FENNER TOWN BOARD

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 8:00PM

April 12, 2017

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR JONES

 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR STRACK

 COUNCILPERSON CODY

 COUNCILPERSON PUSHLAR

 COUNCILPERSON WESTER

 HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SMITH

 TOWN CLERK STOKER

The regular meeting of the Fenner Town Board was called to order at 8:02PM by Supervisor Jones with the pledge to the flag.

Councilperson Strack motioned to have the February minutes accepted. Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Councilperson Wester motioned to have the March Minutes accepted. Seconded by Councilperson Pushlar. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Councilperson Strack moved to accept the Town Clerk’s Report as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Councilperson Wester moved to accept the Supervisor’s reports as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Strack. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Highway Superintendent Smith presented his report. He informed the Board of the routine work that has been accomplished. The Highway Department continues to patch roads and “Road Closed” signs have been posted to heavy weight vehicles, allowing the roads harden.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Jones is waiting to hear back from Mark Stewart from the New York State Department of Transportation to discuss the proposed speed limit change on Nelson Road. Will call again.

A sound study was requested to be done through Cornell for Windmill #18. The FREE Center currently has a proposal to do a sound study, however funding is not confirmed at this time. Supervisor Jones has left several messages with the Cornell representative and will continue to try to reach her to see what steps need to happen next.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Fenner Clean Up Days dates to be May 5th and 6th

New tires are needed for the Oshkosh snowplow due to dry rot and multiple repairs, they no longer hold air. Four tires for $4300. Councilperson Wester moved to approve the purchase of the tires. Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident asked if the postponed Planning Board meeting was held, and if the Board has considered land use law and subdivision law. The meeting was held one week later, and the other questions will be forwarded to the Planning Board Chairperson.

A resident inquired about upcoming bridge work happening in the Fenner area. Supervisor Jones reported bridge work is planned in August on Nelson Road and will take 4-6 weeks. Discussion will continue as to how traffic is to be rerouted at that time.

A meeting was held with Paul Lutwig, head of IT for Madison County, to discuss needed repairs and updates to the current Town of Fenner computer system. Discussed high speed internet, he indicated within the next 2 years, as there is grant money from the state available for this purpose.

Lines will be added to Nelson Road and to the town roads in the coming weeks.

A resident asked about the ‘sign-in sheet’ to speak during the public comment portion of the Town Board meeting. This sheet has been tabled until further notice.

A resident publically thanked the Town Board, Highway Superintendent Smith and the Highway Department for installing signs directing traffic toward the FREE Center.

Dog Control Officer Gordon Baker asked for updates on the dog control/animal cruelty law discussed at the February Town Board meeting. Supervisor Jones advised that Jim Stokes, attorney, had been contacted and will take the matter under consideration and discuss his thoughts at a later date.

A resident asked whether there is any update on the battery storage facility on Peterboro Road, there has not been. Supervisor Jones will look into it. A question as to why many of the windmills seem to be turned off was also raised. It appears this is due to inclement weather and maintenance needs.

 A resident asked whether junk vehicles were being removed. Councilman Wester noted a written complaint must be signed and filed in order for this to go forth.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Madison County passed a Resolution to declare the month of April as Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness month. The Town of Fenner supports this Resolution and has displayed a pinwheel in support.

Madison County Supervisors proposed Local Law #3 a ban of the use of plastic carry out bags. There will be a public meeting on May 9th at 2:30PM at the Madison County Office Building.

Thank you to Senator Valesky. A distribution of gaming monies will come from the Yellow Brick Road Casino. 25% will go to the Town of Sullivan, the remainder to Madison County and half of that amount is to be distributed to the towns.

Town Clerk office hours will change on a trial basis to assess the needs of the community and allow for spring planting time obligations. Changes will be posted at the town office and on the Town of Fenner website.

VOUCHERS:

Councilperson Strack moved to approve payment of the General Fund claims numbers 39-50 in the amount of $1421.35 as set forth in abstract number 3 and as audited. Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Councilperson Wester moved to approve payment of the Highway Fund claims numbers 24-32 in the amount of $8593.45 as set forth in abstract number 3 and as audited. Seconded by Councilperson Pushlar. Approved by the Board.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Councilperson Wester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Pushlar. Approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned 8:45PM.

Supervisor Jones - Aye

Councilperson Strack- Aye

Councilperson Cody - Aye

 Councilperson Pushlar- Aye

 Councilperson Wester - Aye

Handouts and Reports: On file in Town Clerk’s Office

Code Enforcement Ofcr. Rpt. - March 2017

Town Clerk Rpt. - March 2017

Supervisor’s Rpt. - March 2017

Hwy. Superintendent Rpt. - March 2017

Dog Control Ofcr. Rpt. – March 2017

By Order of the Town Board

Jennifer Stoker

Fenner Town Clerk