

Town of DeKalb Board Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Town Board, of the Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, held on the 21st day of February 2018, at the Town Hall in DeKalb Junction NY, there were present:

John Frary	Supervisor	Harold Lowery	Councilman
Michael Livingston	Councilman	Rae Ann Davis	Councilwoman
Jody Hamilton	Highway Superintendent	Ed Newcombe	Councilman
Bill Chambers	Code Enforcement Officer	Barbara Creazzo	Town Clerk
Charles Nash	Attorney		

Public Hearing: Local Law #2, Dog Control

Supervisor Frary, opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM. There was no one from the community in attendance. Supervisor Frary asked the Board members if they had any questions regarding the Dog Control Law, there were no questions or concerns. Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Frary opened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 PM

Rae Ann Davis, moved that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Board, held on the 17th day of January 2018, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be and hereby approved. Seconded by Michael Livingston and adopted unanimously.

Members of the community present: James O'Neill, Planning Board and Larry Denesha, SLC Legislator.

Public Forum:

Jim O'Neill, has recently accepted the position of Chair, for the De Kalb Site Review Board. Louis LaBarge, asked to step down after 5 years in the position. Mr. O'Neill has served in the position before and is reviewing changings that have occurred recently. The Board thanks Mr. O'Neill for accepting the position. Mr. O'Neill asked if they were required to meet monthly or on an as needed basis. Mr. Nash did a quick research and noted the Site Review Board can set their meetings as they deem necessary. Therefore, meetings will continue to occur as needed. Mr. O'Neill will meet with Bill Chambers, Code Enforcement Officer, to discuss some questions Mr. O'Neill has. Any changes he believes needs to be made, will come to the Board in the form of a formal request. Mr. O'Neill notes there is one vacancy on the Board at this time.

Larry Denesha

-SLC Dept. of Highway, ended 2017, with a positive balance of \$8000,000 plus. This certainly helps their overall budget.

-2017 Sale Tax Revenues was \$2,680,000 over 2016.

-An audit by the Comptroller's office was recently completed and there were no significant findings.

-Board of Election has made a recent move. They are still located in the Human Resources Building on Route 310. They continue to be on the second floor; however, one now turns right at the top of the stairs and then make another right to locate them.

-2017 Tax Auction brought in \$1,364,608, expenses, plus the paying of back taxes, realizes a net gain of \$37,000+ for the County.

-Had the pleasure of participating in a ceremonial tree tapping at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

-A Public Health Director has been hired. She is Dana McGuire and comes to the north county from the CDC in Atlanta.

-Ruth Doyle, Administrator, will be setting meeting dates for the Shared Services meetings for 2018.

-All funding is in place for phase 2 of the clean-up at the old Jones & Laughlin site. Phase 2 will be the completion of the demolition of all buildings. It has been discovered, there are several underground chase-ways for piping, which will now be removed in phase 3. Funding has been attained for this phase as well. It is anticipated that phase 2 will begin on or around May 1, 2018.

- The County needs Election Inspectors. If any one is interested or know someone who is, please contact the Board of Election or stop in at the Clerk's office for a brochure.
- Legislators will be sponsoring another Resolution that will require Amish horse drawn vehicles to display a slow-moving emblem.
- The DEC will hold a Rock Ridge meeting at the Hermon-De Kalb Central School on March 8, 2018, from 6-8 PM. They are asking for public input on the St. Lawrence Rock Ridge UMP.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Michael Livingston, for the Town Board, to pass a resolution requiring the slow-moving emblem on all Amish vehicles using roads within the township of De Kalb.
Carried 5 Ayes

Appointment for Board of Assessment Review: Elizabeth Holland's five-year appointment is up for renewal. Ms. Holland has expressed an interest in continuing in the position.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Michael Livingston, to reappoint Elizabeth Holland for another 5-year term to the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of De Kalb.
Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Michael Livingston and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to appoint Jordan Deleel to a five-year term on the Site Review Board for the Town of De Kalb.
Carried 5 Ayes

Financials:

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to accept the Justice Clerk Audit as presented.
Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Michael Livingston and seconded by Harold Lowery, to accept the Town Clerk Audit for the Clerk Account and Tax Collection Account as presented.
Carried 5 Ayes

Town Clerk Report: Barbara A. Creazzo

- A total of \$320.40 was collected for the month of January. Of that amount, a check was presented to the Supervisor for \$257.78. The breakdown is as follows: NY DEC \$23.62, town \$1.38, Ag & Market \$39.00, town \$115.50, Birth Transcript \$10 to the town, Death Certificates \$100 to the town, Copies \$1.90, Faxes \$4, and Junk Fee License \$25, all to the town.
- A total of \$7,631,72 was collected in January for the Water District and \$8,273.07 was collected for the Sewer District.
- A total of \$1,184,506.90 was collected in taxes for the month of January. Of this amount, the town received \$660,006.90.
- Wanda Law, Deputy, worked a total of 16 hours during the month of January.

