



Town of Tusten Town Board Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

6:30 PM

Supervisor Ben Johnson	Present
Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger	Present
Councilwoman Jill Padua	Present
Councilwoman Brandi Merolla	Present
Councilman Bruce Gettel	Present
Others Present: Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; Highway Superintendent Donald Nieger; Approx. 36 members from the general public.	

OPENING ITEMS

Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Bernard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Pledge of allegiance

Supervisor Bernard Johnson led the pledge.

Announcements

- Comprehensive Plan Survey will be received by town property owners & residents, please fill out
- Health & Safety Notices- COVID 19 information
- Little Lake Erie Culvert
- UDC – Position Paper on Utility – Scale Solar Energy Systems

Correspondence – Supervisor Bernard Johnson read the following aloud:

- Sullivan County Guardrails within the river corridor
- NYS DOT Passing Zone concerns NYS Rt 97 Between CR 25 & CR 23 in review
- Sullivan County Rd Closure Notice of Crystal Lake Road (CR 26)
- Complaint of noise issues from a nearby apartment interrupting the livelihood of surrounding residents, received from

Payment of Bills

RESOLUTION # 42-2020

PAYMNET OF BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the bills of February 2020 be paid as presented:

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Fund Acct	Ck Disbursement	Voucher #'s
General	\$48,892.24	224-351,156-157, 157a,158
Highway	\$106,097.91	195-223,
Water	\$13,106.46	167-172, 185-188,193,160,
Sewer	\$15,621.96	173-192, 352, 161-164
Light Dist	\$536.27	159
TOTAL	\$184,254.84	-

DIVISION REPORTS

*Supervisor Bernard Johnson read the following reports aloud.

Highway – report submitted by Highway Superintend Donald Nieger

Monthly Report: February 2020

- Used 859.9 gal of diesel fuel 777.2 gal was for highway and 82.7 was non highway use.
- Used 278.6 gal of gas 76.1 was highway and 202.5 was non highway use.
- Patched holes on dirt and paved roads.
- Put winter weight restrictions signs on roads.
- Repair trucks and snow removal equipment after storms.
- Cut trees on Gables Rd., Swamp Pond, Brook Rd and Perry Pond Rd.
- Cleaned snow from around town.
- Cleaned frozen drain pipes on roads.
- On snow removal.

Water & Sewer – report submitted by NWS

Monthly Report: February 2020

- Worked on sand bed #4, leveling off sand
- Flushed dead end hydrants to clear out lines
- Fixed and added risers to 10 septic tank clean out ports
- Installed missing hydrant markers on 3 fire hydrants
- Updated and scanned the Contact #2 binder of septic tank location maps
- Painted at well #1, well #2, and well #3
- Put cold patch by hydrant isolation valve at the start of Grove St.
- Replaced the caustic soda pump at the sewer plant and the discharge plumbing
- Marked out sewer and water lines at Main St/Oak St where temporary bridge is going to be installed over the lake
- Worked on adding stone to the sewer plant driveway to fill in pot holes

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- Awarded removal of old filter sand bid to Koberlein, who removed it from the sewer plant
 - Cleaned and organized the tractor shed and the shop
 - Attended a safety driving and confine space training class in Monticello
 - Responded to an afterhours power outage
 - Exercised generators
 - Fixed two curb valve boxes on Erie Ave
 - Fixed landscape fabric around sand beds
 - Koberlein pumped out dosing tanks at the sewer plant
 - Completed monthly reports for the NYDOH and the NYDEC
 - Investigated a possible water leak on Erie Ave but Rich from NYRWA confirmed there was no leak
 - Checked 14 pump stations and 3 grinder stations
- April 21st/22nd the water department is going to be hydrant flushing.

