



Town of Tusten Town Board Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022

6:30 PM

Venue: Tusten Town Community Hall * Zoom ID 890 1678 4280

PRESENT

Supervisor Bernard Johnson
Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger
Councilman Bruce Gettel
Councilman Kevin McDonough

ABSENT

Councilman Greg Triggs (present on zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT

Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; Ken Klein, Attorney to the Town; Victoria Strumpfeler, 1st Deputy Town Clerk; Jocelyn Strumpfeler, 2nd Deputy Town Clerk

1 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 **Call Meeting to Order**

Supervisor Bernard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

1.2 **Pledge of allegiance**

Supervisor Bernard Johnson led the pledge of allegiance

1.3 **Announcements**

- Mobile DMV is coming to Tusten Community Hall Tuesday August 16, 2022 10 am – 3 pm
- Tuesday August 23, 2022 Special Election, Therefore Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday August 22nd

1.4 **Payment of Bills**

RESOLUTION # 117 - 2022

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On the motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilmember Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Councilman Greg Triggs)

RESOLVED that, the bills be paid as presented:

July Expenses

Fund Acct	Ck Acct Disburse	Voucher #'s
General	\$38,127.41	549-567 Late Bills: 545,546
Highway	\$286,549.93	568-579, 617
Water	\$27,297.52	580-597 Late Bills: 547
Sewer	\$14,037.41	598-616 Late Bills: 548
lighting dist	\$0.00	
escrow accts	\$48.75	545A
TOTAL	\$366,061.02	

2 DIVISION REPORTS

2.1 Highway

July 2022

- Used 835.3 gal of diesel fuel 704.2 gal was for highway and 131.1 was non highway use.
- Used 320.3 gal of gas 2.5 was highway and 317.8 was non highway use.
- Patch holes on dirt and paved roads.
- Removed trees in road way Hankins, Perry Pond, Lackawaxen and Irishtown Rd.
- Patch and T&L roads to be chip sealed.
- Ditch Ackerman, Mahl's Pond.
- Grade dirt part of Cochection Turnpike.
- Mow brush on right of ways

2.2 Water & Sewer

Narrowsburg Water & Sewer District Monthly Report for July 2022

- The water and sewer department will be resuming the inspection of septic tanks and will be installing risers above the center and inlet lids that are more than 6" deep.
- Completed monthly drinking water and waste water sampling and reporting.
- Made adjustments to the chlorinator at the sewer plant, as needed, to maintain Federal and State standards on the effluent wastewater.
- Did water meter readings every Wednesday in the month of July and contacted homeowners/business owners about high water usage.
- Koberlein pumped out sludge from dosing tanks.
- Removed sludge and weeds from sand beds.

- Started adding more sand to bed #1.
- Mowed wells and sewer plant.
- Responded to 5 after-hours Kirk Rd pump station alarms over 3 days due to excessive heat.
- Repaired some sewer cleanouts and replaced a broken septic tank lid on the flats.
- Installed new curb valve box and stem at a house on Bridge St and repaired a broken curb valve box.
- Replaced two water meters.
- Did leak detection with New York Rural Water Association.
- Responded to after-hours call-ins for septic issues on Delaware Drive and the campgrounds.
- Installed two risers on one septic tank.
- Upgraded fan at the Kirk Rd pump station panel to provide more airflow.
- Continued to work with New York Rural Water Association on assessing the condition of the sewer system, at no cost.
- Replaced chlorine gas cylinders at both wells and chlorinator at well #3.

NARROWSBURG WATER & SEWER	
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2022	
Narrowsburg Water	
Water Metered Rent	\$ 24,473.38
Service Charge	\$ 223.00
Water Penalty	\$ 85.73
TOTAL RECEIVED	
\$ 24,782.11	
Narrowsburg Sewer	
Sewer Rent	\$ 18,129.64
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Sewer Penalty	\$ 51.39
TOTAL RECEIVED	
\$ 18,184.03	
GRAND TOTAL	
\$ 42,966.14	
Jocelyn Strumpfler Water & Sewer Clerk	

2.3 Building Department/ Code Enforcement

JULY 2022 Monthly Report

Construction Inspections – 22
Fire & Safety Inspections – 2
Complaint/Violation Inspections – 1
Certificate of Occupancy Issued – 2
Certificate of Compliance Issued – 8

