

September 13, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a public hearing and regular meeting on September 13, 2023.

Present were: Lisa M Driscoll, Supervisor
Matthew J. Taylor, Councilmember
Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember
Erik R. Reeve, Councilmember
Dwayne C. Hill, Councilmember

Also present: Russell Hatch, Supt. of Highways
Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk
Dean Darling, Chairperson of the Planning Board
Kevin All, Planning Board Member

Others present: Henry L. Browning
Robert Prush
Luis Ortiz
Nora Lisanti-Ortiz
Christopher Kernan
Karen Butler
Dev Kernan
Gloria Anderson
Elizabeth Page, Editor for The Montain Eagle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll.

Supervisor Driscoll led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Driscoll asked if the Board had received the minutes for the public hearing and regular meeting held on August 9, 2023. The Board has received the minutes. Councilmember Taylor had a question about the minutes. There was a discussion involved during the public meeting with an employee from the Transfer Station about when we were discussing C & D limits. That employee said that they were not going to abide or they were going to use their

own judgement on when to abide by our limits. Councilmember Taylor finds it difficult to enforce an existing rule, not a new rule, when we have employees doing what they want when they want. Councilmember Taylor asked that this be put into the minutes in case that ever came up in the future because documentation is huge. Linda E. Goss agreed to put Councilmember Taylor's correction in to the minutes. The minutes were tabled until the correction has been made.

Supervisor Driscoll opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM for Local Law No. 03 of the Year 2023, changing from an elected Board of Assessors to two Appointed Assessors for the Town of Harpersfield. Supervisor Driscoll asked those present if anyone had any comments to be made about this local law? A question was asked what is the general thinking behind the changing of Elected Assessors to Appointed Assessors? Supervisor Driscoll answered the reason is that we have two people who are very well educated for the position. The Board felt that they would like to appoint the Assessors instead of them being elected. It has been discussed in previous meetings by the Board to go to two appointed Assessors instead three elected Assessors as appointed Assessors have to take more classes than elected Assessors. We felt that having two highly educated Assessors on tax assessment was a better way for the Town to go. A question was asked did those people make an application to the Board for these positions? Supervisor Driscoll answered no they did not as they already work as Assessors for the Town.

Councilmember Funk added that at one time in the past when the Town was short an Assessor during the election someone wrote their name in on the ballot and became an Assessor. An appointed Assessor has to have a majority vote by the Town Board. A question was asked were the elected Assessors required to take the classes and meet some qualifications?

Councilmember Funk answered not as many. The requirements were not as stringent. An Appointed Assessor has a lot more required training that has to be taken. It does not make sense but that is the State law. Supervisor Driscoll asked if there were any more questions or comments? No one came forth with any more questions or comments. Supervisor Driscoll closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Nora Lisanti-Ortiz addressed the Board. Ms. Lisanti-Ortiz asked that the administrators here which would be Supervisor Driscoll and Deputy Supervisor Taylor what is your understanding of the Transfer Station's employees when they are at the facility are they supposed to be there alone at any time? Supervisor Driscoll asked Ms. Lisanti-Ortiz if the Board could have this conversation with her when they are talking about the Transfer Station? Ms. Lisanti-Ortiz continued that she did not realize that everybody else was going to be allowed to make a comment. Supervisor Driscoll continued that the comments being made were about the local law changing three elected Assessors to two appointed Assessors. Councilmember Reeve added that it is a public hearing. Councilmember Taylor added that it was a public hearing not a public meeting. Ms. Lisanti-Ortiz asked the Board when can we have that discussion? Supervisor Driscoll answered that she will call on her when the Board has the Transfer Station discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 015 OF THE YEAR 2023

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held on September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW CHANGING FROM AN ELECTED BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO TWO APPOINTED ASSESSORS FOR THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK".

WHEREAS, in the Matter of the Adoption of Local Law No. 03 of the Year 2023 entitled, "A Local Law Changing From An Elected Board of Assessors To Two Appointed Assessors For The Town Of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York"; and

WHEREAS, this local law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 328 and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a resolution on August 9, 2023, scheduling a hearing on the proposed local law for September 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed local law was held on September 13, 2023, at the Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed and considered all public comments received on the proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local law was on file for inspection at the Town Clerk's office prior to the hearing and during the public review process; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK:

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield hereby adopts this Local Law Changing From An Elected Board of Assessors to Two Appointed Assessors for the Town of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, being Local Law No. 03 of the Year 2023, and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file said Local Law with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with State Law.

