

February 22, 2021

A ZoomTown Board meeting of the Town of Wheatfield was held February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Wheatfield Town Hall, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, County of Niagara and State of New York to audit bills and to conduct any other business coming before the Town Board.

PRESENT: Supervisor MacSwan, Councilman Larry Helwig, Gilbert Doucet, Randy Retzlaff, Curt Doktor, Town Attorney Matthew Brooks, Town Clerk Kathleen Harrington-McDonell

Town Attorney Matthew Brooks read the following statement:

This Wheatfield Town Board meeting of February 22, 2021 is being held remotely and by electronic video conference via the Zoom video conference service, due the COVID-19 emergency situation.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 202.1 in an effort to address the conflict between the requirements of the Open Meetings Law and Governor's emergency orders limiting public gatherings.

Specifically, Executive Order No. 202.1 suspends Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (also known as the Open Meetings Law), to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by law without allowing the public to be physically present at the meeting.

The order also authorizes public bodies to meet remotely by conference call or similar service.

If a public body restricts in person access to its meetings or conducts a meeting remotely by conference call or similar service, the public body must provide the public the ability to view or listen to such meetings and must record and later transcribe such meetings.

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to said orders. Public comment periods shall be suspended for this meeting as it is not required by law (no scheduled public hearing) and technically difficult based on the circumstances. The Town will accept questions, comments and input via email and/or regular mail and will be answered directly by the appropriate Town personnel as soon as possible.

Regular Town meeting format, in person, with public comment will return as soon as the emergency conditions resolve.

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to accept the minutes of February 8, 2021 as presented.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doktor and seconded by Councilman Doucet to approve the February 22, 2021 bill payment for voucher #20210098 – 20210195 in the amount of \$183,233.37 as follows:

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| General Fund | \$ 63,376.72 |
| Highway | \$ 73,717.65 |
| Water/Sewer | \$ 39,319.04 |
| Fire | \$ 3,377.40 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ 88.44 |
| Pre-paid | \$ 3,354.12 |

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doucet to approve and authorize the Water/Sewer Department to purchase a Salt spreader for the Department's small dump truck for the amount of \$4,800.00. Said purchase is piggybacked off of Sourcewell contract #080818-bpc, from Niagara Truck Equipment. To be paid from the Department's 2021 Budget, split equally between Water and Sewer.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Water/Sewer purchase
Salt spreader

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to approve and authorize the Recreation Department to purchase a Gravity Rail Swing for Fairmount Park for the amount of \$30,140.00. Said purchase is piggybacked off of New York State contract PC67836, from Denzak Recreational Design. To be paid from the Department's 2021 Budget.

Recreation to purchase
Gravity Rail Swing

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This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to schedule the required public hearing on proposed Local Law 2-2021, entitled FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, for March 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm via electronic means, (to wit: ZOOM teleconferencing service), as the COVID-19 pandemic requires, to receive public comment. The Town Clerk is authorized to publish and post the Public Hearing Notice for this hearing.

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| Public Hearing March 15 th Local Law 2-2021 Flood Damage Prevention |
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This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Helwig to approve and authorize the Recreation Department to purchase a Snow Blower for its John Deere tractor for the amount of \$2,510.85. Said purchase is piggybacked off of New York State contract PC68131, from Land Pro. To be paid from the Department's 2021 Budget.

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| Recreation purchase Snow Blower for John Deere tractor |
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This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Helwig to authorize the Highway Superintendent to accept the bid and auction the 1998 International Plow \$19,700 and the 1994 Mack \$15,600 for total of \$35,300.

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| Hwy. to accept auction bid to sell equipment/truck |
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This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm which will be a Zoom meeting.

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Helwig to adjourn at 7:07 pm.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk