

Town of Barre
Board Meeting
May 8, 2024

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

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Alice Mathes, Iva McKenna.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

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

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 463.50
Justice Fees	2,482.00
Sales Tax	25,194.70
Barre Corners Escrow	2,770.35
NYSERDA	1,835.00
Metered Sales	10,319.84
Maintenance Fees	3,178.67
Interest & Earnings	8,562.31
Other Revenues	570.02

Total receipts for the month were: \$ 55,376.39

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$226,805.37

Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$320,973.44

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Grading gravel roads completed, signs repaired, Water reads completed, shared services with the Towns of Shelby, Clarendon, Gaines, and Albion. Salt brought in and mixed with grit; barn is full. Training was held at Carlton Rec Hall for 1 day. Park - rolled, preparing ballfields, rebuilt doors on 1 shed, fence repairs, mowing when not raining. Equipment repairs and services, ground stumps and restored from trees that were cut a while ago.

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BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 10627-10686	22,334.99
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 10566-10692	21,199.05
<u>HH - Capital Projects</u>	Voucher # 10656	112.50
<u>SW-Special District-Water</u>	Vouchers: 10630-10685	
001	38,487.30	
002	3,329.13	
003	2,560.86	
004	3,073.04	
005	3,093.36	
006	2,560.86	
007	24,427.29	
008	768.26	
009	1,792.60	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>80,092.70</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>123,739.24</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #31 Pay Bills

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The tentative roll has been released and uploaded to the website. I will be working some nights and this Saturday to fulfill my NYS requirement to sit with the roll. Residents do need to make an appointment to view it. Grievance Day is set for May 28, 2024. Residents need to make an appointment to grieve their assessment officially, as posted in the Batavia Daily News and our website. I would rather do informal, where residents come in and discuss with me one-on-one. Less paperwork that way and we can hear both sides.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue along with the check for the local share. Tax season has been completed, taxes are balanced and will be returned to the County Treasurer tomorrow.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Jared Hicks has done a few inspections, gaining skills. He is currently in his 1st of 6 courses, test next week.

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ATTORNEY – No Report

PLANNING BOARD – A building permit for Eric Watson was approved for changes, subdivisions were discussed at the meeting.

ZONING BOARD – No Report

PARK COMMITTEE – they has a meeting last night, Jason Foote brought plans for the equipment, they will be looking for additional quotes for companies to put it together.

Utilities – The power is on in the park!!

OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar – Nothing new

Baird Solar – work still in progress

Heritage Wind – No Report

Comprehensive Plan – 17% of residents completed a survey, the open house has taken place.

Water District #10 –

Supervisor Pogue reported that board members are still working on WTER District #10, grant applications, CDBG, WII.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #32 Appointment/Deputy Registrar/Vital Statistics
George McKenna made a motion to appoint Adrienne Daniels as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, the motion was seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #33 Zoning Violation

The Town of Barre Code Officer has completed an inspection of the property located at 13455 Allis Road and has sent an "Order To Comply" letter regarding the condition of the property. Margaret Swan made a motion that the Town Board support the "Order To Comply" letter. Motion was seconded David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #34 Zoning Violation/Hearing

Kirk Mathes made a motion to set a date for a Zoning Hearing on the property located at 13455 Allis Road for June 12, 2024 at 6:45pm. The motion was seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #35 Medicare Coverage Policy

David Waters made a motion to adopt the following policy for Medicare Coverage for employees, motion seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed. The Town of Barre offers health benefits to its full-time employees, which includes those working a minimum of 30 hours per week. This coverage also extends to key positions such as the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent. The specific health insurance provider and cost-sharing arrangements are determined by the prevailing terms outlined in the MEO Union contract regarding the share the employee pays. Additionally, the town contributes fifty percent (50%) of the annual deductible into a Health Savings Account (HSA) for each eligible individual as stated in the prevailing terms outlined in the MEO Union contract. Furthermore, due to the Town's limited staff size, comprising fewer than 20 employees, individuals aged 65 and above are ineligible to continue under the current health insurance policy, in accordance with federal regulations. Instead, while employed by the Town, they are eligible to have the expenses of Medicare Parts B and D, as well as Medigap premiums, fully covered upon submission of a paid invoice to the Town Book Keeper. At this point, contributions to the Health Savings Account (HSA) will cease. If an employee's spouse is covered under the Town Health Insurance policy upon turning 65, they are responsible for finding alternative comparable coverage. A submission of a paid invoice should be given for approval of reimbursement to the Town Bookkeeper. Upon retirement from the town, all payments for Medicare Parts B and D, Medigap coverage, and any spousal coverage will be discontinued. This excludes those covered under the union contract unless special arrangements have been made with the Town Board prior to retirement. As necessary, the Barre Town Board reserves the right to revisit this policy at any time.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #36 Water District Rate Increase
George McKenna made a motion to increase the Water District Water Rate from \$5.75 to \$6.00 per thousand for residents and from 8.25 to 8.50 per thousand for bulk water effective with the July, 2024 billing. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

<u>Account</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$130,765.13
NY CLASS	621,949.72
Highway Fund	48,829.94
NY CLASS	1,111,361.24
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	309,187.01
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	31,613.91
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	22,774.98
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	62,222.84
Water Dist. #5 Oper	52,072.27
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	45,587.63
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	12,192.46
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	33,887.26
Water Dist. #9 Oper.	18,416.17
Trust & Agency	58,878.79

LETTERS TO THE BOARD

A letter from John Grillo from the Village of Albion Park Program, asking for donations from the Town Board to help their park program. The Barre Town Board declined.

A letter from Kerri Richardson regarding shadow flicker on the Heritage Wind Project.

Kirk Mathes made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by David Waters.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk

