

**Town of Barre**  
**Board Meeting**  
March 13, 2024

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue  
Councilman Kirk Mathes  
Councilman George McKenna  
Councilwoman Margaret Swan  
Councilman David Waters

Others present: Adrienne Daniels, Deputy Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Barbie Starowitz, Iva McKenna, Alice Mathes, Gary Palmer, Bill Eick, Orleans County Legislator, Larry Gaylard, Steve Harling, Kerri Richardson, Dwight Kanyuck via phone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the February, 2024 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 555.00
Justice Fees	3,427.00
Property Taxes	1,016,126.41
Charter Comm Franchise	17,352.07
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter TDP	2,772.00
Metered Sales	21,842.03
Interest & Earnings	<u>7,699.95</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$1,070,980.42.

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$137,417.40

Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$1,243,215.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue prior to the meeting, along with the check for the local share.

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BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 10488-10553	32,772.90
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 10488-10539	13,516.25
<u>HH - Capital Projects</u>	Voucher # 10510, 10545	1,402.78
<u>SW-Special District-Water</u>	Vouchers: 10512-10519	
001	353.10	
002	158.27	
003	121.75	
004	146.11	
005	166.31	
006	121.75	
007	48.66	
008	45.26	
009	85.23	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>1,246.44</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>48,938.37</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #18

Pay Bills

George McKenna made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No Report

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

No Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Snow and Ice operations continue, water reads, stake outs and sampling completed, Equipment repairs and services completed, GPS locating on Water Districts and drainage piping. Attended 2 meetings with HVAC contractors about Town Hall possibilities. Installed 2 on demand hot water heaters for Town Hall, shared services with Village of Albion, and Town of Shelby. Had numerous meetings with Truck and Equipment vendors truck that will be ordered for 2025. (narrowing down) Would like to approve at the April meeting. New Grader update: According to vendor, it "may" be in the United States in June. Asking for permission to advertise for Part-time help for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Baird Solar – Supervisor Pogue reported that the board is given weekly updates from the company. Pipes are in the ground with racking to follow.

Heritage Wind – Kathy Spencer, LaBella, our Town attorney, and Dwight Kanyuck have been working on a response to ORES regarding proposed minor modifications. The company asks for recommendations by March 15, 2 days from the present day. Kerri Richardson questioned the height of the towers and asked if all of ORES’ modifications were approved.

Eagle Harbor Sand & Gravel – They stated an estimate of 5 trucks per hour of removal of dolomite from the quarry. Town attorney states that it could be up to 24 trucks per hour. No determination yet, still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #19    ACH Payments

David Waters made a motion to approve and allow Lee Preston, Bookkeeper to make automatic payments to CPL, motion seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #20    Town Park/State Grant

Kirk Mathes made a motion to approve the hiring of G&G to pursue a State Grant for the Town of Barre Town Park, motion seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #21    Highway Purchase/Plow Truck & Equipment

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Barre allows Superintendent of Highways, Dale Brooks, to approve bids as per the Town of Barre Procurement Policy for the purchase of a new ten-wheel plow truck and equipment, and Whereas, the lead time from ordering to delivery could be up to 1 year; and Whereas, funding for the purchase will be provided through 2025 budget, Whereas, bids will be obtained with one of the following: New York State OGS, Sourcewell or piggyback on a contract that will allow him to obtain said ten-wheel plow truck and equipment, at an advantageous price, and Now therefore, the Barre Town Board approves Highway Superintendent Brooks to review all bids and award the purchase that meets all specifications.

David Waters made a motion to approve the foregoing resolution.

motion seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.  
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RESOLUTION #22 Highway/Hiring Part time position  
Whereas, The Town Board of the Town of Barre allows Superintendent of Highways, Dale Brooks, to advertise for the hiring of a part time summer position, Whereas, after applicants have applied for said position, Superintendent Brooks will make his recommendation to the Barre Town Board for approval and Now therefore, the Barre Town Board approves Highway Superintendent Brooks to accept and review all applications. George McKenna made a motion to approve the foregoing resolution, seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #23 Hiring General Code  
George McKenna made a motion to hire General Code to update the Town of Barre's E-Code System , seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #24 Appointment/Code Enforcement Officer  
David Waters made a motion to appoint Jared Hicks as the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Barre, the motion was seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #25 Heritage Wind/Submit Comments/ORES  
George McKenna made a motion to authorize the Town of Barre's attorney to submit comments to ORES on the Town's behalf, motion was seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 4-0-1, Kirk Mathes abstained. Passed.

PLANNING BOARD

Gary Palmer reported that they are waiting for the Comprehensive Plan to be completed, surveys are available to the Town Hall and online, they are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Barre Town Park

There will be an upcoming meeting on March 18 at 6:00pm

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Correspondences

Letters to the Barre Town Board regarding abandoned and burned out houses/properties, The temporary CEO will address the issue.

Genesee County can not allow 4 areas in the Town of Barre without access to Barre Water to tap into the Genesee Counties' water due to a shortage of water there.

Speakers

Barbie Starowitz commented on the board not allowing public to speak or make recommendations or comments on decisions. Duly noted by Sean. She also commented that there are no written rules restricting speakers to talk for only 5 minutes and requiring speakers to call before meetings.

Kirk Mathes made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Margaret Swan. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Daniels, Deputy Town Clerk