North St. Juliette left at 7:50 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to pay her retroactively starting the first day of April. Second by Councilman Rapp. Roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Supervisor then discussed the outline of duties of Historian and Code Enforcement. Clerk to add “annual report required” to #5 of Historian duties.

Department Reports: Historian: position not filled **Building:** none. **DCO:** seven calls, License 1, Hangup 1 complaint 3, other 1, six call complete, dogs seized 0, dangerous dog cases 0, appearance tickets issued 0, Reports and other information: Drove to Waverly Road, Carrigan Road , no dogs seen. All Clear. **Clerk report:** Clerk fees collected in March \$ 628.50, Red Barn is requesting a backup battery for the router in the utility room that allows Red Barn to monitor the electrical systems and charge us \$300.00 per month. Board is not in agreement with that request. Clerk reports that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is not supplying the agents with license paper and is asking us to use “White” copy paper starting August 2024. Clerk reports the electric typewriter is no longer working. Board suggested posting ISO (in search of) to Craiglist or Facebook Marketplace. Clerk is using ACH (Automatic Clearing House/electronic Funds transfer) for the Justice fees that are submitted to Albany. Clerk has three or four monthly bills that will be EFT(electronic funds transfer) to try out this month. **Payroll:** Clerk Martin states payroll is up to date, Williamson is working on getting the accounting software up and ready for the Annual Report, between power outages and generator installation it has not been easy. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan has no news on the grant or the new truck. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the Highway crew doing road work, grooming and ditching. Highway Superintendent McGowan will submit the 284, Expenditure of Monies in May, Beeman, Harvey Square Road and Wilson Hill is covered by CHIPS (consolidated Highway Incentive Program. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the transfer switch has been installed, concrete not poured yet and generators not set in place. Highway Superintendent McGowan states the garage doors are not working, has called Chris Smith who will get an estimate to replace the five doors \$2,500 per door. Councilman Mesceda thinks that qualifies for a closed bid. Highway Superintendent McGowan has the Highway Department gearing up and getting equipment serviced: filters and oil changed. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Gradall Fuel tank had a leak and has been repaired. Highway Superintendent McGowan has notice from New York State Department of Transportation that Route 26 from the Village to Overlook Drive will be worked on, grinding off four inches, mix with new binder and repack 3.5 miles of road surface.

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Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse thanked the highway Department. Supervisor Manasse reports salt shed and new truck are still in process. Supervisor Manasse reports New Dimension Contracting has installed the transfer switches at both the Highway Garage and the Town Hall, concrete could not be poured, and will return to set generators. Supervisor Manasse has confirmed with M&T bank that the last accounts are closed with them. Supervisor Manasse is waiting for Judge Thomas to turn over the financial records for the Court. Supervisor Manasse attended the annual dinner of the Triangle Volunteer Fire Company. Supervisor Manasse to call the IRS, as they have reopened the 2019 1099 issue.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse completed the annual building reports to the County, State and The Federal Government. Supervisor Manasse to attend NYS AOT (New York State Association of Towns) Finance School in Geneva. Supervisor Manasse did get an extension of the deadline for the Annual Financial Report until April 30. Supervisor Manasse to attend the Broome County Association of Towns and Villages meeting at Little Venice April 18, 5:30 pm.

Correspondence: Supervisor Manasse made all correspondence available.

Executive Session: Supervisor Manasse move to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to section 105 paragraph f: The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation , or matters leading to the appointment , employment, promotion , demotion , discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 8:40 PM. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Board returned at 9:15 pm. Let the record show no decision was made.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:16 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk