

Town of Barre
Board Meeting
February 14, 2024

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue
Councilman Kirk Mathes
Councilman George McKenna
Councilwoman Margaret Swan
Councilman David Waters

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Bridget O'Toole, Town of Barre Attorney, Barbie Starowitz, Iva McKenna, Alice Mathes, Gary Palmer, Jason Foote.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the 2024 Organizational Meeting and the January 10, 2024 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

PRESENTATION

Jason Foote from CRL Architect Engineering Group presented to the town board the results of a study that has been completed for the Town of Barre Water Districts, to install an additional water tower to help with water pressure. This would help other towns as well.

RESOLUTION #8 Additional Water Tower

Margaret Swan made a motion to allow Jason Foote to discuss the additional water tower project with the Towns of Albion, Ridgeway, and Murray. The motion was second by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

No report this month, LGSS, (Local Government Support Services) is busy with preparing AUD.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Equipment repairs and services completed as required. Snow and Ice operations continue, Water reads, stake outs and sampling completed, Shared services with Town of Shelby. Started contacting Truck and Equipment vendors for writing of specifications on truck that will be ordered for 2025.

BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: # 10393-10482	60,179.92
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: # 10394-10486	32,684.21
<u>HH - Capital</u>	Vouchers: # 10445, 10433	700.43
SW Special District - Water	Vouchers: # 10403-10450	
001	37,831.27	
002	3,752.82	
003	2,887.17	
004	3,464.15	
005	3,989.73	
006	2,886.81	
007	25,257.94	
008	866.03	
009	2,020.75	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>82,956.67</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>176,521.23</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #9

Pay Bills

Margaret Swan made a motion to approve and pay the bills,
seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share. All tax monies due to the Town of Barre have been paid over to the Supervisor, water bills were due Monday February 12, 2024.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report for the month of January.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

He has been very busy out and around town.

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Planning Board – Chad Farby, the temporary Code Enforcement Officer, came to the meeting to discuss areas in the Zoning Regulations that are lacking.

Barre Town Park – Jason covered many topics; several tournaments will be using the park this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar – No Report

Baird Solar Project – Supervisor Pogue went over the SWIPPP weekly report.

Heritage Wind – George McKenna submitted a resolution to the board regarding the modifications submitted by Heritage Wind. RESOLUTION: Whereas January 16 and January 31, 2024 Heritage Wind LLC, submitted modifications to the permitted Heritage Wind project to NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) and requested that the new modifications be deemed minor modifications rather than major modifications, Whereas these modifications include the addition of 4 turbines, location changes of 7 turbines, addition of 3 temporary MET towers, additional lay down area, additional cement batch location and other changes that are likely to result in an adverse impact not previously reviewed or permitted that need to be reviewed. Be it resolved that the Town of Barre send a letter drafted and signed by Dr. McKenna. David Waters seconded the motion. Vote: Kirk Mathes – Abstains, David Waters – Yes, Margaret Swan – No, Sean Pogue – No, George McKenna – Yes. Motion failed due to vote.

YEARLY TRAINING – Supervisor Pogue notified the Town Board about the Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence training that everyone is required to take.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #10 WD#10/Contract-LaBella
Kirk Mathes made a motion to sign the contract with LaBella for the updated Environmental Review for the Water District #10 project. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #11 WD#10/Contract-MRB Group (Eng Report)
Margaret Swan made a motion to sign the contract with MRB Group for the updated Engineering Report for the Water District #10 project. The motion was seconded by Kirk Mathes. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #12 WD#10/Contract-MRB Group (WIIA Grant)
David Waters made a motion to sign the contract with MRB Group for the application for the WIIA Grant for the Water District #10 project. The motion was seconded by Kirk Mathes. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #13 WD#10/Contract-G&G (Income Survey)
Kirk Mathes made a motion to sign the contract with G&G for the preparation of the Income Survey for the Water District #10 project. The motion was seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #14 WD#10/Contract-G&G (CDBG Grant)
Margaret Swan made a motion to sign the contract with G&G to prepare the application for the CDBG Grant for the Water District #10 project. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

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RESOLUTION #15 DEC Permit/Eagle Harbor
Kirk Mathes made a motion to direct the Town of Barre Attorney, Bridget O'Toole, to send a letter to Robert Call at NYSDEC to address the concerns of the town board regarding the application for modification submitted by Eagle Harbor Sand and Gravel. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #16 Court Audit
David Waters made a motion to have Councilwoman Margaret Swan conduct an audit of the Town of Barre Court records as submitted by Judge Earl Jenks, on behalf of Frederick Root, seconded by Kirk Mathes. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #17 Barre Planning Board/Appointment
Margaret Swan made a motion to appoint Gary Palmer to the Town Of Barre Planning Board as an alternate. The motion was seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

No report this month, LGSS is busy with preparing AUD.

SPEAKERS: Barbie Starowitz discussed issues she has had regarding getting information on Water District #10 from the Town Board.

David Waters made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Margaret Swan. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk