

September 13, 2022

Regular Meeting

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on September 13, 2022.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Glenn Gunderman, Daniel Hurley, Timothy Steed, Daniel Williams

Others Present: Attorney Kimberlee Balok-Middaugh, Deputy Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Rocchi, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko, Deputy Town Clerk Marianne Schrom

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence – Supervisor Joseph Roman

Presentation was given by Eagle Scout Milo Miller and Emily Marino, Executive Director of the Friends of the Chemung River Watershed on the Eagle Scout Project he did near Seeley Creek to include removing brush and adding bird and bat boxes.

Next presentation was given by Legislator Mike Smith on the proposed redistricting plan for Chemung County.

Monthly reports were received as follows:

Town Clerk Carolyn A. Renko

Town Clerk & Dog License Fees	\$ 2,223.32
Funds Turned to State & County Agencies	<u>\$ 9,009.18</u>
	\$ 11,232.50

Code Enforcement Office

Fees Collected:	Building Permit Fees	\$ 1,621.40
	Building Permit Values	\$ 473,750.00
	Operating Permit Fees	\$ 200.00

City of Elmira Animal Control  
Justice Office  
Recreation/Aging/Youth Services  
Residential Deputy

Council Member Gunderman made a motion, Council Member Steed seconded to accept the monthly reports as filed.

Council Member Hurley made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to accept the minutes from August 9, 2022 Special Meeting and August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Under Correspondence, Council Member Dan Hurley commented on correspondence from Code Enforcement the Board members received regarding Cherry Lane Park.

Under Taxpayer's Comments, Agenda and Discussion items only, no one wished to speak.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2022

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of General Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2022, No. 425 through No. 482, not to exceed \$113,259.40, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2022

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF HIGHWAY FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Gunderman

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Highway Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2022, No. 167 through No. 179, not to exceed \$124,240.99, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Gunderman, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Hurley  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2022

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF FIRE FUND CLAIM AND LIGHT FUND CLAIM

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Fire Fund Claim submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2022, No. 11, not to exceed \$6,812.62 and Light Fund Claim, No. 7, not to exceed \$9,954.30, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2022

RATIFYING AUTHORIZATION TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE RESTORE NEW YORK COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport was made aware that the Empire State Development Corporation through the Restore New York Communities Initiative is seeking requests for funding proposals for the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, surplus or condemned commercial and/or residential properties.

WHEREAS, a former commercial building located at 1151 Broadway in the Town of Southport, New York is in need of demolition, rehabilitation or reconstruction, as it is a potentially prime site for commercial development.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport is in support of this demolition, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the property at 1151 Broadway and for the Town of Southport to submit an application to the Empire State Development Corporation for a grant for the demolition, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the building at 1151 Broadway in the Town of Southport, New York.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, confirms that it is in the best interest of the Town of Southport and it's residents for the Town of Southport to apply to Empire State Development Corporation for a grant under the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolition, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the building located at 1151 Broadway in the Town of Southport, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport affirms its prior decision to authorize the Town Supervisor to submit the application to the Empire State Development Corporation for the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolition, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the building located at 1151 Broadway in the Town of Southport, New York.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2022

REAPPOINTING JACQUELYN FRENCH AND MARTIN MASON AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT CEMETERY COMMISSION

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that Jacquelyn French and Martin Mason be and they hereby are reappointed as members of the Town of Southport Cemetery Commission, said terms to expire on 11/01/2025.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2022

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MARY JANE DUGAN AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Mary Jane Dugan as a member of the Town of Southport Board of Assessment Review, effective September 13, 2022.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

Resolution No. 7, Accepting proposal from Fagan Engineers for Engineering Services for Elmer Goodwin Park Trail improvements was tabled until the October 11, 2022 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2022

APPOINTING ROBERT MAINES AS ALTERNATE SCHOOL TRAFFIC OFFICER

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 208-a of the General Municipal Law, as amended, Robert Maines, be and he hereby is appointed Alternate School Traffic Officer, effective September 13, 2022, and that his duties be limited to acting Alternate School Traffic Officer and assisting at school crossings prior to the opening and closing of schools.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

First under Discussion was ARPA funds. Some of the projected projects using the ARPA funds include lighting at Elmer Goodwin Park, redoing the walkway at Chapel Park, new phone system for all buildings in the Town of Southport, new cameras at the Highway Garage, Asset Management Plan for the Highway Department, repair drainage ditch at Chapel Park and bathrooms at Elmer Goodwin Park.

Next under Discussion was update on 521 Schuyler Avenue. Code Enforcement Officer Pete Rocchi stated that the purchase offer on this property is no longer on the table, therefore he will now obtain quotes for asbestos and demolition.

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2022

REFERRAL TO TOWN OF SOUTHPORT PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 525, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 525-114 (B)

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Gunderman

WHEREAS, the Code Department for the Town of Southport is proposing an amendment to the Town of Southport Code Chapter 525, Article IX, Section 525-114, Outside Storage of Certain Vehicles, Equipment or Materials to address concerns related to outside storage of damaged vehicles within the Town, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Southport Town Board hereby refers the proposed amendments, attached hereto, from the Code Department, Town of Southport Code Chapter 525, Article IX, Section 525-114 (B), to the Town of Southport Planning Board for review and recommendations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Southport Town Board further requests that the Town of Southport Planning Board review the language of the Town of Southport Code Chapter 525, Article XI, Section 525-114 (A), specifically as to excluding the word “required” to add clarity to the intent of this subsection.

AYES:           Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES:           None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 142-2022

REFERRAL TO TOWN OF SOUTHPORT PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 497,  
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 497-12

Resolution by:       Gunderman  
Seconded by:       Hurley

WHEREAS, the Code Department for the Town of Southport is proposing an amendment to the Town of Southport Code Chapter 497, Article IV, Section 497-12, Prohibited Vehicles; Exemptions to address concerns related to large vehicles, in excess of 10,000 pounds, being used for storage purposes, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Southport Town Board hereby refers the proposed amendments, attached hereto, from the Code Department, Town of Southport Code Chapter 497, Article IV, Section 497-12, Prohibited Vehicles, to the Town of Southport Planning Board for review and recommendations.

AYES:           Gunderman, Hurley, Steed, Williams, Roman  
NOES:           None  
CARRIED.

Under Taxpayer’s Comments, Andy Patros from 1127 Pennsylvania Avenue called in remotely and commented on speeding on Pennsylvania Avenue and if there are reserve funds for a new Community Center at Chapel Park.

Council Member Gunderman made a motion, Council Member Hurley seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk