

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 May 09, 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 9 Townspeople

Deputy Supervisor Badgley called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The justice contractual is over \$764.30, a budget line modification through resolution to bring that to balance needs to be done. No more spending is allowed without prior approval.

Justice Murphy would like to state that he has reached out to the comptrollers office and they have told him to review pages 13 or 14 of the Information for Town Officials Manual, Training and education are to be taken out of general fund. Justice Murphy is also asking permission to attend the training being held in Houghton on June 4th, the cost is \$40.00 and would count toward his education credits.

Resolution 34-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board will allow for Justice Murphy to attend the training in Houghton.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

The Town of Independence has a desk and a bench that they are selling. The JCAP grant process information will release this month. Justice Murphy would like to apply for the grant. He wishes not to put into the grant the request for furniture, but rather have the electrical issues in the building fixed. The Town of Independence may accept a bid as low as \$400.00 for both items, if they accept the amount offered Justice Murphy will pick up the items himself, he believes that \$50.00 in gas reimbursement would be sufficient.

Resolution 35-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman J. Allen, the Town Board is agreement with the money requested for the furniture and moving costs, furthermore the Town Board will allow Justice Murphy to place two bids of \$200.00 each for the above forementioned items from the Town of Independence.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

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OLD BUSINESS:

The Town still only has two bids for the door to be replaced in the garage, the Clerk has reached out again to Overhead Door, and no bid has been made.

The Town Board would like to table the issue for one more month, call Rupp Door for a quote and contact the other companies again to see what the cost of three doors would be. All the doors are in poor condition.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

The Mack is back, the tires and fan belt have been replaced.

The Sterling dump box: Valley Fab has quoted \$14,450.00 to repair and install. The other welders contacted will only weld the box. A new box is \$60,000 with another \$10,000 to install, this is a stainless steel box, steel would be around \$15,000 less.

The new box chains are interchangeable, the chain and sprockets could be placed in the new box. The lift cylinder seals are gone and need to be replaced or rebuilt. \$ 17,000.00 for the repair.

Deputy Superintendent Dennis has been in contact with Baldwin, he would like to hire Richard Haywood back to the part time position for \$15.00/hr, he does have a CDL so he could operate all the equipment.

Resolution 36-2023

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board will allow for Mr Haywood to be hired back, part time for \$15.00/hr.

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

Dept. Supt Dennis has reviewed the culvert agreement and would like to know if the board wants the money to be collected all at once before the job or in two installments. The money will be collected at once with a disclaimer that if more materials are used, the landowner will receive an additional bill.

Dept. Supt Dennis needs to put a computer to use, it would be helpful for the calculation of CHIPS projects.

Blocks have been placed on the problem area on Peavey Rd

Ditches on Middle were worked on to ready for the CHIPS project

Large pipe on Holdridge Rd will need to be replaced, this will be CHIPS

There was a mower for sale on Auction International that the Highway Department could have used and purchased at a fair price. Deputy Supt. Dennis was wondering how the Town Board could place money in the budget to allow for purchases such as that to be made when they are found?

The new State budget has passed, there may be more CHIPS money available than what had been believed originally. A letter will come soon from the State and the website will be checked.

Whereas it is necessary and in accordance with Highway Law section 284 for the Highway Superintendent to provide a written plan for the expenditure of highway money to the Town Board for approval

Resolution 37-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Krzeminski, seconded by Councilman J. Allen the Town Board has approved and signed the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

4 AYES- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

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0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS CONT:

Councilman Gelser has gone to the Board of Elections to inquire how to place on the ballot the proposition of changing the position of Highway Superintendent for elected to appointed.

Some board members feel this may be a better route to go as the board would have more control and input over the position.

Resolution 38-2023

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Councilman Gelser the Town Board of the Town of Allen would like to add proposition one to the ballot in November asking should the position of highway superintended be an appointed one and not elected.

3 AYES – Gelser, Allen, Allen

1 NO – Krzeminski

MOTION CARRIED

The Town Clerk will email the proposition to the Town Attorney and ask him to submit the paperwork to the board of elections.

Town Clerk VanDewalker will also email the Town Attorney and ask him what procedures need to be taken to start the process of selling the gravel pit.

CLERK REPORT & MINTUES:

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

Resolution 39-2023

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

RESOLUTION 40-2023

Clerk VanDewalker had provided the Town Board with a copy of the minutes before the meeting for the monthly meeting in April.

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

4 AYES – Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

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SUPERVISOR REPORT:

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

Resolution 41-2023

On a motion made by Councilman J. Allen, seconded by Councilman E. Allen, the Supervisors report for the month of April has been accepted.

4 AYES – Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 42-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board is requiring full payment on culvert pipe installations before the install has happened.

4 AYES – Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 NOES

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Resolution 43-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Gelser, seconded by Councilman Krzeminski, the Town Board has approved the Highway fund, voucher #42-46 and authorized for payment \$4,364.34.

4 Ayes- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 44-2023

On a motion made by Councilman Krzeminski, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the Town Board has approved the General fund, voucher #49-55 and authorized for payment \$2,753.00

4 Ayes- Krzeminski, Gelser, Allen, Allen

0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business, on a motion made by Councilman J Allen, seconded by Councilman Gelser, the meeting is adjourned at 9:02 pm unanimously.