Building Department/ Code Enforcement – report submitted by Jim Crowley, CEO

Monthly Report: February 2020

Construction Inspections – 14

Fire & Safety Inspections – 0

Complaint/Violation Inspections - 0

Certificate of Occupancy – 0

Certificate of Compliance – 4

Building Permits – 9

New Homes – 0

Accessory Building/Garage – 0

Renovation/Alteration/Addition – 2

Camping - 1

Chimney/Fuel – 0

Accessory Building Commercial - 0

New Commercial Construction – 0

Renovation/Alteration – Commercial Construction - 1

Deck - 1

Demolition Permit - 1

Driveway Permit – 0

Electrical – 1

Logging Permits – 2

Mechanical -

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Permit Renewals – 0

Pool – 0

Roof Replacement – 0

Roof Structure - 0

Septic Permits –

Sidewalk - 0

Sign Permit – 0

Solar Permit – 0

Well - 0

Flood Plain Permit - 0

C/O and violation search – 5

Dangerous and Unsafe Building – 0

Complaints Received – 1

Complaints Closed – 1

Violations Issued – 0

Violations Corrected – 0

Previous Violations Closed/Corrected - 0

Stop Work – 0

2019 Uniform Code Administration and Enforcement Report filed in February.

Building Inspector and Clerk attended training in Monticello on What Every Local Official Should Know about Fire Prevention; The Short Environment Assessment Form and Spot Zoning on Monday, February 24th

Monies collected by this office from February 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020 are \$2,767.60.

Respectfully,

Jim P Crowley, Building Inspector

JPC/js

Assessor- report submitted by Sole Assessor, Ken Baim

Monthly report: February 2020

During the month of February, we received aged and forest exemptions and a few changes to enhanced STAR requests for those who are becoming 65 this year. Due to the enhanced STAR being handled by Department of Taxation, I have not had the pleasure of seeing those who previously had to bring in proof of income and renewal applications. Dot and I both missed this visiting with old friends and acquaintances that we did each

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year. However, I am not off the hook completely as reports will come from the state that will have to be put on the computer for the tax roll.

We attended the Sullivan County Assessor's Association meeting. Victoria Castello from Department of Taxation tried to explain some of the reports we recently received pertaining to level of assessment and equalization rates. It seems that back in August we met with a state representative about appraisals that he was completing for level of assessment. Nothing was done all these months until the arrival of the reports on February 4th. Along with this was instruction that the results of these reports had to be used to set the level of assessment before February 21st. As there were some problems with some of the appraisals, I was forced to spend several office days and most of a weekend preparing correspondence on these parcels. Results were somewhat helpful, but the time factor really had it pushed up to the end date at just before 5:00 PM! My feeling was this was an intentional move to avoid the assessors involved having time to refute the data. Victoria helped us after the meeting at the Town of Callicoon Town Hall as she went there to see the Callicoon Assessor also.

From this I requested a 52.5% level of assessment and equalization rate for 2020. This drops from the 2019 rate of 56% and the previous three years of 54%. Sadly, this will raise the market value printed in the tax roll and on the tax bills. This will create more complaining as taxpayers usually feel their market value is an already outrageously high value for their property. But the sales prices being received for those houses that do sell have mostly gone up the past couple of years. Most taxpayers would not be amenable to admitting this.

Preparation for taxable status date assessments has been started as March is the month to do all the new construction and other change inspections in preparation for the May 1 tentative tax roll.

Upper Delaware Council (UDC)– report submitted & read aloud by Susan Sullivan, Tusten UDC Representative

Presentation: Brandi Merolla and Jennifer Porter on the Tusten Composter Digester Very informative and very well received.

