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 June 13, 2023.

**Present** Dep. Supervisor Zach Badgley

Councilman Edgar Allen

Dale Gelser Judith Allen

Town Clerk Jame J. VanDewalker

Dept. Hwy Sup Raymond Dennis

**Absent** Supervisor Erica Torrey

### **Others Present** 13 Townspeople

Deputy Supervisor Badgley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Highway employee Joshua James is eligible for his yearly raise.

Deputy Superintendent Dennis recommends that he does receive a raise, employee James is mechanically inclined, welds and has proven himself as a good employee.

#### Resolution 45-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board will enter into an executive session after the business of the meeting is concluded for personnel reasons.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

The Cuba Patriot will not be in operations until they find a buyer for the newspaper.

The Town will need to seek a temporary media outlet. The Olean Times Herald is the only locally circulated newsprint available.

## Resolution 46-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board elects to temporarily use the Olean Times Herald as their media outlet.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Clerk VanDewalker has received more bids for the replacement highway garage doors.

Martin Door does not have a discount on the doors. The cost of three would be their original quote times three for a total of \$16,377.00.

Lewis Door has quoted \$13,750.00 for three doors.

Rupp Door quoted a single door at \$4820.00 and three doors at \$14,460.00.

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## Resolution 47-2023

On a motion made by Councilman E. Allen, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town board will have all three doors replaced by Rupp Door.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

### Resolution 48-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board will use funds from the General Fund, fund balance A917 to pay for the replacement garage doors.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

No response was given from the town attorney regarding sale information on the gravel pit or the proposal from the ballot. He will be contacted by phone.

As the Town Board wishes to move forward with the proposition on the ballot, a local law hearing needs to be scheduled.

## Resolution 49-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman E. Allen, the Town Board will schedule a public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2023 entitled "A Local Law Abolishing the Elective Office of Highway Superintendent and creating the Appointed Office of Highway Superintendent of the Town of Allen, New York

Notice will be published once a week for two weeks in the Olean Times Herald.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Deputy Superintendent Dennis inquired as to if the funds for Sterling have been inquired about from the bookkeeper. \$20,000 is a realistic number to expect.

Some council members do not see the value in the truck, it would be wasteful to spend that much money on it.

It could still be used in a pinch; it no longer dumps.

At this time the board is not going to allocate money for the repair of the truck. There are three drivers and, in the winter, the two macks can be used as well as the pick up truck.

Deputy Sup. Dennis would like to point out that not having the third ten-wheeler will result in longer snow plow response times.

A new truck needs to be purchased soon and Deputy Superintendent Dennis should start getting the numbers for those.

A grader will need to be considered in the near future.

CHIPS is currently over \$500,000.00 available.

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Brine is still an issue, the one source known of is not returning phone calls. Road salt is being spread in its absence.

#### **CLERK REPORT**

Clerk VanDewalker presented the monthly report and statements for the month of June.

## Resolution 50-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman E. Allen, the Clerks Report is approved.

4 AYES - Krzeminski Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Supervisor Torrey has submitted the Supervisors report for the month of June.

There are still overages on lines from the beginning of the year. Clarification from the bookkeeper is needed and they will need to provide the transfers to right the lines.

### Resolution 50-2023

Councilman E. Allen, seconded by Councilman Gelser would like to table the Supervisors report until the questions are answered by the bookkeeper.

4 AYES – Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

# Resolution 51-2023

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board has approved the Highway fund, voucher #47-55 and authorized for \$9559.73 and approved for the General fund, voucher #56-66 and authorized payment for \$3,783.85

4 Ayes- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

**MOTION CARRIED** 

# RESOLUTION52-2023

Clerk VanDewalker read the minutes for the May Regular meeting.

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the minutes are ACCEPTED

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4 AYES - Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

The Town Board had entered into executive session at 9:06pm to discuss personnel.

Executive session ended at 9:25pm

# Resolution 53-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board will grant employee James a 3% raise based on the base pay of \$16.50/hr effective July 11, 2023.

4 AYES - Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

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On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board will add the 3% yearly raise to the employee handbook.

4 AYES - Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

**MOTION CARRIED** 

With no further business, on a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman E. Allen, the meeting is adjourned at 9:31 pm unanimously.