

Town of Triangle
Regular Meeting
Thursday September 14, 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 Liberty Street,
3 Whitney Point, New York.

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5 **Order: 7:00 PM**

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Guests: six

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

Public Hearing: Supervisor Manasse opened the Public Hearing for the Peace and Good Order Local Law at 7:03 PM. Supervisor Manasse read the Local Law, see attached. No public comment, Supervisor Manasse closed the public hearing at 7:08 PM. Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adopt Local Law #1-2023 Peace and Good Order Law. Second by Councilman Rapp. Roll Call vote: Supervisor Manasse aye, Councilman Mesceda aye, Councilman Bennett aye, Councilman Rapp aye, Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop aye. Five votes in favor. No votes against.

Public Participation: Resident #1 is here to talk about the cemetery off the spur of old Page Brook Road north of the Dorchester Park entrance. Resident states the cemetery is not well maintained and abuts Dorchester Cemetery. Resident #1 reports vandals have removed markers from west/Dorchester Cemetery grave sites. The cemetery is actually two cemeteries, one owned by resident #1 which is a private cemetery and the back half which is closed and owned and maintained by the Town. Residents provided pictures and states monuments are missing. Resident #1 is asking the Town to consider giving the Town owned cemetery back to the prior owner and asking the neighbor(Derek Layton) to maintain both cemeteries. Resident #1 related the history of the people buried there and the importance of being able to access the grave sites. Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway department for mowing twice already. Highway Superintendent McGowan stated that all the cemeteries will be mowed once more. Resident #2 wanted the Board to know that Douglas Bergold is certified in Building Inspection and Code, and his resume has been provided to the Board.

Minutes: Motion by Councilman Mesceda to accept the minutes of August 10, 2023 with four additions and or changes. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

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

Abstract of Payment: Motion by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop to approve Abstract #9 with the addition of voucher #338 for Frontier for \$207.47 and 339 for Suit Kote for \$56,236.66. Second by Councilman Bennett. Vote: Supervisor Manasse, Council: Mesceda, Bennett, Rapp and Mesceda-Knoop all ayes.

Claims: Claims 312-337 in the amount of \$6,271.13 in the General Fund \$72,472.30 in the Highway Fund.