2020 Upper Delaware River Sweep, Dan Papparella Coordinator, Beginning Wednesday April 22 (Earth Day's 50th Anniversary) and running for four days through Saturday April 25. Briefly, a clean-up of river accesses and the roads that lead to them from Hancock to Pt Jervis, on the PA and NY sides of the River. Land based. Including Rt 97 where safe and appropriate. Event ends on Saturday with educational programs, and celebration of volunteers at the Narrowsburg Union. NPS agreed to provide maps of the areas to be litter plucked. There was a good turnout for planning sessions and strong, enthusiastic response from large diverse groups ...Website

UDC Annual Awards Banquet Sunday May 3, 2020 at Central House, Beach Lake PA

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UDC 5 Year Strategic Plan, Visioning meeting Saturday May 30, from 9:00A to 4:00P at Damascus Community Center. Looking for facilitator

Skidders Falls Bridge and Cohecton Damascus Bridge Updates on construction and closures

Skidders Falls Bridge on Sunday, March 8, Senator Jen Metzger attended a meeting at the Bridge to hear concerns. The Joint Position Statement's conclusions were that the option of removal was off the table. The kind of repairs they have tried have not worked. This left extensive renovation, vs and new larger bridge. Renovation is favored option. Then the question is leaving the bridge closed (shorter time frame) vs. keeping it open for very limited use, like the Narrowsburg Bridge.

Utility Scale Solar Energy Systems Position Paper was reviewed by Project Review Committee, and referred to the full council, which approved it. The task now is to incorporate it into the RMP. Utility scale Wind and Hydropower has already been addressed via a Letter of Interpretation.

Open Position for Land Use Planner/Resource Specialist Position. It is proving to be difficult to fill this position. in the interim, Tom Shepstone is reviewing projects, such as the Highland River Access Project.

UDC Presentation for April, DEC Presentation on improvements at the Mongaup Wildlife Management area at 7:00Pm.

Energy Committee (TEC)– report read loud by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla

Monthly Report: February 2020

Soft Plastic Recycling in Tusten

New TREX count for 500 pounds towards a 2nd bench

February 1, 2020	58 pounds
February 4, 2020	68 pounds
February 10, 2020	42 pounds
February 12, 2020	31 pounds
February 14, 2020	46 pounds
February 19, 2020	56 pounds
February 24, 2020	51 pounds
<u>February 26, 2020</u>	<u>21 pounds</u>
February total	373 pounds

March 1, 2020	63 pounds
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March 8, 2020 65 pounds

Total 501 pounds

Submitted to TREX for 2nd bench

Tusten Total to date 2,654 pounds

Meeting with Jennifer Porter and Brandi Merolla 2/27/2020 to discuss UDC talk on March 5, 2020.

Brandi will introduce the UDC to Jennifer Porter a Waste Management specialist and TEC member. She will speak about food scrap composting with a H.O.R.S.E. digester coming to Tusten in July 2020 presenting basic facts and reasons to address food waste that goes into our landfills only to emit Methane. Americans waste 40% of the food they buy.

Brandi and Jennifer presented a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation with thorough understanding of our fully funded NYS DEC grant and voluntary town participation.

TEC Monthly Meeting 2/28/2020

In attendance was Brandi Merolla, Jennifer Porter, Star Hesse, Naomi Holoch, Catherine Lewis, new member Dan Paparella and Coryanne Mansell on the phone from the Center for Ecotechnology in North Hampton, Mass.

Jennifer has outlined the next several months preparing for the Tusten HORSE Micro digester and Food Rescue Program launch in July 2020 at the town barn.

Project Status: All contracts have been finalized on Feb.13. Jen is also preparing a status report for April 4, 2020.

She is keeping meticulous tabs on our in-kind volunteer work.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Handout/signage development for businesses and farmer's market. Cory from CET will create our branding message wordage and Brandi will then create visual graphics for a logo, banner, informational flyers, etc.

Market development for probiotic plant food.

Jen spoke with local farm Good Find Food and Dan will speak to other possible interested farmers.

Farmer's market team.

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Brandi secured a spot at the Narrowsburg Farmer's Market with director Greg Schwarz of Willow Wisp Farm. The TEC will set up a table every week on Saturdays to inform residents about food waste and our food scrap digester. We will have a drop off closed container for weekend residents.

Naomi and Catherine of the TEC have agreed to man the table.

Operations/on-site.

Scott will arrange a meeting in March with Don Neiger, Brandi and Dan Paparella to discuss location, a slab, access to water and electric.

