

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday August 10, 2023

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

Guests: two

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

Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to accept the minutes of July 13, 2023 with four changes. Second by Councilman Mesceda. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes, Councilman Rapp absent.

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

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to approve Abstract # 8 with the addition of voucher # 309 for Verizon Wireless for \$ 64.80. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes, Councilman Rapp absent.

Claims: Claims 281-308 in the amount of \$ 2730.51 in the General Fund \$ 136,070.88 in the Highway Fund.

Public Participation: Guest #1 handed out a flyer from NYAudit.com and requesting support from the Town Board of the Town of Triangle to adopt a resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election. Guest explained the initiative that there is a gap between the registered voters and the number of votes cast in the General Election. Guest # 1 pointed to numerous problems between the County Board of Elections record and the State Board of Elections record used in identifying registered voters. Board to consider the resolution presented. Guest # 2 representing Triangle Volunteer Fire Company presented the Board with the budget for 2023 and requested the board consider co-signing a grant proposal from insurance company for an LED (light emitting Diode) sign advertising at the Fire Hall on State Route 206. Guest # 2 will return in September with additional information. Guest # 2 reported that the Fire Company will accept any donations; budgetary or otherwise.

Department Reports: **Historian:** Supervisor Manasse spoke with Juanita Aleba **Building:** none **DCO:** Clerk read the report for June and July: Complaints/Calls 10, License 2, Missing 2, Hangup 1 (half message) Village 2, Clerk 1, Complaint cats 2. Complaints /Calls complete 10, Dogs seized 0, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued: 0. **Clerk report:** Clerk Martin read an message from Broome County Association of Towns and Village: Alicia Thoennes wanted everyone to know that Mina Hoblitz MPA Government Relations & Public Policy Manager for Leadership Alliance , that T Mobile is offering up to \$25 million in Hometown Grants to municipalities with less than 50,000 people for building, rebuilding and refreshing community spaces. Clerk Martin read a letter from New York State Deferred Compensation Agency, who is offering additional retirement savings plan. Clerk Martin read an announcement for SPEAK having a special fundraising event on Friday August 25 11 AM-6 PM , with a portion of all sales will go a cat sanctuary. Clerk Martin announced Broome County SAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) 4 th annual "Chalk the Walk" - observance September 10-16. Clerk Martin posted it to her personal facebook page and requested a larger poster and chalk (to be a chalk supplier). Clerk Martin submitted the Village of Whitney Point's Fire report. Clerk Martin read the NYMIR(New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) cyber alert : recent scams impersonating over 100 fraudulent websites of popular brands of clothing, footwear, and apparel trick unsuspecting visitors into completing online shopping transactions, providing credit card information and other personal details to attackers. **Payroll report:** Clerk Martin is up to date with payroll, balancing July proved to be difficult with the additional number (six new ones at NBT plus the existing ones at M&T) of accounts to balance. Clerk Martin ordered checks from Williamson Law Books but have not received them yet. Clerk Martin needs to have the checks prior to closing the M&T accounts down. Clerk is working with New York State and the credit card company to debit the new account . Clerk Martin just paid the Foreign Fire Tax that comes in once a year and the account set up for Ambulance fees collected by BVES (Broome Volunteer Emergency Service) have not been addressed. Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop remembers paperwork in the Supervisor's office for the Foreign Fire Tax. Supervisor Manasse reports that the names of a couple people are the same as the staff in Whitney Point and it has been confusing to speak with some one here to find out the message was from Norwich branch. Supervisor Manasse was sent a document electronically to sign for check scanner and online banking privileges. Supervisor Manasse said it is a different way to do business. Clerk Martin sent the Peace and Good Order Policy to David Berger, Attorney for the Town , and he agrees it is a Local Law, so the next step is to post a legal notice in the paper for a public hearing. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to set the public hearing for Peace and Good Order Law for Thursday September 14 , 2023 at 7 PM. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes, Councilman Rapp absent. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan read Resolution # 23-2023 Closed Roads resolution. Motion by Councilman Mesceda that the following roads or portions of the following roads are closed from November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024: Gayhead Road, Rathbun Hill Road, Beeman Hill Road, Hinsdale Road, Rogers Hill Road and Fuller Road, Be it further resolved that pursuant to Local Law #3-1999, there is no parking on any Town of Triangle road from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM from November 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024. Second by Councilman Bennett. Said resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp absent and Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye . Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Highway Department is almost done with black top on Hinsdale Road, Highway Superintendent McGowan reports the Grader has issues with the chains and sprockets, when it decides to quit it is too old and obsolete to keep maintaining. Highway Superintendent McGowan uses it for Bassett Road twice a year and anytime the highway is paving. Highway Superintendent McGowan recommends a used Grader for the amount of work the Town does. Highway Superintendent McGowan has laid down gravel and calcium chloride on Harvey Square Road. Highway Superintendent McGowan is trading mowing the county roads for guardrails put in on Harvey Square Road and Kemak Road. Highway Superintendent McGowan has spoken with Justin Puglisi, Broome County Soil and Water about the grant for the Salt Shed. Highway Superintendent McGowan has contacted Tracey Road Equipment to get the new truck bid, but has not received a return call. Highway Superintendent McGowan is traveling out to Wisconsin next Thursday, the highway department has plenty of work to do. Supervisor Manasse put a call into Alta about the Loader bill. Board decided to hold the check until this is resolved.

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Unfinished Business: Supervisor Manasse discussed the options the Town has to purchase a used Grader. Supervisor Manasse reports that Delaware River Solar sent in the \$600.00 penalty owed on the PILOT (payment in Lieu of Taxes). Supervisor Manasse received a letter from Internal revenue Service that Sandra Martin is not a designated representative for the Town/Supervisor. Clerk Martin suggested Supervisor Manasse contact Ashley at Puglisi Accounting to find a taxpayer advocate. Supervisor Manasse reports the new NBT accounts are still in process.

New Business: Supervisor Manasse would like to know if the Town Board is interested in applying for grants. Councilman Mesceda wants to see how LaBerge handles the ARPA/SLFR (American Rescue Plan Act/ State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) report. Supervisor Manasse has the County Wide Housing Needs Assessment paperwork to fill out.

Other: United States Postal Service is closing Lisle (lost the lease) and Glen Aubrey post offices, Smithville McDonough and Greene plan on sharing a postmaster.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt resolution # 24-2023 Directing the County of Broome to pay all sales tax revenues directly to the Town of Triangle. Whereas, Subdivision (C) of Section 1262 of the Tax Law of the State of New York permits any Town by local law, ordinance or resolution to provide that the amounts of sales tax revenues imposed by counties which would otherwise be applied to reduce county taxes and general Town taxes levied upon real property in such Town be paid directly to such Town to be used for any Town purpose. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes, Councilman Rapp absent.

Motion by Supervisor Manasse to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph F of Public Officers Law to discuss 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 8:55 PM. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Let the record show that the board returned from executive session at 9:45 PM and no decision was made.

Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:48 PM

Sandra K Martin
Town Clerk