

**TOWN OF DRYDEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2020**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb, Cl James Skaley,
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Loren Sparling,

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk
Rick Young, Highway/DPW Superintendent

Other Town Staff: Ray Burger, Planning Director
Sherri Crispell, Payroll Clerk

Supv Leifer opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Abstract Approval

RESOLUTION #88 (2020) – APPROVE ABSTRACT #7

Cl Servoss offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves Abstract #7, as audited, general vouchers #442 through #525 (\$1,138,115.00) and TA vouchers #22 through #26 (\$4,050.78), totaling \$1,142,165.78.

2nd Cl Skaley

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Transfer Funds – FPIG Grant

R Burger explained that this grant goes back to 2013 when the purchase of development rights was obtained for the Sherman farm. The close-out has taken a few years and now Ag and Markets has officially closed this out. We can now move funds from our trust and agency account. The budget for the project presented shows the stewardship funds and reimbursable amounts for appraisal, survey and legal costs. The remaining funds represents the state’s share of those reimbursements to us. The funds can now be released from the trust and agency account and transferred to the A fund.

RESOLUTION #89 (2020) - MOVE FUNDS FROM TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT

Cl Servoss offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden (Town) received a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG contract C800681) from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to purchase development rights from the Jerry-Dell Sherman Farm in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town received funds from NYS to be disbursed according to the attached budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town disbursed the majority of the funds to purchase those development rights as described in a conservation easement, and

WHEREAS, the Town has remaining funds totaling \$24,861 in the Trust and Agency fund, and

WHEREAS, the Town is due \$15,000 in stewardship funding and reimbursement for other costs in the transaction per the attached budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town has confirmed with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Program Manager that this grant has been closed out, be it

RESOLVED, that the Bookkeeper is authorized to move the amount of \$24,861 from the Town's Trust & Agency fund (account TA85C —FPIG Grant) to the A2701 Refund of Prior Year Expenditures to reimburse Town expenditures involved in this transaction.

2nd Cl Sparling

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

IV4 Contract Renewal

Supv Leifer explained that we need to renew our contract with IV4 for IT services. It can be renewed for either 1 year or 3 years. He recommends that the board renew for 1 year though it is a bit more expensive (\$123 more per month) and put out an RFP for IT services. Some employees are not happy with their services. The migration to the cloud was a disaster, and it seems that many things are a chore to get accomplished. Cl Servoss is willing to work on the RFP. A new service provider should be able to take over by June 2021.

RESOLUTION #90 (2020) – AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH IV4

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves a contract with IV4 for IT services for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2020, at a cost of \$2,046.00 per month and the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the contract.

2nd Cl Lamb

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**Introduction
Borger Station Update Project
219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road**

Ray Burger explained this is a special use permit application from Dominion Energy. They are upgrading the Borger Station with two new state-of-the-art turbines. They are introducing the project tonight and would like a hearing scheduled for August 20. Don Houser is representing Dominion.

Don Houser introduced John Muncy from C.T. Male, their engineering firm, and Gene Kelley, counsel with Harris Beach, who is assisting with the application. He thanked the town for getting them to this position and noted that a portion of the town's website is dedicated to their facility. Stu Berg, Dana Magnuson and other members of the community have worked with them on ideas on how to improve the station. There were several meetings, tours of the facility and discussions with those individuals and the town supervisor and members of the board that all lead to a design of the project before the board. Dominion had taken all the ideas and more and put them into the special use permit application. They also paid attention to the commercial guidelines and feedback received from the tours. Feedback from the community resulted in some new aesthetic features including a new green vinyl coated fence and a new lighting package with downward glowing LEDs. They appreciate the interaction with community members.

John Muncy reviewed the application for the board. The proposed project is to replace two existing turbines with more efficient units that essentially will reduce air emissions at the Borger Station. In addition, they will install an oxidation catalyst on an existing turbine to further reduce emissions. Three new micro-turbines will be installed to replace a blow-down silencer vent to allow for capped emergency shut down tests. An aging boiler system will be replaced. A lot of subsurface piping will be replaced. A total of three new buildings will be installed. The special use permit application to the town consists of several separate documents as outlined in the cover letter. Site plans are done, and a limited disturbance map is provided that shows an overview of the project. Also provided are architectural drawings, a lighting plan, landscaping plan for the front part of the project and visual renderings from the road. The area of ground disturbance is more than an acre so a SWPPP has been prepared and provided. The Part 1 of a full EAF has been submitted, together with an aquatic resource report, a habitat assessment report, OPHRP documentation, correspondence from the US Army Corps of Engineers that confirms no permit is required for the project and a summary of the air emissions associated with the project. They believe there are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the project. A noise study has been provided to show the reduced noise associated with the project.

