

A Regular meeting was 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 March 12, 2024

PRESENT	Supervisor	Erica Torrey
	Councilman	Dale Gelser
		Jeffrey Steadman
		Richard Hunt
	Town Clerk	Jame J. VanDewalker
	Hwy Superintendent	Raymond Dennis
ABSENT	Councilman	Todd Krzeminski

OTHERS PRESENT 12 Townspeople & CAT salesman Jeff Hoffman

Supervisor Torrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The floor was given to CAT salesman Jeff Hoffman to discuss the purchase of a grader.

He will send an updated amortization schedule based on a \$100,000.00 down payment.

Mr Hoffman discussed the different level of warranties that are offered for the vehicle and will also send more paperwork on that for review.

The grader that has been quoted is a 140-01GCAWD Motor Grader, the OGS bidding process is through Source Well and the price given includes the OGS price with a CAT discount. The price for this grader is \$303,109.92 This vehicle is a complete CAT.

CAT offers a convenient repair service. Tech’s will come to the vehicle location. Cost of the travel time and mileage is not covered by CAT.

NEW BUSINESS

The savings account that was established last year has only yielded \$2.85 from a \$100,000.00 investment. The interest rate of the Community Bank MMA is .01% interest rate.

NYClass is currently at a 5.24% interest rate, if the Town had been apart of NYClass since October the Town could have made \$2,392. NYClass is a Cooperative Liquid Asset System.

NYClass has the flexibility that allows the Town to transfer money in and out as needed, whereas a CD the money is set.

Resolution 23 -2024

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Hunt, the Town Board resolves to close the MMA account at Community Bank and open a NYClass account and reinvest the money into NYClass.

4 AYES- Torrey, Gelser, Hunt, Steadman

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

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Allegany County through the Soil and Water Department is requesting that Municipalities agree to allow them to act as the SEQR lead agency for the eight year review of the Agricultural District #1.

Resolution 24-2024

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the Town of Allen agrees to allow Allegany County act as the Lead Agency.

4 Ayes- Torrey, Gelser, Hunt, Steadman

0 Noes

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

No status update on the gravel pit or weight limit law.

It is suggested that the town board needs to place a referendum on the ballot to place the gravel pit up for sale. It had been established at a previous meeting that the Town would use a relator to list the property for sale.

It was resolved that the Town Board was moving forward with the purchase of the 2016 Peterbilt that the Town of Castile has for sale. The Town has agreed to the asking price of \$150,000 and has also agreed to procure the loan through KS StateBank.

Supervisor Torrey believes that this is a bad purchase and is not in favor of it, she would rather purchase a new truck that has a warranty. Supervisor Torrey has started researching grants through the USDA for the purchase of a new truck.

It is mutually agreed that the research into a grant is helpful, however, the process is lengthy. The truck that the "new" truck would replace is in very poor shape and will be of no significant use this road construction season. It is believed by the Highway Superintendent and others that the Town cannot wait for a new truck to be built, the need for a truck is now.

Resolution 24 -2024

Whereas it is necessary for the Highway Department to be able to maintain and repair the Town Highways and

Whereas it is necessary for the Highway Department to have adequate vehicles to do so

Councilman Gelser resolves that the Town needs to purchase the 2016 Peterbilt truck from the Town of Castile for \$150,000.00, seconded by Councilman Steadman

3 AYES- Gelser, Hunt, Steadman

1 NO - Torrey

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Torrey has received a phone call about the laptops that were surrendered to the Comptrollers office. The Comptrollers office had received one White HP Laptop, the Black ACER laptop is missing. Both Laptops were removed from the building by Councilman E. Allen.

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CLERK REPORT:

Resolution 25-2024

Clerk VanDewalker presented the Clerk's report, statements and Minutes for the month of February.

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Supervisor Hunt, the Clerk's report is ACCEPTED

4 AYES –Torrey, Gelser, Steadman, Hunt

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The monthly Statements for the Supervisor for the month of February.

Resolution 26 -2024

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Hunt the February supervisor's Statement is ACCEPTED

4 AYES –Torrey Gelser, Steadman, Hunt

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY REPORT:

The brush hogging is still underway.

The location in Independence where the brine came from is shut down. There is a chemical in the solution that the DEC will not allow on the roads. Superintendent Dennis will try to contact Mr Bugman again for brine.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Resolution 27-2024

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey seconded Councilman Hunt, the Town Board has approved the Highway Fund, voucher #16-22 and authorized for payment \$3,430.13 General fund, Voucher #26-35 and authorized for payment \$2,131.39.

4 Ayes- Gelser, Hunt, Steadman, Hunt

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

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Justice Murphy has presented the board with the dockets, monthly reports, statements from 2023 for the yearly review. The Town board has reviewed the documents provided and completed the checklist provided in the fiscal oversight booklet.

Resolution 28, 2024

On a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the Town Board after review of Justice materials finds the Justice records in good standing.

4 AYES –Torrey Gelser, Steadman, Hunt

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business, on a motion made by Supervisor Torrey, seconded by Councilman Hunt the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

