

TOWN OF NIAGARA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
7105 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OPEN MEETING (Pledge, Prayer, Roll Call)

Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Teixeira recited a prayer. Attached is a Memorial Page of all the deceased Town residents who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Present: Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso, Deputy Supervisor Marc Carpenter, Councilman Mike Lee, Councilman Johnny Parks, Councilman Charles Teixeira

Absent: none

Also present Melissa Cerrillo, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Announce changes to agenda, if any)

(§50-3 Privilege of the floor. Only members of the public sector are allowed to speak at this time and may address any agenda or non-agenda item.

(3-minute limit)

No Speakers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Town Board Meeting of December 12, 2023

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Lee

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion approved.

2. Town Board Organizational Meeting January 3, 2024

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Carpenter

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund prepay vouchers [A] \$21,669.94
General Fund vouchers [A] \$101,400.48
Sewer Fund prepay vouchers [G] \$161,037.56
Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$617,708.55
Water Fund vouchers [F] \$92,836.20
Water Fund vouchers prepay [F] \$996.18
Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$41,707.02
Highway Fund prepay vouchers [DA] \$535.80
Fire Protection prepay vouchers [SF]
Fire Protection [S] \$154.84
Street Lighting vouchers [SL]
Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL] \$7,460.05
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$13,800.00
Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$2,245.00
Capital Projects prepay vouchers [H]
Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$7,400.00

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Resolution to allow the Principal Account Clerk to make any and all necessary Budget Transfers and Adjustments in order to close the 2023 budget. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Lee

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQRA for the final site plan request of Michael Rotella of Wayside Nursery, 7431 Porter Road/Tax map #145.12-3-33. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

3. Resolution to approve the final site plan request of Michael Rotella of Wayside Nursery 7431 Porter Road/Tax Map #145.12-3-33 with the conditions of the Zoning Board requirements. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

4. Resolution to extend the Moratorium on Solar and Wind Energy applications, approvals, construction and/or installations for a six-month period ending June 20, 2024 to enable the Town of Niagara to further study potential revisions to update its zoning code with respect to such uses. (Risman)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

5. Resolution to appoint and promote Officer Angela Micale from permanent part-time to full time off the Niagara County Civil Service list. (Guiliani)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Carpenter

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

6. Resolution on the replacement windows for Town Hall. Thompson Windows is low bid for \$22,975.00. Price overall INCLUDES: Install (21) Soft-lite 2 panel sliding windows, screens, low E/Argon energystar glass, interior trim moulding and exterior trim. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

7. Resolution to Re-designate the water departments America Rescue Fund balance (\$24,121.73) from purchasing water meters to buying out a leased water truck expiring in March of 2024 (Beiter)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

8. Resolution to approve the ratification of the December Town Board Meeting held on December 12, 2023 (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

9. Resolution to add the following names to our Niagara Active Hose Fire Company roster: John DiCarlo, Angellica Puentes, John Mis, Joshua Biro, Hailey Thompson and Jacob Phillips. (Guiher)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

10. Resolution to approve the conditional offer of full-time appointment to Austin Sauer as a Police Officer pending compliance with the NYS Professional Policing Act of 2021 and successful completion of the Police Academy and subsequent Field Training. Effective hire date to be March 3rd, 2024. (Guiliani)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

11. Resolution to appoint Councilman Mike Lee to the Niagara Community Action Board of Directors. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

12. Resolution to pay Premier Contraction \$18,000.00 for the remodel of the new Police Department offices and the associated costs to be covered by the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

TABLED

COMMENTS

Supervisor Virtuoso, Deputy Supervisor Carpenter, Councilman Lee, and Councilman Parks all congratulated Angela and Austin on their new appointments. They gave well wishes for a safe send off into their new careers. Also, they thanked the Highway superintendent for a job well done on keeping the roads spotless during this past snow fall. Councilman Teixeira had no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Parks. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Cerrillo

Town Clerk

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In Memoriam

Mary Ruth Cornell

Paul Fortunato

John Moir

Mary Moore