The TEC will be registering the unit with the DEC but it is not mandatory. A permit is not necessary because it is a low volume unit into which we can feed it up to 2 tons a month.

Permits are required for units accepting over 50 tons a day.

Training businesses how and when to transport their food scrap collection. Cory has our USDA grant to cover her visiting Tusten in May and August.

Polystyrene Ban update in NYS

Sullivan County Legislator Chair Rob Doherty has written a letter of intent to support the county ban to Senator Jen Metzger and Assemblywoman Aileen Guthrie. Rob recognizes the need to replace this environmentally unhealthy material with a non-toxic and biodegradable alternative.

Streetlights Update

After Keith Buddenhagen mentioned that the streetlight on Route 97 and Route 52 was no longer there and that may contribute to the increase in traffic accidents there, I went back to my list of outed streetlights I compiled a year ago for NYSEG and found that one on the report. I then alerted NYSEG that they removed not only the bulb but the armature for repair and never put it back. I insisted they replace it asap. Then in the spring, we will swap out the bulb with an LED.

Councilwoman Brandi Merolla

TEC Chair

3/8/2020

Zoning Re-Write Committee – report given by ZRW chair Kathy Michelle
Committee continues to meet – review in progress

Grants – report & updates given by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger

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- Water Grants – Grant will Give at least 60 % of the cost and the town would be responsible for no more that 40% of the cost.
- Sullivan Renaissance Community Impact Grant - Impact Grant that has a long-lasting effect on the community - a plan that would get a better community hall for the town. Looking to a feasibility study to see if we can utilize one of the options that ‘we’ have come up with to get a better or new Community Hall – place for the youth, seniors and the historical society.
- Comprehensive Plan (TAG) – Comprehensive Plan has sent out surveys to all the property owners/residents asking for input.
- Little Lake Erie Culvert (NYS Grant Project) –In Progress, Public Presentation to be held March 23, 2020 at 6 PM- Information will also be made available on the town website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annual Litter Pluck April 25, 2020 from 10 AM – 2PM

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Anti- Skid Sand Bids for Highway

SEALED BIDS RECEIVED FOR SAND:

Bid were opened and read aloud – Town highway Superintendent was present and reviewed all bids prior to making his recommendation.

RESOLUTION # 43-2020

AWARD SAND BID

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

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that on recommendation of the town highway Superintendent, Donald Nieger, the sand bid is hereby awarded to R & H Gorr in the amounts shown in the table.

Summary of Anti - Skid Sand Bids Received					
COMPANY	Non- Collusion Bidding Cert.	MATERIAL NEEDED -SAND-		Date Rcvd	Date Opened
		Brown	Grey		
Deckelman LLC	YES	14.99	16.60	3/6/2020	3/10/2020
R & H Gorr	YES	14.97	\$15.00	3/6/2020	3/10/2020
Bedrock Quarries	YES	FOB \$12.25	DELIVERED \$18.08	3/4/2020	3/10/2020
E.R. Linde Construction	YES	FOB \$12.00	DELIVERD \$18.50	3/6/2020	3/10/2020

2. Open Stone Bids for Highway

SEALED BIDS RECEIVED FOR STONE:

Bid were opened and read aloud – Town highway Superintendent was present and reviewed all bids prior to making his recommendation.

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RESOLUTION # 44-2020

AWARD STONE BID

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

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that on recommendation of the town highway Superintendent, Donald Nieger, the stone bid is hereby awarded to Deckelman LLC in the amounts shown in the table above.

