

THIS MEETING IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF NEEL DITCHER AND MARION FEDICK

REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Great Valley Town Board held a regular meeting on February 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT	Supervisor	Dan Brown
	Councilwoman	Sandy Goode
	Councilwoman	Lori Finch
	Councilman	Gerry Musall
	Councilwoman	Becky Kruszynski
	Highway Supt	Jack Harrington
	Supervisor's Clerk	Hildagarde Krause

ABSENT Code Officer Rich Rinko

OTHERS Planning Board member Al Puzsz, County Legislator Dave Koch, County Real Property Director Dan Martonis, Andrew Toth, Andrew Moon, Judd Cole Eric Kilbourn, Bruce Houghton, Joe and Bev Cutre, Jeff Reid, Kallen Quigley from Salamanca Press.

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Lori Finch to dedicate this meeting in memory of Neel Ditcher and Marion Fedick, both long-time residents. All in agreement.

Supervisor Brown noted the Attorney was absent due to the flu, then introduced Dan Martonis, and Andrew Toth and Andrew Moon, accountants for the Town of Ellicottville.

The Supervisor then asked the Board members for thoughts on procedures to rectify the error on the overcharge of 2018 tax bills.

Councilman Musall stated at the last meeting the Board led people to believe they were going to receive a refund. Councilwoman Goode felt that pursuing a refund leaves too much room for errors with over 1500 parcels, there are too many unknowns. Councilwoman Kruszynski stated the Board should evaluate all avenues, including the cost of issuing a refund to taxpayers. Legislator Koch suggested refunding 80 percent of the increase on the tax bills, to which Dan Martonis countered that State precedence is a 63 percent refund. Supervisor Brown noted that if the Town budget will be much more accurate going forward. If the Board proceeds with a refund, we must acknowledge the costs, i.e. Hiring an accounting firm, envelopes, postage, checks, and this refund process will take several months to complete. We cannot use town operating funds, we would have to wait until we received the Sales Tax revenue to issue refunds, and, if the Board waits, the Town budget will right itself, with a significant Town tax reduction next year. The residents in the room offered many different opinions on how to handle the situation. Councilman Musall and Councilwoman Finch requested an estimate from Mr. Toth of costs for services to help the Town with a refund.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to table the discussion, and conduct a special meeting on March 5 to continue the conversation. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 7:52 pm. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to adjourn Executive Session at 8:13 pm. All in agreement.

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BONNEVAL-FAIRVIEW

Supervisor Brown has been meeting with Derek Rule of MDA Consulting Engineers to accomplish the flush of water systems at BonneVal that was recommended by the County Health Department.

The SPEDES renewal has been completed for BonneVal and Fairview.

COLD WAR EXEMPTION LAW

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to schedule a Public Hearing on Local Law #1-2018 – Cold War Veteran Exemption for March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

FMLA

Family Medical Leave Act is a self-funded insurance through New York State that can be utilized when a family member has health issues. This is optional for municipalities, and the Highway Superintendent will ask for the employees input.

J-CAP GRANT

Court Clerk Debbie Stokes applied for and was awarded \$8691.99 to be used for new emergency lights and a generator so the Town Hall can be designated a shelter in case of a natural disaster.

FRANCHISE

The Town received the franchise fee from Atlantic Broad Band in the amount of \$13,847.00.

KILL BUCK POST OFFICE

The lease has been renewed with the USPS through 2024, or until the Post Office wishes to opt out.

DOG KENNEL

Supervisor Brown has been approached by the Towns of Randolph and Conewango seeking to rent our Town kennel and use Dog Control services. The Town is currently under contract with several surrounding Towns to rent space in the dog kennel.

MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to accept the minutes of the January 8 meeting, with the following corrections to the Organizational Meeting Minutes: All in agreement.

COMMITTEES:

<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>YOUTH PROGRAM</u>	<u>SENIOR CITIZEN</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>AUDIT</u>
J. Harrington	Lori Finch	Lori Finch	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Dan Brown	B. Kruszynski	B. Kruszynski	Gerry Musall	Lori Finch
Gerry Musall	Rebecca Pierce	Sandy Goode	B. Kruszynski	Sandy Goode

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to accept the Supervisor's Report for January. All in agreement.

REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor - Supervisor Brown reported the following for Chris Holewinski:

- Exemption applications are still coming in
- Maintaining office hours at Town Hall Tuesdays, 2:30-7:00 pm

Planning Board – No report:

- No meeting this month
- Completed training in Olean

Zoning Board of Appeals –no report

Building Code Officer –Supervisor Brown reported the following for Rich Rinko:

- Litigation with Lake Erie Tobacco continues, they are not in violation with Town Codes

Highway Superintendent – Jack Harrington reported the following:

- Plowing
- Hauling in sand
- Summertime equipment is being serviced and prepped

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to request a traffic study from NYS DOT on Route 219 including the corridor in front of the Town Hall in hopes of lowering the speed limit and eliminating the passing zone. All in agreement.

AUDIT

Claims No. 16 through No. 42 General Fund totaling \$57,357.99 were audited.

Claims No. 8 through No. 27 Highway Fund totaling \$34,669.19 were audited.

Claims No. 7 through No. 12 Special Districts totaling \$3,995.87 were audited.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Goode to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____, Toni Evans, Town Clerk