Seconded by Councilmember Dwayne C. Hill whereupon the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

Supervisor	Lisa M. Driscoll	Aye.
Councilmember	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.
Councilmember	Patrick F. Funk	Aye.

Councilmember Erik R. Reeve Aye.

Councilmember Dwayne C. Hill Aye.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

LOCAL LAW NO. 03 OF THE YEAR 2023

A LOCAL LAW CHANGING FROM AN ELECTED BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO TWO APPOINTED ASSESSORS FOR THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY:

The purpose of this Local Law is to permit the Town of Harpersfield, New York to change from an elected Board of Assessors to two (2) appointed Assessors having the titles of Tax Assessor Chairperson and Tax Assessor. It is adopted pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 328 and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION OF TERMS OF CURRENT ASSESSORS:

The terms of office for the present elected Assessors for the Town shall terminate as of October 1, 2023 and from and after that date shall be two appointed Assessors for the Town, having the titles Tax Assessor Chairperson and Tax Assessor.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF APPOINTED ASSESSORS:

As set forth in Section 310 of the Real Property Tax Law, the two appointed Assessors shall be appointed by the Town Board. The term of office for the initially appointed Assessors shall be a 6 year term commencing October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2029. Thereafter, the Town Board may reappoint the initially appointed Assessors or appoint different Assessors for the next term.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY:

The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

SECTION 5. REPEALER; SUPERSESSION:

All Local Laws or Ordinances or parts of Local Laws or Ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local Law are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. REFERENDUM CLAUSE:

This Local Law shall not be subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.

SECTION 7. INCONSISTENCY:

All other Local Laws and Ordinances of the Town of Harpersfield that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby repealed, provided however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this Local Law shall be in addition of such other Local Laws or Ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this Local Law.

SECTION 8. SAVING CLAUSE:

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, work, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder, thereof, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, work, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgement shall have been rendered.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State as provided by law.

Linda E. Goss informed the Board that she has received a proposal from Ted Dziejewicz of Ted's Grading and Landscaping to plow snow and salt when needed the Town Hall parking lots and Post Office parking lot. The cost has remained the same as last year at \$35.00 per area with salt to be furnished by the Town Highway Department and salting is included in the plow price. A motion to accept the proposal from Ted's Grading and Landscaping to plow snow and salt when needed the Town Hall parking lots and Post Office parking lot at the cost of \$35.00 per area with salt to be furnished by the Town Highway Department was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Erik R. Reeve. All voting Aye. Councilmember Funk asked that will be \$105.00 for all three areas? Supervisor Driscoll answered yes. Councilmember Taylor asked if the Transfer Station Attendant will still be responsible for shoveling the walks? Linda E. Goss answered that was an agreement between the previous Supervisor and Transfer Station Attendant. Councilmember Taylor asked Luis Ortiz if that agreement was still in effect? Mr. Ortiz answered that Councilmember Taylor can shovel it. Supervisor Driscoll asked Mr. Ortiz if he was going to continued shoveling the walks. Mr. Ortiz replied that Councilmember Taylor can shovel it on the record. Supervisor Driscoll asked Mr. Ortiz if he shoveled? Mr. Ortiz responded not no more. I don't know what you want me to do. Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that there will be a conversation as to how the walks will be shoveled over the course of the next month.

Supervisor Driscoll recognized Stephen E. Caison with a proposal for Zimmerman Road. Mr. Caison was not present to address the Board.

Supervisor Driscoll recognized Kevin All, member of the Town Planning Board. Mr. All began by saying that it was pretty obvious to everybody in the Town of Harpersfield that we have a problem here. His proposal is for all of us to group together to see if we can find a way to get some alleviation from all this noise. Instead of having the angry neighbors beating up on the