Summary of Stone Bids Received						
COMPANY	Non- Collusion Bidding Cert.	MATERIAL NEEDED			Date Rcvd	Date Opened
		Crusher Run (Price Per Ton)	6-S (Price Per Ton)	AASHTO #57 (Price Per Ton)		
Deckelman LLC	YES	\$11.00	\$16.50	\$14.00	3/6/2020	3/10/2020
R & H Gorr	YES	\$11.50	\$17.50	\$14.00	3/6/2020	3/10/2020
Bedrock Quarries	YES	\$19.58	\$25.33	\$21.83	3/4/2020	3/10/2020
E.R. Linde	YES	\$5.75 (FOB) \$12.25 (Delivered)	\$0	\$8.50 (FOB) \$15.00 (Delivered)	3/6/2020	3/10/2020

3. Procurement Policy

RESOLUTION # 45-2020

PROCUREMENT POLICY

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

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law (GML) requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of GML '103 or any other law; and

WHEREAS, comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town of Tusten and the Narrowsburg Water and Sewer Districts involved with procurement, specifically, department heads and Town Board members; and

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Town of Tusten to assist department heads and board members as they make necessary purchases and enter into public works contracts, using the best methods and procedures while adhering to high standards of professional integrity and transparency in the procurement process;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED; that the Town of Tusten does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures relative to prospective procurement of goods and services by the Town of Tusten and the Narrowsburg Water and Sewer Districts:

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GUIDELINE 1. Every prospective purchase of goods or services shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of GML '103. Every town officer, board member, department head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (hereinafter Purchaser) shall estimate the cumulative amount of the items of supply or equipment needed in a given fiscal year. The information gathered and conclusions reached shall be documented and kept with the voucher or other documentation supporting the purchase activity for a period of six years after final payment.

GUIDELINE 2. All purchases of a) supplies or equipment, where it can reasonably be determined based on the facts and circumstances, will exceed \$20,000 in the fiscal year or, b) public works contracts over \$35,000 shall be formally bid pursuant to GML '103. A public works contract shall be defined as one where labor is a substantial component, 50% or more, of the cost. This type of acquisition generally requires a formal contract and a prevailing wage declaration. In all instances where the component breakdown is uncertain, the most restrictive procedure shall prevail.

GUIDELINE 3. In the event a request is for the purchase of equipment, the department head or board member shall verify that the prospective purchase has been included in the adopted budget. If the request to purchase equipment has not been included in the adopted budget, prior approval and permission of the Town Board shall be required.

GUIDELINE 4. (A) All estimated Town purchases of:

\$750.00 or less are left to the discretion of the Board and/or department head.

\$1,500.00 or less but greater than \$750.00 require a minimum of two (2) verbal quotes from two (2) vendors.

\$5,000.00 or less but greater than \$1,500.00 require a minimum of two (2) written quotes from two (2) vendors.

\$20,000.00 or less but greater than \$5,000.00 require a minimum of three (3) written/fax/email quotes from three (3) vendors.

(B) All estimated public works contracts of:

\$750.00 or less are left to the discretion of the Board and/or department head.

\$1,500.00 or less but greater than \$750.00 require a minimum of two (2) verbal quotes from two (2) vendors.

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\$5,000.00 or less but greater than \$1,500.00 require a minimum of two (2) written quotes from two (2) vendors.

\$20,000.00 or less but greater than \$5,000.00 require a minimum of three (3) written/fax/email quotes from three (3) vendors.

Less than \$35,000 but greater than \$20,000.00 requires a written Request for Proposal and written/fax/email proposals from three (3) contractors.

(C) Any written Request for Proposal shall describe the desired goods, quantity and the particulars of delivery. The Purchaser shall compile a list of all vendors from whom written/fax/oral quotes were requested.

(D) All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract. All written/fax/email quotes/proposals shall be attached to the voucher that is submitted for payment.

(E) All items received by any department head or person in charge must be signed for, and all items Accounted for, to check on the accuracy of the delivery.

GUIDELINE 5. The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement.

GUIDELINE 6. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposal or quotations. If the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposal or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposal which shall be retained for a period of 6 years after the final payment.

GUIDELINE 7. Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a) Acquisition of professional services;
- b) Emergencies;
- c) Sole source situations;
- d) Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped;
- e) Goods purchased from correctional facilities;

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- f) Goods purchased from another governmental agency;
- g) Goods purchased at auction;
- h) Goods purchased for less than \$750;
- i) Public works contracts for less than \$750;
- j) Purchases pursuant to Federal, State or County bid as allowed under GML '103(16).

