**TOWN OF NEW BERLIN**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 09, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor, Robert Starr called the Regular Monthly meeting of the Town Board at Town Hall to order at 6:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Supervisor: Robert Starr

Council Members Present: Wendy Rifanburg, John Parks,

Town Clerk: Deborah Barker

Absent: Josh Burchill, Roy Stockwell

Salute to the Flag was led by Robert Starr

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public hearing opened at 5:47 to discuss Local Law #4 opting in or out of allowing on-site consumption and retail dispensaries for cannabis.

Some discussion was had amongst Board members as to their personal feelings on the subject.

A member of the public asked if anyone has shown interest in setting up businesses, no board member had been approached by anyone with such interest.

The Public hearing was closed at 6:00

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

* Village is awarding the bid for asphalt at tomorrow’s meeting
  + Restructuring the planning/zoning boards to separate
  + Community dev loan committee is up and running
  + CHIP will used for equipment
  + Hometown hero banners are coming along
  + The old Big M is still being renovated, despite rumors of it being back on the market
* A resident came with concerns about a local cow being tethered to a tree, and asked about zoning as well as animal cruelty laws. The board stated there is no zoning in the Town and it would take time to adopt if the Tax payers ever showed interest. They also addressed that the Cow looks healthy and the matter has been dealt with by both the Chenango County Sheriff as well as Town Police.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES ACCEPTED**

A motion was introduced by Rifanburg to accept July 12 & 21 2021 Board Meeting minutes, Seconded by Parks

BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: X RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

**ACCEPT MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was introduced by Rifanburg to accept the monthly reports for filing, seconded by: Parks

BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

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| * Highway- Report submitted * Truck #20 is going back in for further repair * Tar and stone work is complete * Chips update on figures has a total available amount of 183,030.84 for repair * The 2020 case is down with computer problems, a tech will be at the garage 8/11/21 * Millbrook water sample was taken on July 30, 2021 * New Berlin Police – Report submitted * OIC Kaminski offered his gratitude to Officer laplante for heading the Department in the interim. * Lockeroom paint * Rifanburg will call The Evening Sun and set up an interview to introduce the new OIC to the community showing the progress the Department is making. * Officer Kaminski will call for a free estimate on the camera system * Town Justice – Report submitted * SNBWD – Report submitted * Assessor - * Town Clerk – Report submitted |

**ACCEPT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

* Planning Board Committee: No meeting

**BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MINUTES**

* Highway: John Parks
* Buildings and Grounds: John Parks
* Youth Program: Josh Burchill
* Ambulance: Wendy Rifanburg 13 calls for the Town
* Police: Josh Burchill
* SNB Water District: Roy Stockwell

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Rifanburg audited the vouchers for July 13, 2021 through August 09, 2021 and made a motion to accept and approve Seconded by Parks: BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

**APPROVAL OF THE BALALCE SHEET/LOAN FUND BALANCE SHEETS**

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| **Fund** | **Prepay** | **Unpaid** |
| **General** | **5676.72** | **4425.54** |
| **Town Outside Village** | **1001.65** | **0** |
| **Highway DA** | **0** | **10800.00** |
| **Highway DB** | **774.68** | **126404.37** |
| **Street Lighting** | **0** | **0** |
| **SNB Water District** | **383.92** | **80.31** |
| **Ambulance/Fire Dist** | **0** | **0** |
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**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A motion to accept month end financial reports, operating statements, revolving loan funds was introduced by: Rifanburg, Seconded by: Parks. BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

**OLD BUSINESS**

* The lights and siren bids for the car will be decided after the car is delivered

**NEW BUSINESS**

Local Law #4 of 2021 OPT OUT ON-SITE CONSUMPTION & RETAIL DISPENSARIES CANNABIS LAW

INTRODUCED BY: Starr SECONDED BY: Rifanburg

ROLL CALL VOTE

BURCHILL: Absent PARKS: Yes STARR: Yes STOCKWELL: Absent RIFANBURG: Yes

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 2

CARRIED: X NOT CARRIED:

Resolution #15 of 2021 – Hazard Mitigation plan

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY: Rifanburg SECONDED BY: Parks

ROLL CALL VOTE

BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 2

CARRIED: X NOT CARRIED:

Resolution #16 of 2021 – JCAP

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY: Rifanburg SECONDED BY: Parks

ROLL CALL VOTE

BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 2

CARRIED: X NOT CARRIED:

FYI a new saving account is being set up for ARPA funds until the Board decides what it can used for.

**CORESSPONDENCE**

Mr Wilson from West Shore is asking the Board to reconsider reducing the speed limit, the state denied the action. The Board is once again considering putting solar radar speed signs to act as a reminder and deterrent.

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| **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  A motion was made by Rifanburg to go into executive session for litigation, seconded by Parks @7:28pm. BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2  **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**  A motion was made by Rifanburg, to go back into regular session @7:38, seconded by Parks BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2 |

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Rifanburg to adjourn the meeting @7:39pm. Seconded by: Parks. BURCHILL: A PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

Minutes of the August 09, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Deborah Barker, Town Clerk