

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SULLIVAN
REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 2020
6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sullivan was convened by Supervisor John Becker at 6:00 pm on September 2, 2020.

The meeting was held at the Town of Sullivan Office Building 7507 Lakeport Rd. Chittenango, NY and streamed live on YouTube.

Members present were: Supervisor John Becker; Councilors John Brzuszkiewicz, Jeff Martin, Kerry Ranger and Tom Kopp; Comptroller Beth Ellis; Attorney for the Town John Langey; and Highway Superintendent Andy Busa.

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm.

Pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Becker.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 Town Board meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT

Supervisor Becker announced the retirement of Robin McCombie in the parks department, who has been employed by the Town for 42 years. Robin will be coming back on a part time basis to assist the Senior programs.

Supervisor Becker announced the retirement of Phil Costanzo in the Building and Codes Department, who has been employed for 20 years. Phil will be coming back on a part time basis to assist with Planning and Zoning.

AUTHORIZING THE SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY

A motion was duly made by Councilor, Brzuszkiewicz, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Madison County Snow and Ice Agreement for October 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) TOWN OF SULLIVAN,
TOWN OF MANLIUS AND ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
FOR THE JOINT SALT SPRINGS WATER PROJECT**

Supervisor Becker explained the status of the proposed Joint Salt Springs Water Project involving the Town of Sullivan, the Town of Manlius and the Onondaga county Water Authority (OCWA). A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared by the project engineers, Barton & Loguidice, for the Town Board's review, approval and acceptance. A motion was made by Councilor John Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Councilor Ranger to accept the MOU. Since the pricing of construction and installation of these water districts have gone up considerable within the past few years, the board was happy to have this project moving forward once again.

SPEED STUDY ON KINDERHOOK ROAD

A motion was made by Councilor John Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Councilor Martin and was unanimously approved by the Board to approve a speed study on Kinderhook Road.

DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE 2021 PURCHASE OF A PAVER FOR THE HIGHWAY

The Highway Superintendent addressed the Board concerning purchasing a paver that the Highway Department has been renting. All information had been emailed to the Board for their informational purposes. The Board will take this potential purchase under consideration for 2021. This would mean the Town would not purchase a snowplow in 2021 and possibly purchase a paver. The Board will discuss this further during the 2021 budget meetings and take it under consideration as the Highway Superintendent would rather have the paver instead of a snowplow in 2021. With budget constraints that the Town will be facing in 2021, the Board will be doing their best to provide the same services that we have provided in the past for Town residents.

**AUTHORIZING THE CREEK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FROM MADISON
COUNTY SOIL & WATER FOR LOG JAMS**

A motion was made by Councilor John Brzuszkiewicz, seconded by Councilor Martin and was unanimously approved by the Board authorizing the execution of the Chittenango Creek Maintenance Agreement.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

John Brzuszkiewicz addressed the Board on the Parks Department, concerning possible tree cuttings and pond work in Sullivan Park. The pond has been dredged and stocked with fish, now an aeration system is needed to ensure the health of the pond for the future. Prices have been considered and The Pond & Rock Shop in Cicero, NY gave the pricing of \$2,985.08 along with

\$607.99 for the enzymatic and beneficial bacteria. The Board agreed to have the company perform the work, with John Brzuszkiewicz overseeing the progress. Tree work for the Ash trees that are unfortunately currently dying was also discovered. Supervisor Becker will contact the property owner next to the building in Chapman park and ask if he would take the trees down. The pricing of \$4,785.00 and \$2,875.00 for a total of \$7,660.00 was obtained from Walker Tree Care to take trees down within the Town's property. This proposal was unanimously approved by the Board. Supervisor Becker inquired on two mower prices from Clinton Tractor Muni Bid Number:

Pond Work:	3,593.07 – (2,985.08 + 607.99)
Tree Work:	7,660.00 – (4,785.00 + 2,875.00)
2 Mowers:	21,558.00 - (10,779.00 x 2)
Snowblower:	3,599.00
Brush for Snowblower:	4,500.00

Total price for all work above is \$40,910.07, with the Town Office paying for the snow blower and the brush. The Parks Department will be paying for the pond work, tree cuttings and 2 new mowers.

A motion was made by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Councilor Martin and unanimously passed by the Board with the following roll call vote taken.

The following Roll Call Vote was taken to purchase the above mowers, snowblower, brush, with tree and pond work.

John E. Brzuszkiewicz	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Thomas J. Kopp Jr.	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Kerry Ranger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeffrey Martin	Councilor	Voted	Yes
John M. Becker	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

QUESTIONS ON SEWER DISTRICTS

Supervisor Becker received a call from Howard Jones on Burlingame Road, who is in the East Sullivan Sewer district. Mr. Jones has a pump that is now not working and would like to purchase a pump through the Town. The Highway Superintendent will look into getting the pump price for Mr. Jones. The cost of the pump will have to be paid for by the homeowner, along with a maintenance annual charge.

Highway Superintendent brought up Mr. Paduano ("Lakeport Market") who owns the convenience store that he purchased in the Village known as the former "Cliffs". He is trying to decide if he needs to put in a raised bed system, or the possibility of hooking up to the Village Sewer. The Town would have to engage in a Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village and the Town of Sullivan.

CHITTENANGO FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER REQUEST

Supervisor Becker informed the Town Board that the Chittenango Fire Department has requested to add four members. One without any paperwork Patricia Damon. Brian Damon, Brian Shermerhorn, Zach Lois as members in the Chittenango Fire Department. Patricia Damon as well, pending the paperwork needed is turned in for Patricia.

A motion was duly made by Councilor Kopp and seconded by Councilor Martin to accept the above people into Chittenango Fire Department.

QUESTION ON YOUTUBE

Dennis Simmons the Chief from Chittenango fire Dept. asked a question on next year's open burn. The Supervisor advised Dennis that we will be having a discussion on this at budget time.

HIGHWAY BUILDING

The Highway Building will soon be lettered to reflect the name "Elwin Centner" on the building in reverence to Sonny Centner.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Supervisor Becker informed the Board that sales tax receipts are down. NYS Retirement contributions may be going up within the next few years. The Town is striving hard to make sure there are no layoffs in our employee status. Time will tell if adjustments are needed to stabilize the tax rate. Hamilton Brown Bushnell Shore Water Districts are ongoing, with seeking funding as these districts are unaffordable without any Federal or State Funding. Sleepy Hollow water District (#1 and #2) are being held up due to Comptroller's approval. We hope this will be moving along within a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to close the meeting was duly made by Councilor Martin and seconded by Councilor Ranger at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Ellis
Comptroller