Town Board and Planning Board we need to make a coalition to see if all of us can get together and figure out something to do with this. We've got Town Attorney Allyson Phillips on the job. She is doing a great job for us. You have got to have somebody that is going to be a liaison between the Town Board and the residents in Harpersfield. Somehow we've got to get these people all at the table together. As long as the neighbors are angry at the Town Board and Planning Board we are not going to get anywhere. The owners of NY Safety Track are going to sit there laughing at us. They will be saying you all have fun fighting amongst yourselves. We are going to do what we want to do. Supervisor Driscoll stated that there are guidelines and rules that the Town has to abide by. She is sure that Mr. All, the Town Board, Dean Darling and Allyson Phillips are aware of these guidelines and rules. There are things that the Town can and can't do. The Town Board has to go by what the Town Attorney is telling us. The Town Board can listen to the public. The Town Board has heard all of their complaints and concerns. Mr. All asked then, what you are telling me is if we have a liaison that can work with the residents and work with the Town Board it can't be a member of the Town Board or the Planning Board? It must be a neutral party. Supervisor Driscoll answered no, that is not what she is saying. She just wants to make sure that the residents are aware that there are guidelines that the Town Board has to follow. The public is getting angry at the Town Board and the Planning Board, but the racetrack and the residents all have rights. Supervisor Driscoll added that the public needs to be conscious that the Town Board is trying to do the best job that they can do following the laws and guidelines that they must follow. Ms. Phillips has worked hard with both the Town Board and Planning Board informing both about what they are allowed to do and what we are not allowed to do. Ms. Phillips has been giving us great instructions on how to move forward. Supervisor Driscoll doesn't know about getting an arbitrator. It is something that the Town Board will need to speak to Ms. Phillips about. She is not sure if an arbitrator is going to help anything. Mr. All responded that he does not see what it would hurt. We need to get Albany behind us to get something done here. We need more strength than we have in the Town of Harpersfield. If you go to Albany with a well - organized group representing the problem, we may get somebody to listen to us. That is my hope. Councilmember Taylor added that one of the laws that Supervisor Driscoll is talking about is the Town Board can't just meet or get together with everyone at the same table to talk. Once there is a quorum of the Town Board and/or Planning Board then it is an open public meeting. This is how the Town Boards listen to the public. During an open meeting. That is the law. Mr. All stated that is his point. The Town needs that one single person that can go there and sit with these people and say listen you people are fighting the wrong fight. You don't need to be fighting the Town of Harpersfield at all. You need to be fighting the racetrack. That's where we need to be. Councilmember Funk added that I don't think there is any way that the residents can fight the racetrack if they are not doing anything illegal. What are they going to fight? Mr. All responded that you are not thinking broad enough. We've got a serious noise nuisance problem. We have one resident that's got some run off water coming from the Track on to their property. This is something that the Planning Board needs to look in to. It may just be a small issue. If there are enough of these small issues we may be able to build a mound to stand

on. It will give us something to get started with. The Town has to get some reprieve for these neighbors. Councilmember Funk continued that I don't know that there is anything that we can do. If there is some kind of run off or storm water issue then the Planning Board needs to look in to it. The Town can't just butt heads with them just to butt heads. Mr. All responded that he understands that. That was not his point. He is done with butting heads. It is time for people to think alike and do something about this racetrack and we've got to get together to do it. Councilmember Taylor asked can we pass that idea through Kevin Young and Allyson Phillips? Supervisor Driscoll answered yes. Councilmember Taylor continued and see what their take is on it. Mr. All added that I think we should. Councilmember Taylor added at least from a legal stand point we can get an answer and see if it's something that possibly can be done or it can't be done. At least there is an answer for your question legally. Councilmember Reeve asked do we have an official noise ordinance? Councilmember Taylor answered no. Councilmember Hill added that our hands are tied. Linda E. Goss added that we don't have zoning and zoning will not work here. Councilmember Reeve asked do you have to have zoning to have a noise ordinance? Linda E. Goss answered no. The last time the Town Board talked about a noise ordinance to Town Attorney Kevin Young he said it would be very hard to do and be very costly to the Town. Because of the topography. Things that would have to be taken into consideration are things like the land may be flatter in the Village, where it is more mountainous in other areas. The time of year such as when there are leaves on the trees, you may not hear as much noise as when the leaves are off of the trees. The way the winds carry sound. Another issue with a noise ordinance is you have to come up with something that would work for the entire Town. You can't separate out areas and create an ordinance. Are you now stopping the farmers from going out and mowing their hay with a tractor without a muffler? Are you stopping the people who are going out and cutting wood. How do you regulate all of it? Supervisor Driscoll added how is the Code Enforcement Officer going to enforce it? Is he going to have a machine that he is constantly running around the Town with? Councilmember Reeve asked once the Town has a law or an ordinance than does it have to be the Code Enforcement Officer enforcing it? Supervisor Driscoll answered someone has to enforce the law. Councilmember Reeve asked it is not the State Police at that point? Supervisor Driscoll answered no. Linda E. Goss added that law enforcement does not even want to hear it. If it isn't after 9:00 PM or very early in the morning. Supervisor Driscoll asked has the Planning Board looked into the water runoff from the Track? Mr. All answered that they just heard about it at their last meeting. Dean Darling added that it is still part of something that the Planning Board is looking into with the SWPPP. On the application the Planning Board has not come to that point quite yet. We will be looking in to that. Mr. All continued that to enact a noise ordinance you are talking about some of these other noise issues of farmers cutting hay or people cutting wood those are isolated cases. It is not 24/7. I realize that this race track is not 24/7 but it is definitely every day. So it has to come under a different classification. Linda E. Goss added but it doesn't. Ms. Goss continued that the Town Board has been thought almost all of this. At that time the Town Board, Planning Board, Kevin Young & Allyson Phillips, Delaware County Planning Board and the neighbors were all together