- Supervisor Frary, distributed the January through February budget printout, there were no questions or concerns at this time.
- The 2018 Sales Tax Distribution breakdown for Quarter I was distributed, as well as, the 2017 Sales Tax Distribution from the Treasurer's office. There were no questions or concerns.
- All Board members reviewed and signed the Monthly Transaction Report for January. There were no questions or concerns.
- SLC Town and County Tax Rates Report was distributed for the Town of De Kalb. The report shows the rate for this year, as well as, for the 3 previous years. There were no questions or concerns.

DANC Report:

- Water District, there was a total of 611,500 gallons of water metered for the month of January with an average daily flow of 19,726 gallons. A total of 6 gallons of sodium hypochlorite were used in the treatment of water produced. Daily, weekly and monthly inspections and maintenances were performed. There were no chargeable events performed for this billing period. Copies of flow charts are included in the report.
- Sewer District, there was a total of 1,199,000 gallons of wastewater treated for the month of January, with an average daily flow of 36,677 gallons. There were no SPDES permit violations. Daily, weekly and monthly inspections and maintenances were completed. There were no chargeable events performed this billing period. Copies of flow charts are included in the report.

Code Enforcement Report: Bill Chambers

-Two building permits were issued for the month of January. One was for new construction at Junction Supply and the other was an addition on a home. Total fee amount for the month was \$158.80. Total project cost for the month was \$38,000.00.

Highway Report: Jody Hamilton

- Completed 21 rounds for plowing and sanding of all rounds and an additional 5 rounds on county roads.
- Up-graded lighting in the main working area of garage has been completed. The guys were able to complete it in 1 ½ days.
- Road sign inventory has been completed.
- Repaired a manhole on Second St.
- Have spent several days thawing culverts.
- Assisted the County Highway Dept one day near Beaver Creek.
- Have been cutting roadside brush as time and weather permits.
- Addressed flooding that occurred on the Reese Rd.
- The crew has been working on machinery, keeping it in good shape for the winter.

The town has received notice that a portion of NY 812, south of County Route 17, based on the NYSDOT study, a 25 MPH SSZ is appropriate adjacent to the Amish School, from 8 am to 4:30 pm school days. In addition, the existing 30 MPH linear speed limit will be extended to the south approximately 900 feet plus or minus. Signs will be installed soon.

Annually, the Town of De Kalb, is required to sign the Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for Providing Service for 2018, document. Therefore; a motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Harold Lowery, for Supervisor Frary to sign the agreement.

Carried 5 Ayes

Dog Control Report: Dan Moyer

-Responded to four dog complaints for the months of January and February. One resulted in the dog that was picked up on 01/02/2018 to be transferred to Friends for Pound Paws on 01/10/2018. Was unable to locate the owner of the dog.

NYS Dog Control Inspection Report was completed on 01/25/2018 and was rated as satisfactory. Mr. Moyer's kennel also received the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 01/25/2018 as well. It too, was rated as satisfactory.

As noted earlier in these minutes, a Public Hearing was held for Local Law #2 of the year 2018, for Dog Control. The Law states the purpose of the law, definitions as defined in the law. restrictions, nuisances, dangerous dogs, complaint of violations, appearance ticket, seizure, fees, penalties for offenses, severability, and repealer. This law does not require a SEQR. If passed, the Local Law shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Harold Lowery, to pass Local Law #2 of 2018, Dog Control Law.

Carried 5 Ayes

Two Public Hearings will be held April 18, 2018. One is for the discussion of Public Referendum, for the position of Town Supervisor, to become a 4-year position. The second Public Hearing will be for the discussion of Public Referendum, for the position of Highway Superintendent, to become an appointed position of the Board for a term of 4-years.

Cold War Exemption, with the recent change to Real Property Tax Law 458-b (Cold War Veterans exemption), a municipality can now adopt this exemption to be permanent. Members of the Board, have expressed the desire to adopt this exemption; therefore, a Public Hearing will be held May 16, 2018 to discuss this exemption.

Supervisor Frary, shared with the Board, the proposed Resolutions for the upcoming Annual Association of Towns Meeting.

Supervisor Frary, also shared information he received from Charles Webber, who does aerial spraying for Forest Ten Caterpillar and Gypsy Moth control.

Supervisor Frary, has received the annual request for the Town of De Kalb to provide insurance coverage for the local summer Pee-Wee program and has provided the school with the appropriate documentation.

A motion was made by Rae Ann Davis and seconded by Harold Lowery, to approve payment of the bills as entered on Abstract # 2-2018. Carried 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Harold Lowery and seconded by Ed Newcombe, to adjourn. Carried 5 Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara A. Creazzo
Town Clerk

Actions

1. Notify Elizabeth Holland of her reappointment to B.O.A.R. **Completed 02/28/2018**
2. Notify Real Property of Ms. Holland's reappointment. **Completed 02/23/2018**
3. Sign the Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for Providing Service for 2018 document and return to County. **Completed 02/23/2018**
4. Charles Nash, Attorney to arrange for legal notices of Public Hearing.
5. Provide Resolution to Legislators supporting the slow-moving emblem on Amish vehicles. **Completed 02/28/2018**