Department Reports: Historian: none **Building:** none **DCO:** Clerk Martin read the report for August: Complaints/Calls 6, License 2, Missing 1, Hangup 0 (half message) Village 0, Other 3, Complaints /Calls complete 6, Dogs seized 0, Dangerous Dog Cases 0, Appearance tickets issued: 0. **Clerk Martin report:** Clerk Martin read a message from Broome County Association of Towns and Villages: next meeting September 28 in the conference room of the Agency. Clerk Martin read the New York State Association of Town and Villages announcement of the annual meeting February 18-21, 2024. Clerk Martin read a letter from Andrew Morris referencing 86 Page Brook Road. Clerk Martin to notify the Building Inspector See of the complaint. Clerk Martin will attach the letter to the minutes. **Payroll Clerk Martin:** payroll is up to date, August is balanced. Clerk Martin is glad that some of the accounts at M&T are closed to simplify the accounting side. Clerk Martin forgot to notify NYS retirement, and they deducted the July payment from the M&T account. Clerk Martin had to scramble and deposit money into the account. Clerk Martin has notified NYS LRS (New York State Local and State Retirement) of the account change. Clerk Martin believes that at this point the credit card website has been changed and the DECALS (hunting license) sweep will be taken out of the NBT accounts. Supervisor Manasse was not aware of how complicated the process of changing banks would be. Supervisor Manasse reported the interest from NBT for August was \$1434 and from M&T was \$602. for the partial month. **Highway Department:** Highway Superintendent McGowan provided the truck quotes for the next dump truck. Highway Superintendent McGowan report the stone and oil projects are done, Highway Department is hauling for the County paving Sapbush, and Hinsdale is done. Seasonal roads: Arnold, Rogers Hill and Hinsdale had stone washed off the road after the flooding during last rainstorm. Highway Superintendent McGowan will have to work on the other seasonal roads before winter. Highway Superintendent McGowan has used up the supplies previous Superintendent stockpiled and will replenish them. Highway Superintendent McGowan spoke with Adam Wells, Public Works Superintendent for the Village of Whitney Point, Town Highway Department will work with them and keep the grindings after the repairs have been done. Highway Superintendent McGowan talked to Chris Norman, the Alta salesman about the bill for the repair on the Loader. Highway Superintendent McGowan understood that the bill will be forgiven. Supervisor Manasse explained to the guests that the Loader was purchased two years ago and is under warranty, when one of the electronic sensors was not working and a technician came from Syracuse when the Highway Superintendent was not available, replaced the batteries and did not return the core for a refund. The Town Board decided not to pay the bill. Highway Superintendent McGowan reviewed the quotes: Western Star from Tracy \$156,870 for cab and chassis, additional \$150,367 for Everest side discharge Sander, or \$157,615 for center discharge sander, no guarantee of model year, delivery date, or what final price will be. Total \$307,237.00 Side discharge, \$314,485 Center discharge. Freightliner from Tracy \$144,489 for cab and chassis, with an additional \$150,367 for the Everest side discharge sander or \$157,615 for the center discharge sander. Date of order holds place in line, no guarantee of model year or delivery date or what final price will be. \$294,856 Side discharge \$302,104 Center discharge. Allegiance International \$147,202 cab and chassis, plow equipment from Tracey \$150,367 side discharge sander and \$157,615 center discharge sander, no guarantee of model year, delivery date or what the final price will be. Total \$297,569 for side discharge \$304,817 for center discharge. Volvo from Burr Truck \$163,142 for cab and chassis, with an additional \$167,964 for Tarco side discharge sander and Viking plow equipment. If a Viking Proline box (non stainless steel) is used \$40,000 will be subtracted from the quote. Guarantee first quarter delivery date and price guaranteed. Total \$331,107 and can split payment (between cab/chassis and plow equipment). Highway Superintendent McGowan went with Supervisor Manasse to look at a grader in German New York that was listed on Auctions International and went for \$9,100, there is another grader in Canandaigua. Councilman Mesceda found a 1990 John Deere 722C at New Holland in Vestal for \$30,000. Highway Superintendent McGowan will not be in the office on Monday. Highway Superintendent

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72 McGowan states the Highway department has been busy getting set. Highway Superintendent McGowan spoke with Justin Puglisi, and the
73 grant for the salt shed has been submitted. Highway Superintendent McGowan would like to budget for a newer grader and boom mower
74 instead of a mini excavator.
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76 **Unfinished Business:** Supervisor Manasse thanked the Highway Department. Supervisor Manasse reports the IRS (Internal Revenue
77 Service) claim has not been settled. Supervisor Manasse read the Resolution from New York Citizens Audit requesting an open source
78 audit of the 2022 General Election. Clerk Martin will attach the original proposed resolution. Resident # 3 is here to answer some questions
79 about the resolution. The Board is not going to sign the resolution as stated, it includes information the board is not able to verify and
80 language that the Board disagrees with.
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82 **New Business:** Supervisor Manasse states there are still quirks with the accounts at NBT. Supervisor Manasse reports the 2023 budget is
83 good. Supervisor Manasse anticipates an increase in the sales tax revenue since the cost of things are higher. Supervisor Manasse needs to
84 discuss the ARPA monies and the Host benefit agreement monies. Supervisor Manasse asks that budget requests be submitted. Supervisor
85 Manasse expects an increase in expenses.
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87 Motion by Supervisor Manasse to adjourn this meeting to conduct an executive session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph F of Public
88 Officers Law to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the
89 appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 9:08
90 PM. Second by Councilwoman Mesceda-Knoop. Let the record show that the board returned from executive session at 9:48 PM and no
91 decision was made.
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93 **Correspondence:** Supervisor Manasse has the Broome County Historical Society announcement and Town Topics.
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95 Motion by Councilman Mesceda to adjourn this meeting at 9:55 PM
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