GUIDELINE 8. This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Town Board at its organizational meeting or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.

GUIDELINE 9. Pursuant to the provisions of GML '104-b(2)(f), effective immediately, those employees authorized for purchases on behalf of the Town of Tusten and the Narrowsburg Water and Sewer Districts and their respective titles shall be listed in Appendix 1 of this policy and said listing shall be updated biennially.

Appendix 1

PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR TOWN OF TUSTEN **List of Town Employees Authorized to Purchase**

Town Supervisor - Bernard Johnson
Deputy Supervisor - Jane Luchsinger
Town Clerk - Crystal Weston
Highway Superintendent - Donald Neiger
Town Justices - Hon. David Casey & Hon. Klu Padu
Water & Sewer Superintendent - David Bunce
Building Department - Jim Crowley
Sole Assessor - Ken Baim

4. SAM GRANT

Town of Tusten has received a SAM grant in the amount of \$75,000.00

RESOLUTION # 46-2020

TOWN HALL ROOF

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

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, authorize the Town Code Enforcement Officer to create bid specs for the Town Hall roof Project and present them to the Town Board for approval prior to advertisement.

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5. Generators
In Progress
6. Community Hall Kitchen Stoves
In Progress
7. Wayne Bank Parking Lot
ZBA will be setting a Public Hearing re this matter soon
8. Community Hall Bathroom
Almost complete- in progress
9. Scenic Byway Representative

RESOLUTION # 47-2020

APPOINT SCENIC BYWAY REPRESENTATIVE

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Jill Padua, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, That Josh Felderstein be hereby appointed as the Town of Tusten Scenic Byway Representative, effective immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Infrastructure Improvement Act & Lead Service Line

RESOLUTION # 48-2020

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT

On motion of Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

WHEREAS, up-to-date drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is vital to preserve clean water resources and foster thriving communities, and

WHEREAS, many communities have aging and inadequate water mains, sewer lines, and treatment plants that endanger public health and the economy, and

WHEREAS, investing in infrastructure projects creates good-paying jobs and a solid foundation for businesses, and

WHEREAS, new threats from emerging contaminants and lead service lines have added to the urgency to invest in our water infrastructure, and

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WHEREAS, local governments struggle to make necessary water infrastructure upgrades in the face of high up-front costs, and

WHEREAS, key members in the New York State Senate and Assembly, along with the Governor, recognized that local governments need financial support and passed the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act has been successful at awarding over \$500 million in grants to protect clean water across the state, and

WHEREAS, only a fraction of shovel-ready projects have received grants due to a lack of sufficient state funding to meet New York's more than \$80 billion water infrastructure need, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor, Bernard Johnson is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter with this resolution to the Governor, Andrew Cuomo; State Senator, Jen Metzger; and State Assembly member, Eileen Gunther encouraging them to continue funding water infrastructure projects and requesting that they include at least \$1 billion in new funding for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act in the SFY 2020-2021 State Budget.

RESOLUTION # 49-2020

LEAD SERVICE LINE

On motion of Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

WHEREAS, lead in drinking water poses a serious threat to the health and safety of children and adults, and

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of lead exposure, with even low levels of exposure associated with learning disabilities, impaired speech and hearing, and diminished IQ, and

WHEREAS, lead service lines, connecting water mains to a building's internal plumbing, are the primary cause of lead in drinking water, and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 360,000 lead service lines spread across the state of New York, and

WHEREAS, the removal and replacement of lead service lines is essential to reduce lead exposure and protect drinking water from contamination, and

WHEREAS, the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, created through the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, has greatly expanded the capacity of local governments to invest in this vital infrastructure improvement at no cost to homeowners or tenants, now therefore be it

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WHEREAS, the \$30 million currently allocated to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program is insufficient to fully address the estimated need of \$1-2 billion to replace all of New York's lead service lines, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor, Bernard Johnson is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter with this resolution to the Governor, Andrew Cuomo; State Senator, Jen Metzger; and State Assembly member Eileen Gunther encouraging them to continue funding lead service line replacement and requesting that they include at least \$100 million in new funding for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program in the SFY 2020-2021 New York State Budget.

