

May 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Supervisor Nathaniel Baker, Town Councilman James Bradt, Town Councilman Kenneth Quick, Town Councilman Matthew Rathbun, Town Accountant Joel Carpenter, Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor, Local Ordinance Officer William Humphries, Town Historian Erik Pekar, and Deputy Town Clerk Julia Goff

ABSENT:, Town Councilman Matthew Beecher, Dog Control Officer Kathy Hall, Sole Assessor Bobbi Stone

Supervisor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Baker followed by a moment of silence in memorial of Town Clerk Jenny Martelle's recent passing.

Councilman Bradt moved to amend the minutes of the April 10th Regular Meeting to reflect that the boiler that was repaired was actually at the Highway Barn, not the Water House, second by Councilman Quick, all in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Quick moved to approve the minutes of the April 16th Special Meeting, second by Councilman Bradt. Councilman Rathbun abstained due to his absence. All in favor, motion carried.

BUDGET OFFICER'S REPORT: Budget Officer Joel Carpenter reported that the only issue with the budget at this time is that the Highway Townwide Snow Removal Contractual is exhausted. There will need to be a budget amendment to plan to pay for salt, sand and fuel later this year. All else is looking good for now.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baker reported that he spoke with Allegiance Truck representatives and that there had been a misunderstanding regarding payment for the new truck. There will be no payment until the truck is completed and ready for use, which could be up to two years.

Jason Preisner from LaMott Engineering spoke regarding the condition of the North Granville Water District. Since 2017, they have been working to modernize the system. They have added four new wells, one more would be nice. There have been building and maintenance improvements and they have been able to eliminate the use of surface water and springs as water sources. They are working toward eliminating the need for the UV disinfectant system. Looking to the future, he says we are in a good position to qualify for Grants and 0% loans which could be used to replace water mains. We would need an Engineers report, Environmental Review and a Bond Resolution before moving forward. We have completed the income survey, which is required. The next step would be applying for financing. It is estimated that it will cost \$300 per foot to replace water mains. There is approximately 1.8 to 2 miles from the tank to the treatment plant on County Route 17. Jason recommended pursuing small projects simultaneously with the larger one which would increase our odds of getting the Grants/loans, and decrease the amount spent in the end. There is still some debt on a 30 year note from the early 2000's but that should be paid in full in about 7 years from now.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Taylor reported that he had been getting estimates for sand for the upcoming winter season and was recommending using Friedman at a cost of \$15.40 per yard, delivered as it has no rocks and is far less likely to freeze in the pile which was a problem this past winter. The salt shed is full currently. The highway crew has been sweeping intersections, chipping brush, and replacing culverts on Hicks Road. They have painted the plows and frames and put them away for the summer. Superintendent Taylor got a quote on a new Re-man CAT motor for truck #6 which was \$24,000 with a core value of \$6800. It has been decided that they will try one more time to see how much it will sell for at auction before committing to fixing it. Taylor has also been working on getting prices for blacktopping. He has found a company, Palette, that is less costly than Peckham and he is negotiating with both to find the best cost. There

has been no word on when CHIPS funds will be available or what the amount will be. Hicks road is a priority to be paved at a distance of 2 miles and a width of 22 feet.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: The Water District has pumped a total of 907,000 gallons for the month with a daily average of 30,233 gallons. Taylor requested a Robo-call to announce hydrant flushing on 5/19-North and West Granville and 6/2-Truthville and Brookside Acres. The new Water Quality Report is available and will be posted on the Town Bulletin Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baker announced that at the April 16th Special Meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of long time Town Clerk Jenny Martelle. He wished to thank all the Board members and employees who have stepped up to help keep things running as smoothly as possible in her absence. He announced that he had asked Councilmen Bradt and Quick to search for and interview candidates to fill the vacancy. Town Attorney Michael Catalfimo was present to issue the Oath of Office to Donna K. Daigle who was chosen to fill the position. She will fill the vacancy until this November, when she will run for her own term as Town Clerk.

The Board opened the one and only bid received for mowing the Abandoned Cemeteries and the Town Highway yard. Winning Bidder was Nathan Williams at a cost of \$1,000.00 per mowing. It was higher than what was budgeted for, but was accepted by the Board. Councilman Quick moved to accept the bid, second by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Baker announced that a representative from the American Legion requested we pay \$1017.00 for flags to be placed on graves of local Veterans. This cost was not budgeted for, but Councilman Rathbun moved to make the payment contingent that they are made aware apply for these expenses at Budget time. Second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor submitted a written report on her activities for September, which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Local Ordinance Officer Humphries submitted a written report which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: N/A

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Fund	Voucher	Amount	Moved By	Second By
DA Highway Townwide		\$17,076.30	Rathbun	Quick
Carried 4-0				
DB Highway Outside		\$3,785.24	Rathbun	Quick
Carried 4-0				
SW North Granville Water		\$987.06	Bradt	Quick
Carried 4-0				
A General Townwide		\$4,927.60	Quick	Rathbun
Carried 4-0				

SL 1 Middle Gr. Lights	\$458.32	Bradt	Quick
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Carried 4-0

SL2 North Gr. Lights	\$251.56	Bradt	Quick
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Carried 4-0

Councilman Quick moved to Adjourn at 7:52, 2nd by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Deputy Town Clerk, Julia Goff