

Minutes of the
Smithville Town Board
April 17, 2023

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Cammarata 6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata
Board members: Bob Whitmore

ALSO: Philip Montelione, Clerk Part Time
Vince Witkowski, Highway Su't
Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer
Marie Kehl, Planning Board Chair
Mindy Eldredge
Joan Barker
Priscilla Vanderbunt
Bill & Patty Castaldy

Shane Butler
Pam Holcomb
Russell Wark

CORRESPONDENCE 6:35PM

CI) Late invoice for the mini excavator. Consider Resolution to pay this invoice from the appropriate account.
- Not considered for this item of business.

NEW BUSINESS 6:40PM

NB1) Consider Resolution #14 advertising fuel bids for the period June 1, 2023- May 31, 2024

Resolution #14 (2023): Resolution to advertise for fuel bids for the May 15th meeting.

Motion by Board Member Butler and Holcomb in favor. Passed. Carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,
Nays: 0

Heater upstairs is out, south wall. Resolution authorizes it being fixed. Further discussion of red-lined burner upstairs on south wall

NB2) Consider Resolution #15 authorizing purchase of tree to be planted in memory of Vic Hammond.

Resolution #15 (2023): Authorizing purchase of tree to be planted in memory of Vic Hammond

Tree for Vic, resolution to authorize the purchase and planted for memory of Vic. Motion by Board Member Whitmore and Wark. Passed. Carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,
Nays: 0

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NB3) Consider Resolution #16 - To purchase new 2026 truck through NBT loan

Cammarata tried to get three bids for the plow truck. Tracy equipment for a plow truck, no response. Bid from Alliance trucks out of Liverpool and Utica Mack. Alliance bid: 290,850k - Mack bid: 303,706k for the same truck with plow and accessories. 5wd single axle 32k more than a 10 wheeler. Won't see the truck until 2025 however, if ordered. This will replace the current truck. This would make it the fourth truck on the frontline. Looking at other grants, NBT wont do more than a five year loan.

Whitmore suggested standardizing on a brand, Witkowski would like the Mack brand if so.

It will be a 5-6 week process until they see the old truck once the parts are in.

Shane suggesting to apply for a USDA loan. Two years to do it, grants open in September, As of now grant money is used up. Holcomb inquired as to there being no grant money, can we pay for it still? The current trucks won't make it through the winter.

Tenco will hold the price for 30 days, March 29th, same with Mack.

On the motion to purchase the new truck and go with Mack:

Resolution #16 (2023): To purchase new 2026 truck through NBT loan

Board member Butler makes a motion to go with Mack, second by Whitmore. All in favor. Carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nayes: 0

NB4) Consider Resolution for port-a-john service this year at the Eagle Scout Park

Board member Wark is going to price out the port-a-johns. Whitmore says makes no sense to have port-a-johns because there are bathrooms already there. But the bathrooms serve for those who rent the pavilion. Tabling the rentals for now.

NB5) Consider any further action on the flower beds in ES Park

Plan, person from TBS estimates 30k, railroad ties need to be replaced. Contact Darrin Mills, no response from Mills. No further action.

NB6) Presbyterian Church request for sidewalk help.

Church Sidewalk:

Church sidewalk insurance company could cancel it. Church is liable for maintenance. John Cammarata talked with the attorney, if the old sidewalk is ripped up and a new one installed it would be up to the Church/owners responsibility to take care of it. The town has no money to maintain them. Are there any grant possibilities? Potential for a Mainstreet Grant. RC Smith foundation, needs a 503c3 to apply. Cammarata wants three estimates. Something with the labor day committee.

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OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

6:50PM

OB1) report on status of Justice audit
Needs resolution paperwork that's sealed to send to the comptroller, still pending.

OB2) updates on 2024 MACK truck
Truck is in Rochester waiting on parts.

REPORTS

7:00PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted
Gradall is still down. Vince has a part number, going to find out how much, \$5,500 just for the bad part but it's another 6-8 months out to get in. Full swing gear assembly, estimated at 21k he can get that does not include the labor.

Vince Witkowski is changing the banners out tomorrow morning in the town. Started sweeping the road, getting the sand off the edge. Stone quarry road next to Walden road having beaver issues, damming everything up, backing water up. Patching and grading the roads, doing what can be done. Service programs from the county are done. Everything else is working okay. Sent mileage in for truck, auction international. Old truck and got a dump box off the other one, 2010 International.

R2.) Assessor: report submitted
Hours posted, grievance may 31st, formal g. May 31st 4-8pm

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted
Nothing available

R4.) Planning Board: no minutes submitted
Marie, Warner family approved site review contingent on county codes for the cottage and septic issues.

R5.) DCO: no report submitted; Report submitted

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted.

Propane issues, ran out, stand by generator has to be checked. Bids to go out. Mirabito found under inspection, south wall heater dead and needs to be replaced. Everything on back order. For Alison's room and meeting room.

Shelf ordered to use for the bathroom. Keith Sabin did the framework.

Eagle Scout garden in bad condition, rotting, weeds taking over. See about getting a contractor for flower bed. O-ring that isn't leaking anymore on the tractor.

Port-o-john to be re-ordered, Board member Wark is getting it taken care of.

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R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

Cammarata, USDA has to update paperwork

Town attorney to sign and schedule the closing as soon as the truck is done, will be reimbursed.

Town highway barn repairs, one estimate came back out of the three.

Everything is good on budget as of now.