2. Narrowsburg Water & Sewer Fencing

It has been brought to the Town Boards attention by the NWS that there has been some ATV's trespassing on the water & sewer grounds, causing potential damage to the sand beds

RESOLUTION # 50-2020

NWS FENCING

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Padua, seconded by Supervisor Bernard Johnson, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, authorize NWS Superintendent to obtain prices for the purchase & installation of fencing for the Water & Sewer Grounds.

3. Narrowsburg Water Hydrants

It has been brought to the attention of the Town Board that there are three water hydrants that are in need of replacement. One is located on Mainstreet & the other two are on Bridge Street.

RESOLUTION # 51-2020

NARROWSBURG WATER HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilwoman Jill Padua, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that NWS Superintendent is hereby authorized to contract with TAM enterprise to replace the three hydrants (1 on Main St., 2 on Bridge St.) on a Tuesday after 4:00PM to minimize the impact on travel with the Town.

4. Narrowburg Water & Sewer Memorandum Agreement

RESOLUTION # 52-2020

NWS MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT

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On motion of Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, seconded by Councilwoman Jill Padua, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the memorandum agreement to amend the NWS CBA as stated below:

(INSERT MEMORANDUM)

5. Narrowsburg Water & Sewer Truck Purchase

RESOLUTION # 53-2020

NWS APPROVAL FOR TRUCK PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Bruce Gettel, seconded by Supervisor Bernard Johnson the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that NWS Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase a truck off of state bid utilizing reserve funds from Robert Greene for an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00.

6. Parking Law

Brief discussion held – Tabled until further information regarding parking on Bridge Street can be obtained.

7. Purchase Printer for Town Hall Office

RESOLUTION # 54-2020

PURCHASE OF PRINTER

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Padua, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to purchase a printer in the amount of \$795.00. Price includes deliver & setup as well as removal of the old printer, and one replacement toner kit from Krist Company

8. Letter received by Resident Karen Morris

Letter received by Ms. Morris was read aloud during the correspondence period. Ms. Morris was present in the audience.

At this time the Town Board has suggested Ms. Morris to try and contact the neighbor (property owner or renter) and come up with an agreement that would benefit all parties involved.

9. Approval of Minutes

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RESOLUTION # 55-2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Padua seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the following minutes are hereby accepted as presented:

January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

February 4, 2020 Special Meeting

RESOLUTION # 56-2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYS 1 ABSTAINED (Councilwoman Jill Padua)

RESOLVED, that the meeting minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting be accepted as presented.

10. Veterans Park

RESOLUTION # 57-2020

VETERANS PARK ENTRANCE

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Padua, seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the Town of Tusten hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent Donald Nieger to obtain prices for the purchase & install of an aesthetically pleasing gate or chain to be installed at the entrance of Veteran's Park. Highway Superintendent is then directed to present his findings to the town board for purchase approval.

11. Feasibility Study

RESOLUTION # 58-2020

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR TAG

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

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that the town is hereby authorized to apply for a Sullivan Renaissance Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2500.00 to apply towards a feasibility study.

RESOLUTION # 59-2020

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APPOINT DELAWARE ENGINEERING

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Padua, seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED, that Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger is hereby authorized to contract with Delaware Engineering to do the feasibility study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments heard from the public.

CLOSING ITEMS

Board Comment

No further comments

Meeting reminder

March 23, 2020 Little Lake Erie Culvert Presentation at 6:00 pm

Special Meeting: Agenda Workshop, Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment

Motion made by Supervisor Bernard Johnson to close the Town Board Meeting at 8:20 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Brandi Merolla.

Respectively Submitted,
Crystal Weston
Town Clerk