

A Regular Board meeting held by the Town Board, of the Town of Allen, located at 4949 Klein Road in the Town of Allen, County of Allegany was held on February 14, 2023.

Present	Supervisor	Erica Torrey
	Councilman	Edgar Allen
		Dale Gelser
		Judith Allen
		Todd Krzeminski
	Town Clerk	Jame J. VanDewalker

Others Present 13 Townspeople

Supervisor Torrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no applicants for the position of Highway Superintendent.

The Town Board feels as if the advertisement did not run long enough and should be posted to more papers. In the interim a leader is needed.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Dennis has been filling in as highway superintendent. If the board is unable to hire someone qualified to do the job and he remains in the position, he is requesting \$5.00/hr more.

The board would like to see more paperwork/reports presented to them. More, better communication is needed.

Resolution 18-2023

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board will approve a raise of \$5.00/hr for Raymond Dennis while acting as the Highway Superintendent, term to expire on December 31, 2023, at which time Mr Dennis will become a regular full time employee of the Town of Allen Highway Department. If the Town should hire someone more qualified to do the job, the wages will revert to \$17.70. Dep. Hwy Superintendent Dennis has and will continue to take the Town pick up home at nights.

4 AYES – Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, J. Allen

1 No - E. Allen

MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY REPORT

Parts for the excavator were purchased and Mr James and Dep. Hwy Superintendent Dennis made the repairs.

Hone rake has been repaired and is ready to be used.

More sand was purchased.

Stone, not gravel will be needed to help clean up the bad spots in the road. Councilman Gelser would like to see stone piled in the yard for thaw issues next winter.

The Agreement to spend highway funds has not yet been filled out. Mr Dennis will work on that.

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Dep Hwy Superintendent Dennis' plans for CHIPS are to finish the last of Peavy Rd. and start on Middle Road, 15 heading North. He would like to have the large culvert bridge replaced. The county is willing to help.

A calculation for how much stone will be done.

Clerk will call an electrician to fix the lights out front.

A garbage collection will also be looked into.

CLERK REPORT:

Resolution 19-2023

Clerk report and statements were provided by Clerk VanDewalker for the month on January. On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the Clerk's report is ACCEPTED.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk has collected the town tax warrant of \$359,326.00 and sent in a payment to the County for \$262,725.91.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The supervisors report and statements have been provided for the month of January. There have been a few discrepancies found on the report and Supervisor Torrey has requested that the Supervisor's report is tabled so that she may reach out to Baldwin's about the issues.

Resolution 20-2023

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the acceptance of the Supervisors report is tabled.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

The Town of Allen has just passed its bicentennial date, Supervisor Torrey would like to have a gathering/celebration planned during warmer weather.

The Town of Granger is offering a one-year kennel contract to the Town of Allen.

If the Town of Allen needs to use the kennel, the Town will be charged \$10/day per dog.

The Town of Allen may use the kennel if the DCO reaches out to Granger DCO to okay the boarding of an animal. If the Allen DCO fails to do the paperwork and fails to take care of

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the animal and kennel as prescribed by NY Ag and Markets Laws and regulations, the Town of Granger will withdraw the offer and no longer allow Allen the use of their kennel.

Resolution 21-2023

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town of Allen will sign the kennel contract with Granger.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Justice Murphy will need to submit Justice Ames' last justice report to the State. He is asking that the Town waits for this to happen before they conduct the Justice yearly audit.

Councilman Gelser is requesting that when the Supervisor meets with the attorney that another board member also attend.

Resolution 22-2023

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town will sign the retainer agreement that attorney Degnan has sent. \$1500.00 for the first 10 hours of service and then a charge of \$150.00/hr after that.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Torrey will research how to sign the town up for the NY Class, savings.

This is a savings program that is set up for municipalities to be able to collect interest on the money that they place into the program.

Resolution 23-2023

Justice Murphy will need to attend classes in March. If he books a hotel ahead of time, he could save \$30/night. The Town is willing to have a check cut for the cost of the hotel stay. Justice Murphy will get back to the clerk with the receipt so a voucher may be produced.

On a motion made by Councilman E. Allen, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the board will allow Justice Murphy to book his hotel stay in advanced and reimburse him for it.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Resolution 24-2023

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Supervisor Torrey, the Town Board has approved the Highway fund, voucher #4-22 and authorized for payment \$21,502.51 and for the General Fund, voucher # 5-22 and authorized for payment \$ 10,824.82.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES:

Resolution 25-2023

Minutes for the January regular/ organizational meeting had been provided to the board before the board meeting. On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski the minutes are accepted.

5 Ayes- Torrey, Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business, on a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the meeting is adjourned at 8:27 pm unanimously.

