

Town of Little Falls  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
December 14, 2022

Board members in attendance: Ginnie Follendorf, Treasurer; Tom Stuessel, Supervisor; Alan McCoy, Supervisor; Bryan Olsen, Chair; Cassie Schober, Clerk;

Chairman Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Then read the agenda. It was asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the November meeting. Tom Stuessel made a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Second by Alan McCoy. Motion carried.

Ginnie Follendorf gave the treasurer's report.

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 544,071.59 |
| Monthly Income    | \$ 40,769.76  |
| Monthly Expenses  | \$ 47,618.83  |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 537,222.52 |

Funds for ARPA are: \$140,898.34 which is included in the ending balance. Tom Stuessel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Alan McCoy. Motion carried.

Chairman Olsen then addressed Erin Johnson who is at the meeting to give an update on the Cataract School Proposal. Ms. Johnson stated that herself, George Praeger and Bethany Ahnen made a bid for \$10,000 purchase of the Cataract Elementary School to be used as a community center type space. Including a food pantry, library, open gym and event rental space. The Sparta School District's decommission committee recommended moving forward with accepting the proposal. Ms. Johnson states they have the funding to make the purchase, which was provided by an anonymous donor. What they will need is a cash flow for startup. They are currently going to the 3 township boards (New Lyme, Little Falls and Lafayette) and requesting a \$5,000 per year for 3 years donation to their organization. Chairman Olsen tells them that the board can't make that kind of decision and it has to come from the residents at a special town meeting to approve the donation. Ms. Johnson states New Lyme told her the same thing. The group has a financial statement which she will email to the clerk. They are also requesting the plowing be done at the school, the days school is in session. Board members agreed they will have the driveway of the school plowed out. It was asked what means the group has for cash flow to maintain the school. It is stated that they have talked about having a community night, rental space of classrooms, gym and kitchen and perhaps the outdoor space for wedding venue area. The group is still talking with insurance companies in regards to liability insurance. They are also looking into grant funding. William Wadolph asked when they are looking at taking possession. Ms. Johnson states that they are looking at possible ownership the end of December-middle of January. It is stated by the group that 12.95 acres of land comes with the school.

Next Agenda Item: New Bartender license applications received for Jenna Laxton and April Samson. No issues or concerns with either applicant. Alan McCoy makes a motion to accept the bartender applications for both applicants. Second by Tom Stuessel. Motion carried.

Next Agenda Item: 2023 Holiday/Payroll guidelines. A listing of guidelines and holidays for 2023 was distributed to those in attendance and reviewed. Alan McCoy made a motion to accept guidelines/holidays as noted. Second by Tom Stuessel. Motion carried.

Bryan Olsen gave an update on the Fire Department loan balance. Which is \$91,000 on loan to be paid off in 2028/2029.

The recycle center will be closed on December 24, 2022 for Christmas Eve. Clerk will make up signs for posting.

Recycle Centers possible need for security cameras were discussed. Josh Konze will look at a proposal for the January meeting for perhaps a DVR security system.

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It is also requested that Josh put a digital lock on the town shop office door. Josh also stated the grader is still being worked on and the end loader has leaks and needs tires.

It is stated the when it comes to plowing/sanding personal residents that the first time will be allowed. Any time after that will be charged.

Alan McCoy brought up a request to have an appreciation dinner for all employees and their spouses, included to landfill employees and election workers. Town elected employees would pay for their own. Perhaps a Saturday night in January at the Monkey's Roost. This will be discussed.

Bills were presented. Review of Bills. A motion was made to approve the bill listing by Alan McCoy. Second by Tom Stuessel. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment is scheduled for December 26, 2022 at 11 a,

Next regular board meeting will be January 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Alan McCoy then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tom Stuessel. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Schober

Town of Little Falls Clerk

Attendance: Erin Johnson, Randy Johnson, William Wadyt, Lee Follendorf, George Prager