

Fenner Town Board

Minutes

April 14, 2021

Attendance: Supervisor Jones, Councilperson Strack, Councilperson Wester, Councilperson Cody, Councilperson Pushlar

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 8:05 pm.

Previous Month's Minutes: motion to accept made by Councilperson Strack seconded by Councilperson Wester. Approved by Board.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report: motion to accept made by Councilperson Wester seconded by Councilperson Strack. Approved by Board.

Supervisor's Monthly Report: motion to accept made by Councilperson Strack, seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by Board.

Highway Superintendent's Monthly Report: Backhoe recalled, #3 truck maintenance performed. Started sweeping town roads and posted weight limit signs. Dead deer removed from Peterboro Rd and work done on Wyss/Mutton Hill intersection.

New Business: Town Supervisor Jones reported that the Town will be receiving the full amount of CHIPS funding. Copy of DOT letter submitted.

Supervisor Jones presented **Resolution 2021-15**, change in property assessment grievance day. Motion to accept made by Councilperson Wester, seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by Board. Public hearing for this change in law is scheduled for May 12th.

Resolution 2021-15

WHEREAS, at the request of the Town Supervisor, the attorney for the Town has prepared and presented a proposed local law entitled, "A local law changing the date for the meetings of the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Fenner to hear complaints in relation to assessments", and

WHEREAS, the proposed local law is intended to change the date for Grievance Day, which is normally the fourth Tuesday in May, to the second Monday after the fourth Tuesday of May, as authorized by section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Fenner will hold a public hearing May 12, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. at the Town of Fenner Town Hall to

consider the proposed local law entitled, "A local law changing the date for the meetings of the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Fenner to hear complaints in relation to assessments."

Matt Webber representing the Fenner Conservation Club. The Fenner Conservation Club is dissolving (started in the 1940's). The current property on Cody Rd has been subdivided into two pieces, separated the road. The northern section where the clubhouse is located, has been purchased by a neighbor; the Conservation Club is offering the southern section (pond) to the Town of Fenner free of charge. The Club also owns the former ski hill property on Rathbun Rd, which will be sold. If the Town chooses to accept the conservation pond property, which is approximately 6.28 acres, the net proceeds from the Rathbun Rd property will be deposited to assist with pond's upkeep costs. Conversation ensued regarding liability regarding public use of the area. Matt Webber stated that there have been very few concerns misuse of the property over the years. It was suggested that Town leadership consult our insurance company regarding a liability rider for the area. Supervisor Jones asked that Matt Webber that the property be held for a period so town leadership and legal counsel can discuss options.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Asked: Are there any update on the solar project? Supervisor Jones stated no. He acknowledged that Cypress has sent letters to town residents and he subsequently wrote a letter of rebuttal. His letter will be submitted to the Cazenovia Republican and Hi Neighbor newspapers for Fenner residents to read.

Asked: Has it been approved by the State? Supervisor Jones stated he did not know. Town leadership and legal counsel are close to submitting a local law for consideration.

Molly Hutton from Liberty Renewables introduced herself. Stated that her company is looking to add a small (5) windmill project in Fenner. She met with the Town Board last year during a Zoom meeting and the company has begun conversations with some residents. The proposed area Liberty Renewables if looking at is south of Cody Road.

Vouchers

- a. General Fund claims numbers G21-9 to G-21-40 presented for approval to pay. Motion to accept made by Councilperson Strack, Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by Board.
- b. Highway Fund claims numbers H21-19 to H21-25 presented for approval to pay. Motion to accept made by Councilperson Cody, Seconded by Councilperson Strack. Approved by Board

Executive Session

Motion to move to executive session by Councilperson Strack, seconded by Councilperson Wester. Session commenced at 8:26 pm. Session ended at 9:34 pm.

Motion to leave executive session by Councilperson Strack at 9:34 pm, seconded by Councilperson Wester.

Councilperson Strack moved to end the meeting at 9:35 pm, seconded by Councilperson Cody.

HANDOUTS AND REPORTS:

On file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Clerk Report – March 2021

Supervisors Report – March 2021

Highway Superintendent Report – March 2021

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NYSDOT CHIPS Letter

Fenner Conservation Pond Map

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Mandel

Deputy Town Clerk