

**Town of Andes
Regular Meeting
September 12th, 2023 7:00PM
Andes Town Hall and Via Zoom**

Present:

Supervisor Wayland ‘Bud’ Gladstone
Councilman Ritchie Gabriel
Town Clerk Carol Ames
Highway Superintendent John Bouton

Councilman Thomas Hall
Councilman Dale Cole
Building Code Enforcer Al Mohr (Absent
and excused)

Others:

Bob Abbate
Rachel Andrews

Elizabeth DiFalco
Peter Ames

Others via Zoom:

Maria’s Phone
Sherry Mohr

Travis Balcom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Supervisor Gladstone

Pledge:

The pledge of allegiance was led and recited by Councilman Cole.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence observed for Councilman Shayne Moshier.

“The loss of Councilman Shayne Moshier is something that is deeply felt by not only the members of the Andes Town Board, but by all whose lives he touched in our community. Out of honor and respect for Shayne, his seat will remain open until the end of his term.”

-Supervisor Gladstone

Minutes:

Motion to approve the July 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (emailed)

Made by Councilman Hall

Seconded by Councilman Gabriel

All in favor

Motion carried

Privilege of the Floor:

Peter Calvert asked if there was a timetable for the construction taking place on the stream project in front of Andes Central School. Supervisor Gladstone answered that they have a 2 week exemption due to setbacks, but they are required to be finished by the end of September.

Reports:

Pool Report

End of season report was presented by Pool Manager Rachel Andrews.

It was a difficult year at the pool due to the construction project in front of ACS. As a result, they were open longer so she could work with the lifeguards. Major repairs are needed: The pool liner is approximately 15 years old and is failing in many places due to degradation of the concrete underneath. The baby pool has the same issues. There was a leak that Jeff Ploutz fixed temporarily, but there is likely a leak elsewhere too since the pool loses water at a rapid rate. The bathrooms are very difficult to clean. A moisture spot in the Women’s Bathroom keeps occurring from an unknown source. The floors in the bathrooms need repair and there is mold. The handicap ramp needs to be fixed. Panels on the ramp need to be repaired.

150 were enrolled in swimming lessons this season

The Board of Health inspection went well

There were approximately 500 visitors to the Andes Pool weekly.

A pool company needs to be contacted to inspect and make an estimate for repairs before next season.

Highway Report

(see attached)

There is a voucher in this month’s Highway bills for the purchase of a new truck for the sum of \$60,000.00 from The Town of Kirkwood. This purchase is contingent on the Board’s approval at tonight’s meeting and will be officially added to the September Bills upon approval.

Motion to approve purchase of truck from the Town of Kirkwood for the amount of \$60,000.000,

Made by Councilman Gabriel
Seconded by Councilman Cole
All in favor.
Motion carried.

Building Inspector Report

(see attached)

Supervisor's Report

| Date Check Rec'd | Check Details | Amount |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 7/27/2023 | NYS Comptroller-ARPA | \$112,841.71 |
| 8/4/2023 | Quill Overpayment | \$244.07 |
| 8/4/2023 | Carol Ames-DECALS | \$220.97 |
| 8/4/2023 | Thomas Joyce-Justice | \$1992.00 |
| 8/17/2023 | Nicholas Burton-Justice | \$275.00 |

Comments:

I have met with Steve Hood who has advised me that a cell phone tower might be in the works for the area. This would be a Version tower that would provide cell service to the area. Cedarwood has re-applied for grant funding for the ongoing Well Project. Sluiter Insurance has raised rates by 15%. This is to be expected since all rates went up this year. The StreetScape Grant through MARK Project has \$3500 left in it which needs to be used by September 20th. I have been in contact with the StreetScape Committee and they will be using the funds to repaint and repair the public benches on Main Street. The majority of the grant money went to buy the clock in front of the library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bud Gladstone, Andes Supervisor

New Business:

Please review the attached proposal submitted by Dori Buerge, our School Crossing Guard, for a raise in salary.