at a meeting. We discussed Zoning and how Zoning really would not work here in Harpersfield because it is a rural area. Mr. All added that is a preexisting condition. Ms. Goss continued we talked about noise ordinances and they would not work. The last thing for the Town to do according to Kevin Young is bring NY Safety Track to NYS Supreme Court and file an injunction and shut it down. This is why the Planning Board was trying to work through this new Site Plan Application to just even get the noise study done. Up to that point the Town had been blocked from even doing a noise study. If the Town goes after the injunction it will cost the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars and NY Safety Track will turn around and counter sue the Town. The only people who are going to win at that point are the Attorneys. The Town does not have any laws, rules, regulations to stop what is happening. Supervisor Driscoll asked Mr. Darling hasn't NY Safety Track done their own noise study at the race track? The Planning Board has received that and you are working to get your own noise study? Mr. Darling answered that the consultant has reviewed NY Safety Track's noise study and has made his own recommendations. These recommendations vary a little bit because it is difficult to know just what they are doing at the track. What kinds of engines are running? What machines is the study done on? The noise is different sitting here than running around the track. Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Darling a number of years ago, NY Safety track had given the Town escrow money for an acoustical engineer who the Planning Board had hired and was not allowed to do their study. How was that ever addressed? There has been other building up there since. At this point why are we looking for another noise study? Linda E. Goss answered that the Town Attorneys have found it necessary to have a third party noise study done. Every time the Town has been taken to Court the noise study done by the Code Enforcement Officer has been not allowed because he is not an acoustical engineer. They also question the machine that has done the readings. The same problems are had with NY Safety Track's readings. The Town Attorneys also wanted a noise level base. That way they would have reliable proof if the noise level has gone up or not. The discussion continued.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a tax exempt resolution for Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance workers. A discussion was had. Supervisor Driscoll had a concern about the process of how the information will be shared by the Fire Departments and the Town. Further discussion was had. The resolution was tabled until more information is received.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a resolution for the O'Connor Foundation grant. As part of the grant application process Supervisor Driscoll needs a Board resolution authorizing her to apply for a grant from the O'Connor Foundation for the paving and concrete work for the Harpersfield Transfer Station in the amount of \$100,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 016 OF THE YEAR 2023

Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR REQUESTING A GRANT FROM THE O'CONNOR FOUNDATION FOR THE PAVING AND CONCRETE WORK AT THE HARPERSFIELD TRANSFER STATION.

WHEREAS, the Town of Harpersfield, a municipality in Delaware County, New York has requested a grant from the O'Connor Foundation for \$100,000.00 to pave and complete concrete work for the Harpersfield Transfer Station sponsored by the Town of Harpersfield; and

WHEREAS, the summary of the work is as follows:

TASK:	COST:
Paving Parking Lot	\$ 39,312.16
Sealing Parking Lot	\$ 10,324.15
Paving Road	\$ 12,442.76
Sealing Road	\$ 11,925.23
Concrete for Containers	\$144,000.00
Harpersfield Cost	\$ 21,813.20
TOTAL:	\$239,817.50

WHEREAS, the Town of Harpersfield is required to have a 50:50 match of funds from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply for a grant from the O'Connor Foundation for the paving and concrete work for the Harpersfield Transfer Station sponsored by the Town of Harpersfield in the amount of \$100,000.00.

