

Town of Triangle  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday May 9, 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.

**Minutes:** Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve, with one addition, the minutes of April 11, 2024. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Councilmembers: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

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

**Abstract of Payment:** Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 5, with the additions of: Voucher 167, Charles Manasse \$ 206.20, voucher 169, Emily J Martin - \$ 16.50, and voucher 184 Sandra Martin \$ 15.50. Second by Councilman Rapp. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp, Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

**Claims:** Claims 164-195 in the amount of \$8,533.33 in the General Fund, \$ 7,809.72 in the Highway Fund.

**Department Reports: Historian:** Supervisor Manasse suggested Stephanie Champney. Clerk Martin pointed out that she is a resident of Barker, not Triangle DCO: none. **Building Inspector:** Clerk Martin reports Juliette has been in every week to pick up messages and drop off forms, Board mentioned that someone is demolishing the barn on Route 206 just outside the village. Councilman Mesceda suggested she call Steve Smith, Greene Code Enforcement, since he just took the building and code classes. **Clerk report:** Clerk Martin reports that an individual from the Weathered Thread came in to ask to use the parking lot on a Saturday for a private event. Clerk Martin contacted NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal). The answer came on Monday, after the event. Clerk Martin will attempt to create a document for future requests. Board would prefer no use after hours, and to add access to building cannot be obstructed, always allow State Police entry and access, parking limited to the west side of the building, Board also recommends signs posted: video surveillance and reserved spots for State Police. The Board would like to know the ADA (American Disability Act) regulations regarding handicapped spots. Councilman Mesceda would like to see quotes for resealing or repaving the lot and plan to get new lines painted. Clerk Martin has a complaint from 50 Chestnut Drive about the neighbor's chickens/roosters. Clerk Martin stated the Town has no zoning and this is a civil matter. Clerk Martin also has the Sentry Alarms report of April 15. Clerk Martin is planning on taking a week off at the end of May, first week of June to visit her family in Michigan. **Payroll Clerk:** Clerk Martin is up to date with the payroll, Annual Report filed, not finalized. Clerk Martin is unable to balance January as the savings account does not match what the bank says.

**Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan has 284 Expenditure of Highway Monies: for Harvey Square Road, English Hill, Wilson Hill, Rogers, Beeman, and Kemak Road for 5.44 miles. Highway Superintendent McGowan has been told extra money from CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Incentive Program) could be used for the Sand and Salt barn. Highway Superintendent McGowan spoke with Byron at Chenango Sales about the F550, the order has not been "drawn or ticketed". Highway Superintendent McGowan said Ford is setting up and building the F600's. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the generator is set up but not functional, fuel supply has been connected, waiting for New Dimensions to program the parameters into the generator. Highway Superintendent McGowan is looking to cover the generator with a lean to and pillars to protect it from snow sliding off the roof and prevent someone from removing it from the property. Highway Superintendent McGowan has a roll off ordered for May 18 from Roberts. Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the cemetery on Witty Hill has been mowed. Highway Superintendent McGowan will be off Memorial Day weekend, home Monday night. Highway Superintendent McGowan read a letter of resignation from Kyle Gates as of May 18, 2024. Highway Superintendent McGowan that something will have to be done before union negotiations, the current contract states any new hire will be started at 80(eighty) % of the current employees. Highway Superintendent McGowan knows that the probability of finding someone with a commercial driver's license to work for \$ 19.32 per hour is very low. Highway Superintendent McGowan wanted to know the best way to advertise the position. Kyle has been the main operator on the Gradall and is working with Bruce Canova on the Gradall. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to sign the expenditure of Highway monies. Second by Councilman Rapp. Roll call vote: Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye, Councilman Rapp aye. Vote: all ayes.

**Unfinished Business:** Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Department. Supervisor Manasse reports salt shed and new truck are still in process. Supervisor Manasse reports that Ferrell Gas will meet with Josh of New Dimension Contracting to discuss the second propane tank as a backup. Supervisor Manasse reports Mike Giovinazzo submitted his audit of the Court financial records and will be attached to the minutes. Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop that the Town Board audited the Town of Triangle Savings account ending in 5643 and found it to be in order as of December 31, 2023. Second by

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Councilman Bennett. Vote all ayes. Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop that the Town Board audited the Town of Triangle Justice accounts for John Orzel as of December 2023, and for Gregory Thomas from January 1-March 31 and found them to be in order. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote all ayes.

Supervisor Manasse attended the Broome County Association of Towns meeting and New York State Association of Towns Finance School. County Executive Garner reports the County financial crisis has been turned around and is now dealing with the housing crises. Broome County Executive Garner thinks the Micron technology plant in Clay New York may bring people in search of housing to Whitney Point. Supervisor Manasse reports the Internal Revenue Service denied our appeal for remediation and will not drop the penalties and fines that were levied from 2019 1099 issue. Supervisor Manasse has paid the fines. Supervisor Manasse reports the Annual Financial Report for Triangle, year ending 2023 has been filed. There are copies available, not finalized, just filed. Supervisor Manasse announced Clean Up day is Saturday May 18, and invited all board members to join us there. Supervisor Manasse states Grievance Day is Tuesday May 28, we had one opening, but the individual Supervisor Manasse spoke with declined. Doug Bergold will look into taking the class online, then the third member called to say he would be out of town that day and unable to serve. Clerk Martin to ask Ron Keibel for an alternate option. Supervisor Manasse spoke to Roger at Chenango Carpet about the floor here at the Town Hall. The business is closed and there are health issues, but Roger will come and give us suggestions. Supervisor Manasse requested Councilman Bennett to look at the roof to consider replacement. Supervisor Manasse reports that Jerrine at LaBerge has filed the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) report for 2024. Supervisor Manasse has an e mail from her requesting more information. Clerk Martin responded already.

**New Business:** Supervisor Manasse spoke with Ron Keibel about the Senior Tax Exemption and will address the Board and Mayor Somers will attend as well. The board recommends inviting Jason and Ron to the June meeting. The board discussed the generators and camera options as well as signage to deter theft of the generators. Supervisor Manasse submitted the New York State Agriculture and Markets Inspection report. Supervisor Manasse reviewed the highlights of the Finance school.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Manasse made all correspondence available.

Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to adjourn this meeting at 9:02 PM

Sandra K Martin  
Town Clerk