

TOWN OF OAKFIELD
REGULAR BORD MEETING
April 12, 2022

ROLL

CALL: Supervisor Martin
Deputy Supervisor Wolcott
Councilman Carroll
Councilperson Glor

OTHERS

PRESENT: Town Clerk Haacke
Superintendent of Highways Schultz
Assessor Flansburg

Superintendent Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm; followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022—MOTION Deputy Supervisor Wolcott, second Councilperson Carroll to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes: Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0)

LAURIE NANNI—OAKFEILD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reopening April 30th at noon; hot dog and hamburgers being served
Banners of Veterans offered to public, up for three years then family can keep. \$200 each
Preparing for cemetery cleanup with the Town on May 21st.
June 26th tour of South Pearl, “South Pearl Dark Side”
Cemetery tour scheduled for September 10th
Laurie is working on a book called “More Mayhem”

Sean Downey—Oakfield Fire Department

Calls for the month:

14 EMS
1 Fire
2 Fill in
1 Automatic Alarm
1 Good intent

Forestry grant inspection of equipment is completed and filed with the DEC \$1370.75.

We had a missing person last Friday and an overwhelming response by the community, state, and DEC K9s, Local Law Enforcement, Town Highway, Mercy EMS, Niagara County search and rescue team, Elba and Oakfield Fire Departments, not to mention the turn out of off duty and retired City of Batavia Fire Department.

Training program with Vigilant Fire training (3-year contract)

Working with First Arriving to put a station board in the hall, to include county wide training, weather updates along with other department information and updates. When an alarm comes in it will flash across the entire board. More details to follow.

Eight (8) people participated in Career Day at the High School, we are optimistic to spark interest with the youth in our district.

Recruit NY is scheduled for April 23-24, we will be planning an Open House for Saturday, April 23 from 11 am – 3 pm.

Congratulations for Josh Finn, Riley D'Alba for passing the EMT exam. Josh Finn also completed the last of 5 modules of Fire Officer Training. A 3rd person still to take the state EMT final exam.

Councilperson Glor: as the town was not invited to attend the Village budget meeting on fire, where are we?

Chief Downey: I was not invited either.

**the town got a copy of the preliminary village budget off the village website, not directly from the village as the fire agreement stated.

ASSESSOR

Change notices have been out for a month

Three sales have come in higher than the new values that went out

Only people who have contacted me are those who just purchased and didn't understand the process

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

ROADWORK UPDATE

Rolling parks and cemeteries

Start the ditch on Fisher Road

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Lights fixed on court side of building

CEMETERIES:

Sold one grave, buried two

PARKS:

Doing odd jobs

Talking with Little League

Water is on effective today

EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Trailer went to Terry Bischoff for hinge replacement

Part of wing on 202 went to Rob Barone for repair

LIBRARY:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

Report from DEC came back on landfill, all I can say is they didn't shut us down

Speed reduction request by residents on Lockport Road

Currently the Town board is tabling this request.

TOWN CLERK

Abstract 4-2022—MOTION Councilman Carroll, second Councilperson Glor to authorize the following:

General Fund	2402-2434	\$27,422.48
Part Town B	274-275	\$ 1,236.60
Library	11	\$ 6,205.00
Highway DA	823-840	\$46,473.24
Highway DB	382-383	\$ 757.58
	TOTAL:	\$82,094.90

Ayes: Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0)

MJ MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT HAXTON LIBRARY—MOTION Councilman Carroll, second Deputy Supervisor Wolcott to approve the maintenance agreement as submitted not to exceed \$1050 to be paid in four quarterly payments.

Ayes: Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2022—BUDGET ADJUSTMENT LIBRARY PAYMENT 2022

Deputy Supervisor Wolcott offered the following:

WHEREAS the 2022 Budget of the Town of Oakfield raised by taxes \$80,000.00 for the Haxton Memorial Library, less the amount of New York State Retirement of \$6,142.00, which comes out of said amount; and

WHEREAS the Library Board was misinformed that they would not receive the full \$80,000.00; they would receive the remainder after the retirement payment was made to the town, which actually was \$6,205.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Oakfield authorizes the increase to be paid to the Haxton Library of \$6,205 to make their payment the full \$80,000.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds will be paid from an "A" account to be determined, and the payment will be made in November or December of 2022, once the town ensures there is money available through anticipated revenues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Town Budget will increase the amount collected by taxes for the Library revenues to recoup the funds paid to New York State Retirement in the year 2022.

Second: Councilman Carroll

Ayes: Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor

APPROVED UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0)

Taxes were returned to the county on April 5, 2022; they fully balanced and principal and interest will be turned over by the end of the month.

There is a town hall meeting at the Town of Batavia, hosted by Congressman Chris Jacobs tomorrow at noon.

SUPERVISOR

MOTION Councilperson Glor, second Councilman Carroll to approve the Supervisor's report as submitted.

Ayes: Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0)

LIBRARY LIAISON

A representative from NIOGA was at the March meeting to discuss moving forward with school library

Vote will be in May of 2023

Library will meet next week

OAKFIELD BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

OBC received a grant from Go Art

NEW BUSINESS

Since the courts have been "re-opening" from the COVID pandemic, the town clerk's office is being inundated with people calling and coming in for court. The issue becomes, they will not accept that the town clerk and her office cannot help them with any matter of the court. Several council members and the supervisor have witnessed this issue. In many cases, those looking for the court spend quite a bit of time trying to get information that the town clerk does not have. In a recent matter, one person spoke with the assessor, did not get the information they were looking for then proceeded to call and spend another 10 minutes on the phone with the town clerk. This is quite frustrating as they will not accept that court is not always open.

In hopes of resolving the situation, signs will be posted stating the three court's hours, how to get a hold of them via email, phone with their direct extensions, and website information. If this doesn't stop people from coming into the town clerk's office for court matters, we will revisit to see if other measures can be taken.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Councilman Carroll, second Councilperson Glor to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke,
Town Clerk