Total New Permits Issued – 11

New Homes – 2	Accessory Building/Garage – 0
Renovation/Alteration/Addition – 0	Camping - 0
Chimney/Fuel – 1	New Comm Const – 0
Acc Bldg Comm – 0	Commercial Deck - 0
Ren/Alt – Comm Const - 0	Driveway Permit – 0
Deck – 1	Logging Permits – 0
Demolition Permit – 0	Pool – 0
Electrical – 6	Roof Structure - 0
Mechanical – 1	Sidewalk - 0
Plumbing – 0	Solar Permit – 0
Roof Replacement -1	Flood Plain Permit - 0
Septic Permits – 0	
Sign Permit – 0	
Well – 0	

Expired Permit Renewals – 0

Abstracts/Violation Search – 9

Dangerous and Unsafe Building – 0	Complaints Closed – 1
Complaints Received – 1	Violations Corrected – 0
Violations Issued – 2	Stop Work – 2
Previous Violations Closed/Corrected – 0	

Monies collected by this office from July 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 are \$3,695.00

Respectfully,
Jim P Crowley, Building Inspector
JPC/js

2.4 Assessor – Submitted by Sole Assessor Ken Baim

During the month of July, I was not able to attend the Sullivan County Assessor’s Association regular monthly meeting.

Article 78 proceedings were received for the Homelands Farms Solar fields from lessee Delaware Solar through the IDA. These proceedings will be lumped into any settlement that will include previous years’

filings. These proceedings do not have any or a small impact to our tax base as the solar installation part of the assessment is fully tax exempt. Of the three grievance complaints filed through Aventine Properties only two have been filed for small claims proceedings. Deeds have continued to be received at a moderate rate. Preparations for the school tax bill submission in early August are underway.

2.5 Upper Delaware Council – Submitted & Read aloud via zoom by Susan Sullivan

National Park Service

National Park Service Superintendent Joe Salvatore passed away two weeks ago. It was a shock to his staff and to UDC. We observed silence for Joe. Jessica Weinman, currently facilities manager, will be Interim Superintendent, until NPS decided who will permanently fill the position. Jessica has served in this role before, and is highly regarded by all UDC members.

Presentation SC Legislator Michael Brooks on SC expansion of Broadband

Background is that Sullivan County's IT manager was putting together a network covering Sullivan County, using existing Emergency cell towers and adding boosters or towers where necessary. The service was to be offered at a just above cost price to Sullivan County Residents.

Update: The grant money needed to get this project off the ground has been received. And, The County was approached by a private fiber optic company working in the Hudson Valley who wish to invest 200 million in the project in a public private partnership. Cell service MAY be helped by this project. details including the name of the interested company to be announced in next few weeks.

Grants

August TAG deadline is August 19. September TAG Special Project Review meeting is September 13 at 6:30PM, same time as Town Board meeting. Jane L usually attends this meeting.

Congress passed the Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act, in mid-July, with change that small, rural and disadvantaged counties will be a 10% match instead of 50%. The legislation now goes to the Senate. Under this act money has been granted to FUDR for streambed restoration and for Callicoon Creek Park So stay tuned.

NY DEC

Interim Representative Ryan Coulter attended this meeting, and reports that he is working on DEC accesses in the corridor. Jeff Rider will ultimately be the permanent UDC representative

UDC Telecommunications Subcommittee

This committee was formed to review existing town and township zoning regarding cell tower placement, and existing technology, to explore how to improve cell service in the river corridor. It held its first meeting August 4. NPS is a member of the committee. I am not on the committee, but if anyone has questions, I could get answers for you

UDC Annual Award Banquet Sunday, September 18, at Central House in Beach Lake.

2.6 Energy Committee- *Brandi Merolla (zoom)*

- No report received

2.7 Zoning Revision Committee – *Read aloud by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger*

- In progress – awaiting NPS response to adopt zoning

2.8 Grants Report- *Submitted & Read aloud by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger*

1. UDC grant to update zoning - committee continues to meet every 2 weeks, final report being sent to the UDC this week.
2. Little Lake Erie Culvert – Getting ready to rebid in August/September
3. Water infrastructure project – Delaware Engineering will develop specs for entire project.
4. William Pomeroy Foundation – expecting plaque in 20-24 months
5. Letter of intent for NY Forward grant submitted. This grant is for the Riverwalk, and downtown revitalization.
6. 2023 UDC grant application to have zoning codes intergraded and added to website will be submitted this week.