Motion to approve raise in salary for Crossing Guard Dori Buerge to \$20/hr. effective immediately,

Made by Supervisor Gladstone

Seconded by Councilman Hall

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Town Calendar:

September

| Date | Item | Department |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 9/4 | Town Hall Closed Labor Day | Building, Assessor, and Town Clerk |
| 9/11 | Planning Board Meeting 7:30PM | Planning |
| 9/12 | Town Board Meeting 7:00PM | Town Board |
| 9/26 | Budget Workshop 6:00PM | Town Board |
| 9/25 | Zoning Board Meeting (if needed) 7:00PM | Zoning |

October

| Date | Item | Department |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 10/6 | Winter Bid Due 12:00PM | Town Clerk |
| 10/6 | Winter Bid Opening 12:00PM | Town Clerk |
| 10/9 | Town Hall Closed Columbus Day | Building, Assessor, and Town Clerk |
| 10/10 | Town Board Meeting 7:00PM | Town Board |
| 10/10 | Winter Bid Awards 7:00PM | Town Board |
| 10/30 | Zoning Board Meeting (if needed) 7:00PM | Zoning |
| 10/31 | October Water Bills Due | District Clerk |

November

| Date | Item | Department |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 11/7 | General Election 6:00AM-9:00PM | Clerk |
| 11/14 | Town Board Meeting 7:00PM | Town Board |
| 11/13 | Planning Board Meeting 7:30PM | Planning |
| 11/10 | Town Hall Closed Veteran's Day | Building, Assessor, and Town Clerk |
| 11/27 | Zoning Board Meeting (if needed) 7:00PM | Zoning |
| 11/23 | Town Hall Closed Thanksgiving | Building, Assessor, and Town Clerk |
| 11/24 | Town Hall Closed | Building, Assessor, and Town Clerk |

Motions:

Motion to hold the 2024 Budget Workshops

Date:

Motion to authorize Town Clerk Ames to advertise for the Winter 2023 bids, to be received by,

Date:

The bids will be opened on:

and will be awarded at the October Regular Board Meeting on:

Motion to approve the July 2023 and August 2023 Town Clerk, and Supervisor's Financial Reports:

Resolutions:

(Note: A Public Hearing Must be held before this can be adopted into Law)

Motion to hold a Public Hearing on October 10th ay 7PM at The Andes Town Hall, immediately before the Regular Town Board Meeting regarding Resolution 3 of 2023, a resolution to adopt a local law providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law,

Made by Supervisor Gladstone

Seconded by Councilman Cole

All in favor.

Motion Carried

(Proposed) Resolution 3 of 2023:

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

WHEREAS, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 to add a New Article Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-a of the NY Real Property Tax Law.

WHEREAS the following Local Law was introduced as Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023, by Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of Andes on _____ and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed Public Hearing was held on _____ regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined the enactment of this Local Law will have no adverse environmental impacts and issued a Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of Andes as follows: Section 1. Legislative intent: The New York State Legislature recently amended the Real Property Tax Law to create a new Section 466-a to provide an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed value {00390877 1} 2 of real property owned by volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. In order for the exemption to be available it is necessary for the local government body to adopt a local law providing for such an exemption and establishing the minimum service requirement and certification of service requirement. The Town Board has determined that volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers provide essential services to the Town residents and providing such a real property tax exemption will help with recruiting new members and retaining existing members of the volunteer fire and ambulance services. Therefore, the Town of

Andes has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to enact a local law providing for such real property tax exemption.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve August General Warrants #175-193 totaling \$6,564.69

Highway Warrants #204-218 totaling \$12,490.49

CHIPS Warrants #3-5 totaling \$40,236.58

WWTP Warrants #89-94 totaling \$29,033.15

Water Warrants #94-96 totaling \$1,363.73

September General Warrants #194-213 totaling \$19,322.55

Highway Warrants #219-249 totaling \$114,364.92 (\$60,000 to be added for Kirkwood truck purchase)

CHIPS Warrants #6-8 totaling \$110,121.53

WWTP Warrants #95-105 totaling \$32,898

Water Warrants #97-100 totaling \$2,773.47

Shavertown Cemetery Warrants #1 totaling \$500.00

Districts:

Water-

Water and Sewer Balance sheets are attached. Please review the attached letter and invoices from Sluiter Agency regarding the allocation of insurance premiums for Town of Andes, Andes Water District 1 and Andes Sewer District 1

Sewer-

(Please see proposed WWTP Budget attached)

Public Comment/Questions:

A discussion between the Board and Travis Balcom (Zoom) about the new equipment acquired by TAB Construction that can lift, level and fix slabs of concrete in sidewalks, driveways and walkways. Travis donated the services of this equipment to repair some

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Gabriel, seconded by Councilman Hall
All in favor. Meeting adjourned by Supervisor Gladstone at 8:01PM