

**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
Peter Calvert

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 by \$20/month, 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 |

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|------|---|------------|
| 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: September 26th and October 5th at 6PM in the Andes Town Hall

Made by Supervisor Gladstone

Seconded by Councilman Hall

All in favor.

Motion carried.

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

Date: October 6th at 12PM

The bids will be opened on: October 6th 12PM

and will be awarded at the October Regular Board Meeting on: October 10th at 7PM

Made by Supervisor Gladstone

Seconded by Councilman Hall

All in favor.
Motion carried.

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

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

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 of the concrete in front of the school and pool.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Gabriel, seconded by Councilman Hall

All in favor. Meeting adjourned by Supervisor Gladstone at 8:01PM

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. | OF 2023

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

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

The state Real Property Tax Law was amended by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 by the addition of a new §466-a providing for a ten percent partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that serves within the County. The intent of this Local Law is to permit the partial real property tax exemption for such qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations for real property taxes imposed by the County.

Section 2. Authority.

Pursuant to Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 effective December 9, 2022, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by adding a new §466-a authorizing local governments to enact by local law, ordinance or resolution such partial tax exemption for County real property taxes to qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations, following a public hearing.

Section 3. Grant of exemption.

The primary residential real property located in the County that is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provides services within the County shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the County to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this herein.

Section 4. Authority Having Jurisdiction.

For purposes of this Local Law the “Authority Having Jurisdiction” shall mean:

- A. In the case of a fire district, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the fire district;
- B. In the case of a contract fire department in a fire protection district, the Town Board;
- C. In the case of a village fire department the Village Board;
- D. In the case of a city fire department, the City Council;
- E. In the case of an incorporated voluntary ambulance service, the Town Board.

Section 5. Eligibility.

Such exemption shall not be granted unless:

- A. the applicant resides in the County of Delaware and is a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which provides service within the city, village, town, or school district.
- B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Local Law; and
- D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years; and
- E. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction to have met all the authority having jurisdiction's requirements to maintain active status within the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
- F. the applicant must submit said certification from the authority having jurisdiction together with the tax exemption application.

Section 6. Grant of Lifetime Exemption.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Local Law for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the county.

Section 7. Surviving, Un-Remarried Spousal Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance Workers Killed in the Line of Duty.

The property tax exemption authorized by this Local Law and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

Section 8. Surviving, Un-Remarried Spousal Exemption for Deceased Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance Workers with Twenty Years of Enrolled Member Service.

The property tax exemption authorized by this Local Law and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

Section 9. Application.

An application form for such exemption and a certification provided by the appropriate authority having jurisdiction shall be filed with the Assessor on or before the taxable status date of each year or as otherwise required as prescribed by New York State.

Section 10. No Diminution of Benefits.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this Local Law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Local Law.

Section 11. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

September 12, 2023

To: Andes Town Board

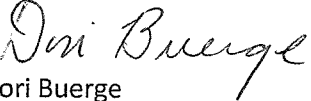
From: Dori Buerge

Re: Salary Increase

Gentlemen:

I would like to request a salary increase of \$20.00/month. I have not received an increase in some time and feel this is a reasonable amount.

Respectfully,


Dori Buerge

Andes Central School Crossing Guard

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**TOWN OF ANDES, NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
REPORT BY CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
September 13, 2023**

1. WWTP Plant

Plant effluent flow averaged 46,000 gallons per day (GPD) for the month of August 2023.

2. SPDES Compliance/NYSDEC, NYCDEP

The plant discharges treated effluent to the Tremper Kill Brook. The WWTP was in compliance for all parameters for August 2023.

3. Collection System.

Still have inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues.

4. Plant Purchases.

5. Plant O&M

All running well.

6. Plant Equipment

7. Gladstone Hollow Septic System

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**TOWN OF ANDES, NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
REPORT BY CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
September 13, 2023**

1. Water System

Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 17,000 gallons per day for the month of August 2023.

2. Plant Purchases

Filters at a cost of \$1,066.32 from Mountain Filtration Systems.

3. O&M

Changed some filters in August 2023.

4. Equipment

5. Distribution System

6. Library Well

.Ran the well on August 30, 2023.

Town of Andes Water District
Balance Sheet
As of September 11, 2023

| | Sep 11, 23 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| F200 Water District Cash | 342.93 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 342.93 |
| Total Current Assets | 342.93 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 342.93 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Due To Other Funds | 137,299.67 |
| F600 Accounts Payable | 731.69 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 138,031.36 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 138,031.36 |
| Total Liabilities | 138,031.36 |
| Equity | |
| F911 Fund Balance | -66,076.18 |
| Net Income | -71,612.25 |
| Total Equity | -137,688.43 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 342.93 |

Town of Andes Sewer District
Balance Sheet
As of September 11, 2023

| | <u>Sep 11, 23</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| Sewer Project Checking | 3,961.11 |
| Sewer District Savings | 121,701.91 |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>125,663.02</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>125,663.02</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>125,663.02</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Due to other funds | 288,595.18 |
| S600 Accounts Payable | 10,510.04 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | <u>299,105.22</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>299,105.22</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 299,105.22 |
| Equity | |
| Fund Balance | -14,532.16 |
| Net Income | -158,910.04 |
| Total Equity | <u>-173,442.20</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>125,663.02</u> |

July Report

~~Code~~ Code Enforcement Report

4 Permits

2 c/o

2 Compliances

27 Inspections

22 Office calls

38 cell phone calls

11 Message

~~2~~ Renewals

3 office meetings

2 onsite meetings

4 Property searches

1 - Transient Rental

~~2 - Fire Reports/inspections~~

Aug Report

13 Permits

1 c/o

3 compliances

29 inspection

31 office calls

80 cell calls

15 Messages

1 Renewal

5 office meetings

3 onsite meetings

~~5~~ Property searches

1 Fire Report/inspection

1 - Transient Rental

September Highway report 2023

August, we prepared roads for oil and stone Campbell, Kovba, Crescent, Scotch pine, Doig Hollow, Skyline dr.

Worked on Close Hollow replaced all metal pipes with plastic put on crusher run and smoothed and cut edges and ditched. It is now ready for pug mill paving from rt 30 town line to 2.5 miles towards Jones Hollow.

I met with landowners on Little Dingle Hill rd. about widening the town road. Both were in agreement with us to cut trees, place pipes, cut and slope some property in order to build ditches.

Patching was done along state rd. more is needed as time and weather permits.

Brakes replaced on the 2012 freightliner.

Power cutoff switches were installed on the dump trucks that didn't have them.

Starter and Alternator was replaced on John Deree grader.

Worked on Little Dingle Hill put down screened gravel on hill towards Dingle Hill much more work to follow.

Placed oil and stone on Doig Hollow, Kovba Rd., and Andes fire Department. Campbell Hollow is put on hold until construction work is completed.

Oil and stone for Crescent hill area is planned for September 12.

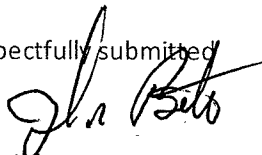
I would like to request the board make the following items surplus.

2019 international cv. Id number 1htktswm0kh563806

1985 Case loader vin number 9160001

2004 international 7600 vin number 1HTWYAXT54j081346

Respectfully submitted



John Bouton