WHEREUPON, Councilmember Patrick F. Funk seconded the motion and Resolution No. 016 of the Year 2023 was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

Supervisor	Lisa M. Driscoll	Aye.
Councilmember	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.
Councilmember	Patrick F. Funk	Aye.
Councilmember	Erik R. Reeve	Aye.
Councilmember	Dwayne C. Hill	Aye.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Quaker Hill Road. This issue was discussed at last month's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 017 OF THE YEAR 2023

Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: SPEED ZONE BE ESTABLISHED ON QUAKER HILL ROAD.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield requests that an appropriate speed zone be established on the following road: Quaker Hill Road.

Seconded by Councilmember Dwayne C. Hill with the vote as follows:

Adopted:	Supervisor	Lisa M. Driscoll	Aye.
	Councilmember	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.
	Councilmember	Patrick F. Funk	Aye.
	Councilmember	Erik R. Reeve	Aye.
	Councilmember	Dwayne C. Hill	Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a resolution for a JCAP grant. Town Justice Lawrence R. Musella will be submitting a grant to the Unified Court System for a grant to purchase a new audio system for the court room and new flooring for the Judge's office in the amount of \$10,011.94. The new audio system will insure the quality of the recordings of court proceedings and insure everyone in the court room can hear what is being said both from the Attorneys and the bench. The flooring in the Judge's office is over thirty (30) years old and has a bad odor and it worn out. This resolution authorizes Justice Musella to apply for this grant. A question was asked if Justice Musella does not get this grant will he be looking for the Town to pay for a new audio system for the court room and new flooring for the Judge's office? The answer was no.

RESOLUTION NO. 018 OF THE YEAR 2023

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR JCAP GRANT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield authorizes the Town of Harpersfield Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle for \$10,011.94.

Seconded by Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor with the vote as follows:

Adopted:	Supervisor	Lisa M. Driscoll	Aye.
	Councilmember	Matthew J. Taylor	Aye.
	Councilmember	Patrick F. Funk	Aye.

Councilmember Erik R. Reeve Aye.

Councilmember Dwayne C. Hill Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that the Town Board has received a letter from Catskill Mountain Little League. The letter is as follows:

“August 10, 2023

Town of Harpersfield Board

25399 State Hwy 23

Harpersfield, NY 13786

Dear Town Board:

As you are aware, our league is nearing completion of the first phase of construction for our new youth baseball/softball field complex outside of the Village of Stamford. We anticipate applying for a building permit in the very near future.

As wonderful as this place will be for our youth and be of economic opportunity for the surrounding businesses in our community, a project of this magnitude comes with its challenges, and we have had our fair share of those. We have encountered expenses that fall outside the scope of work for our current contracts...expenses that have come at an added cost to the project and have strained our budget. To that end, we would be grateful if the Board would consider waiving the fees associated with our building permit(s) that will be submitted later this month.

\$60 12x20 equipment shed

\$282 New Construction (“Institutional” structure billed at \$.20/ft x 1,410 sq ft)

\$75 Septic

\$25 Certificate of Occupancy

This fee waiver was the suggestion of our building contractor, BH Decker who recently worked on the Bovina Library where the town board voted to waive the permit fees associated with the project.

We appreciate any help you can offer to the League as we complete the initial phase of construction.

Sincerely,

Collin Miller

CMLL Treasurer”

A motion was made to waive the fees for the building permits for Catskill Mountain Little League's youth baseball/softball field complex by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the AED for the Town Hall. Councilmember Funk reported to the Board that when he went to order the AED for the Town Hall he was told by Adirondack Health and Wellness that they were going to be waiving the fees and donating the AED to the Town. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Driscoll reported to the Board that the Transfer Station AED has been recertified and returned to the Town. The replacement unit has been returned to the company. Supervisor Driscoll has started a monthly check list and has added checking the AED to that list. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that the new Transfer Station Stickers are being issued.