Witkowski and Cammarata went over the 5 worst roads (ADDED IN REPORT AT THE END)

MINUTES APPROVAL for March 20th

7:30PM

WARRANTS

7:35PM

General Warrant # 4, Vouchers # 57-69 in the amount of \$4928.20 submitted for payment

66 NYSEG street lighting Tyner is a credit this month

Vouchers paid early: # 60 Point Broadband, # 61 Spectrum, #62 Chamber of Commerce, total: \$294.93

Consider Resolution to pay the associated Mirabito bills (service bill and separate propane bill) as they come in rather than waiting until May.

Highway Warrant # 4, Vouchers # 46--58, in the amount of \$23,713.34 submitted for payment

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:50PM

OTHER:

Roadways:

Questions on the roads, by Priscilla Vanderbunt and two others at the meeting. Robbins road, ditches are full. What's the plan? When is oil going down? The community members want a start and end date. This was deemed impossible without the money to maintain the road.

It was stated that Robins road (where the community members live on) doesn't get the increased traffic as the other roads that need more attendance.

Community members are not happy about the toxic dust. Currently there is no ability to take care of it, looking for oil.

Community members complaining about ditches, using personal equipment to clear ditches. Complaining about no plan, not happy about the ditches being filled, wants more detail. Once the Chips money is done no other money is left to spend on the roads. There are 3 million dollars for roads. It's going to be 60k minimum for the roads, looking for the possibility of covid money but there is none left. Had 120k total. Pam isn't happy with the attacking of the board.

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Water System Statements:

What goes on with the wells is a question asked, Cammarata claimed that studies have shown arsenic in the wells. Town has secured a grant for the hamlet. Water district. Stated that the town in the hamlet will pay the fees, not anyone outside of the town will be liable for increased tax for the new water system. Been there for 20 years. Differentiating contributing factors. Stated that the bridge construction messed up people's wells in the local vicinity. Some of the wells can't be dug for homes in the hamlet. Stated that wells are drying up. Water filled with sulfur, arsenic etc. families moving in making the water table continues to drop, drying up. ¾ of the people cannot drill a well, allegedly, due to their location within the hamlet. Nobody knows yet where the water is going to come from, engineers are looking into it for the hamlet. Outside the hamlet is not affected.

Witkowski states that road maintenance is not going to affect the general maintenance of the area

Priscilla suggested putting a car meter on the road to figure out the traffic and what roads are actually the busiest in Smithville, therefore centering more attention to be given to those particular roads. Biggest concern is the communication, like the outline of the major roads.

Priscilla stated that the DEC will relocate the beavers if need be from a previous. DEC wouldn't respond.

No parts for road equipment. Everything is on hold. Nothing is dependable with the equipment.

Project plan looking for a start and end date possibly.

Motion to accept the supervisors report, motion by Holcomb and Butler, all in favor. Carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nays: 0

Resolution #17 (2023): Authorizing Vince Witkowski, when needed, the ability to move any equipment for the town of Smithville.

Witkowski has provided Insurance.

Resolution. Passed.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nays: 0

Post Office Parking Lot:

Joan Barker on the parking lot of the post office, terrible conditions, no maintenance is ever done. Parking lot is owned by Trenton Falls Leasing Inc. Barneveld, Ny 13304 Steven Buck P.O. Box 477 - Joan can't get any type of response from them. Bruce Kinney said there are bids in for the parking lot and when the blacktop plants open it will be fixed.

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Minutes:

Approval for the minutes for March 20th. Motion by Whitmore, second by Butler all in favor, carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nays: 0

Motion for March Warrants, General side. #57-69 to pay these warrants motion by Board Member Whitmore and Wark all in favor, carried.

Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nays: 0

Highway warrants please add \$71,784.95 to the chips payment - total, paid to k.c. bank: \$95,498.29 - ACCNT: DA3501 Motion to pay 46-59 hwy warrants, Whitmore & Wark all in favor, carried.

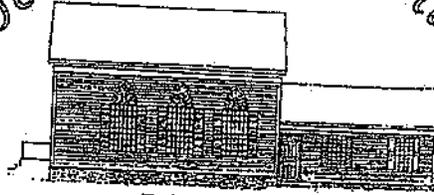
Ayes: Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata,

Nays: 0

Adjourned. 9 PM.

Philip Montelione, Clerk, Part-Time.

Town of Smithville



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TOP 5 PROBLEM ROADS

1/ Stone Quarry Hill Road:

3 Years ago it was chipped and oiled using CHIPS which means you can not use CHIPS on this road for 7 Years, 10 year total for on Chips.

Road needs to have Culvert enlarged, sections of the road dug up and larger stone placed as a bed, machined underdrain piping installed into the rock, raised in certain locations, prep work from Engaard Road to County Road 3, Binder, Oil and Chip.

Cost \$ 1.5 Million

2/ Buckley Hollow Road:

Remove existing roadway, build up road, install new culverts as needed, all ditching as needed, prep road for paving , Binder, Oil and Chip.

Cost \$ 575,00.00 total 3 Years of Budget

3/ Pollard Road

Add 1- 48' culvert, build up ¼ mile of road, Ditching, Binder, Oil and Chip.

Cost \$ 250,000 – 325,000

Lamont Engineers put in for 5 Grants over a 5 year period and was not awarded none!!! At a cost of \$989,000.00

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4/ Kingsman Road and Fry Road

Remove existing parts of the road, fill in with stone, ditching, culverts, regrade prep road, Binder, Oil and Chip.

Cost \$ 400,000

5/ Winner Road

Replace some of the road and fill in rock where needed, widen mouth of road by County Road 3 and pave the 1st ¼ mile on road in with Binder, Oil and Chip.

Cost \$ 70,000- 85,000

Note For 2023 pricing!

\$135,000.00 per Mile of Binder

Then next year \$ \$40,000.00 per mile to seal Binder Oil and Chip