A public hearing was set for August 20, 2020, at 6:05 p.m.

Cl Lamb thanked Don Houser for listening to the board and to the residents of Ellis Hollow. It is important to them to know that their concerns about the compressors were addressed and more efficient ones will be installed. It means a lot.

In response to a question about noise, D Houser said they installed coolers a couple of years ago and after the installation they did a noise study that confirmed they were within the 55 decibels or below full time operating noise levels to satisfy the Federal Regulatory Commission for their facility. With this project, they did a pre-construction noise study (attached to the application) to show the conditions presently at the facility and what would be needed with the new construction to drive that noise lower to make sure it fits within the 55 decibel maximum operating noise level with everything running at the same time. They are very confident that they will achieve that and do even better. The older engines that are being replaced are in a very old building with glass windows. The sound attenuation in that building is not the best and they expect future conditions to be better. The existing blow-down structures will be torn down and replaced with a new structure and technologies that will result in no methane release when they do emergency shut down testing.

Introduction
Special Use Permit
FirstLight Equipment Sheds
1622 Dryden Road

R Burger said this is a pretty simple application. FirstLight would like to put an equipment shed on Route 13 next to the new veterinary clinic. It will be a 50' x 50' leased space with a couple of equipment sheds on it. This will support the roll out of fiber network going from underground lines to connecting above ground. They are trying to bring a trunk line through the area. The public hearing was scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on August 20.

Varna Zoning Amendment

There is a draft resolution to declare lead agency for purposes of SEQR. This can be done next week. Neighboring municipalities received notice of this proposed change a couple of weeks ago. The map is a separate action from the local law. The 239 review has not yet been received from the County and is expected in early August.

Income Survey

Cl Skaley has prepared a resolution to contract with G&G Municipal Consulting to do an income survey in connection with grant applications for improvements in the consolidated water and sewer districts.

RESOLUTION #91 (2020) – AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH G&G MUNICIPAL CONSULTING & GRANT WRITING

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

Whereas, the Town of Dryden is applying for various grants to assist in reducing the cost of replacing the sewer and water mains in the Hamlet of Varna within the combined sewer/water district and;

Whereas, the Town of Dryden has received a proposal from G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing to initiate an income survey as part of the Town’s application to the Environmental Facilities Corporation, the purpose of which is to determine whether the Town meets the criteria for assistance in the form of a hardship grant and other possible funding assistance from USDA Rural Development and/or the Office of Community Renewal and;

Whereas, G&G Municipal Consulting would be compensated from funds in the Consolidated District fund balance in the amount of \$8,490 plus additional charges for postage and miscellaneous for mailing notices to households not to exceed 10% of the contract, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to pay these costs to G&G Municipal Consulting from the Consolidated Districts fund balance, divided equally between the water and sewer funds.

2nd Cl Skaley

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Public Hearings Next Week:

1847 Hanshaw Road – Contractor Yard
Zoning Law Amendments concerning Varna

Discussion:

IAWWTP Easements and Effluent Agreements – R Burger said there are currently negotiations with City Harbor. The easement will be relocated and there will be no loss of access. At some point in the future it will come to each of the individual owners of the plant for approval. This will be a Public Interest Order process.

Anti-Discrimination Policy – Cl Servoss said NYMIR has forwarded a sample policy. The town approved it originally in October 2019, but they have made changes and the town needs to adopt the updated policy by August. She has forwarded the board the minor changes and will have a resolution for the board next week.

Cl Lamb will update the board next week on progress with DEC for the trail through the Game Farm.

Supv Leifer reported they have interviewed five people for the bookkeeper position and have another interview tomorrow. He would like to bring forth a candidate next week and make an offer by the end of next week.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the board moved to executive session at 6:52 p.m. No action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery
Town Clerk