Supervisor Driscoll reported to the Board that the telephone line and internet at the Transfer Station are scheduled to be moved on the morning of September 20, 2023.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that she has received a quote from ZS Security for new camera system installation for the Transfer Station. This quote includes (1) 8 ch NVR with 2TB hard drive, (5) 8MP cameras, (1) 8 port POE switch, (1) overhead cable to NYSEG pole in driveway & (1) underground cable from dumping floor to office. They will install (5) 8 MP turret cameras on the Transfer Station and install the 8 port POE switch in the main building with cable to office at location of NVR. All equipment to be installed is NDAA compliant. A local monitor is to be provided by the Town. The total amount of the quote is \$4,355.76. There will be no additional monthly fee. A discussion was had. A motion to accept the quote from ZS Security for the camera system installation at the Transfer Station with a cost of \$4,355.76 was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Erik R. Reeve. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll reported to the Board that posting on the Town's Facebook page is going well. It is a resource that is good for information.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that she has received the contract from PaintCare. She has sent the contract to Town Attorney Kevin Young to review. Once she has heard back from him this can move forward.

Supervisor Driscoll recognized Nora Lisanti – Ortiz to discuss her issue. Ms. Lisanti – Ortiz wanted to know how the Board can expect the Transfer Station employees to measure the exact amount of C & D in a 55 gallon drum for people to place into the dumpster. What is the safety procedural guidelines to do this? Luis Ortiz proceeded to voice his disapproval that he can not measure the C & D. Mr. Ortiz got up from his seat and proceeded to tell the Board don't expect him to shovel out the Town Hall walkways in winter since it is not his job. Mr. Ortiz proceeded to tell the Board if they want his job they can have it. Mr. Ortiz left the meeting angry. Ms. Lisanti – Ortiz left the meeting at that time also.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the computer quote from Level Up Tech Support LLC. Supervisor Driscoll went over the estimate with the Town Board. A discussion was had. A motion to accept the quote from Level Up Tech Support LLC to purchase (4) new laptops, (2) Docks, (2) 32" monitors, (2) keyboard and mouse combos, (1) laser jet black and white printer, a conference microphone, Netgate 2100 Firewall, 16 Port gigabit switch and (2) Aurba Instant on desktop AP in the amount of \$6,881.84 was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Erik R. Reeve. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a Town Officials email quote. Supervisor Driscoll has checked in to the Town officials having Town email addresses. This is so that personal email addresses are not used for Town business. It is possible that these personal email accounts can be FOILED. Then all of a person's personal emails can be requested under a FOIL request. She has talked to Deidra Hill and received a quote of \$100.00 per email address. A discussion was had. Discussed was the Supervisor and Town Clerk having Town Official email. Supervisor Driscoll will continued to look in to this. She will also ask at the County.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is a preliminary Verizon Tower contract. This contract is for \$900.00 per month for five years. The rate goes up 10% every five years. This will be a fifteen year contract. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda are quotes from Paychecks and Heartland for payroll. Paychecks is less expensive. Heartland has better customer service. Both companies have given Supervisor Driscoll and the Town Clerk demonstrations of their services. Supervisor Driscoll feels that Paychecks is what the Town needs. A discussion was had. A motion to accept the quote from Paychecks was made by Dwayne C. Hill seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll issued the Board the tentative budget for 2024. She explained that the budget has gone up 4.68% from last year. This increase is due to the \$100,000.00 line item for the Ambulance service. A discussion was had. Copies of a resolution and local law to override the tax levy limit were also issued to the Board. Supervisor Driscoll asked the Board to look the budget, resolution and local law over and if they have any questions to please contact her.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with Senator Peter Oberacker.

Russell Hatch informed the Board that he has ordered the speed limit signs for Teedle Brook Road.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that the Highway employees are working in the gravel bank making sand.

Russell Hatch discussed with the Board the purchase of the cab and chassis for next year. CHIPS funds can be used to make one payment.

The Town Clerk's July monthly report in the amount of \$443.35 was given to the Board.

The abstract and vouchers for the month of August were presented to the Board. Presented were General Claims #179 to #204 in the amount of \$13,103.04, Highway Claims #119 to #132 in the amount of \$14,644.04 and Transfer Station Claims #051 to #061 in the amount of \$12,819.21. A motion to pay the vouchers as presented was made by Matthew J. Taylor seconded by Erik R. Reeve. All voting Aye.

The Supervisor's reports for June and July were issued to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next public hearing and regular meeting of the Town Board will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Linda E. Goss

Town Clerk