Submitted by:
Jane Luchsinger

2.9 Narrowsburg Water & Sewer Committee

- The NWS committee met on August 1, 2022.
1. The committee recommends a concrete replacement water storage tank be purchased as part of the WIIA grant. Concrete, although more expensive, lasts longer and has been used successfully by surrounding water districts.
 2. Under an emergency situation, a new chlorine regulator was purchased \$2,268. The committee agreed that a backup regulator should be ordered as well.
 3. Committee reviewed and adjusted, when appropriate, the status of several accounts.
 - Rates for out of district water, but in district sewer both commercial and residential will be on the agenda next month.

Submitted by: Jane Luchsinger, Chair

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

- *No comments were made at this time*

4 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Local Law #2 Conservation Council Local Law

RESOLUTION # 118 - 2022

ESTABLISHMENT & APPOINTMENTS OF CONSERVATION ADVIORSY COUNCIL

On the motion of Councilman Kevin McDonough, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYES 1 ABSENT (Councilman Greg Triggs)

RESOLVED that, the Town Board Members establish the Tusten Conservation Advisory Council and appoint the following member:

- Bernie Lohmann
- John Dowd
- Alexandra Climate
- Kathleen Breen
- Donovan Sylveste
- Jane Luchsinger

4.2 Re Bid Main St project.

LITTLE LAKE ERIE CULVERT

RESOLUTION # 119 -2022

On the motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYES 1 ABSENT (Councilman Greg Triggs)

RESOLVED that, the Town Board authorizes Delaware Engineering to re-bid Little Lake Erie Culvert Project

4.3 Local Law #1 Zoning Update

- DEC comments received – Q&A meeting is scheduled
- Awaiting National Park Service comments

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 DVAA event request 08/13

RESOLUTION # 120 - 2022

ROAD CLOSER FOR DVAA PERFORMANCE

On the motion of Deputy Supervisor Deputy Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYES 1 ABSENT (Councilman Greg Triggs)

RESOLVED that, Town Board approval for partial road closure of 6 parking spots, 4 in front of their building and 2 across the street on September 10th 2022 from 3-6pm

5.2 NY Forward Grant, approve application

RESOLUTION # 121 - 2022

NY FORWARD DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT

On the motion of Councilman Kevin McDonough, seconded by Supervisor Bernard Johnson, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 ABSENT 1 (Councilman Greg Triggs)

RESOLVED that, the Town Board give Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger authorization to proceed with the application

5.3 Fall Clean Up

Tonnage Available = 13.49

Available Saturdays Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, (Oct. 10, Columbus Day), Oct. 15

RESOLUTION # 122 - 2022

SET DATE FOR FALL CLEAN UP

On the motion of Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 ABSENT 1 (Councilman Triggs)

RESOLVED that, the Town Board set the Fall Clean-up date Saturday October 1st 10am-2pm.

6 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following comments were heard

- Mike Farrell – Riverwalk = Bad Idea

7 **CLOSING ITEMS**

7.1 Board Comment

- Councilman Triggs comments from zoom and adds that early voting for the upcoming election is Saturday, August 13th

7.2 Monthly Meeting reminder

- **ZBA** - 2nd Monday – 7:30 pm - Community Hall (Zoom ID 851 9544 5595)
- **Zoning Revision/ Update Committee** - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - Community Hall (Zoom ID 847 5045 2682)
- **Planning Board** – MONDAY **8/22/22** – 7:30 pm - Community Hall (Zoom ID 897 1376 8662)
- **Water Sewer Committee** Meeting -1st Monday -8:00 am - Community Hall (No Zoom)
- **Town Board** Workshop 1st Tuesday - 6:30 PM – Community Hall (No Zoom)
- **Town Board** Regular Meeting 2nd Tuesday – 6:30 pm Community Hall (Zoom ID 890 1678 4280)

7.3 Adjournment

With no further business to be had, motion made by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, all in favor. Meeting closed at 7:02pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Victoria Strumpfler,
Deputy Town Clerk