

July 25, 2024  
Special Meeting

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on July 25, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Daniel Hurley, Richard Mathews, Daniel Williams

Members Absent: Council Member, Glenn Gunderman

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Supervisor Roman introduced Chris Petrillose from Perry & Carrol to speak on the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.

#### RESOLUTION 123-2024

#### RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO JOIN THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Mathews

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport has performed due diligence for the responsibility it accepts with membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Southport Town Board hereby authorizes the application for membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC) and directs the Town Supervisor or his designee to take the following Consortium membership applicant steps:

1. Submit as soon as practicable, but no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, this Town Board resolution hereby authorizing application for membership along with the GTCMHIC "New Group Member Application" completed which states the GTCMHIC Health Benefit Insurance Plan or Plans the Town of Southport's employees and retirees will be participating in upon the effective date of participation in the GTCMHIC.

2. As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, submit the Town of Southport's two most recent years of State Comptroller AUD reports.
3. As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, submit the Town of Southport's most recent monthly premium billing statements from all health insurance carriers providing benefits to all active employees and retirees.

Said premium billing statements should include the name of the Town of Southport and the month for which the billing is related. In addition, said premium bills must include the number of contracts (employee, employee+spouse, employee+child (children), and family) and the monthly premium rate for each plan of benefit.

AYES: Hurley, Mathews, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 124-2024  
AMENDING 2024 EMPLOYEE HIGHWAY AGREEMENT TO REFLECT PAY ADJUSTMENT

Resolution by: Hurley  
Seconded by: Mathews

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport entered into an employment agreement with the highway employees of the Town Southport which details the pay and benefits for such employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport wishes to recruit employees with relevant experience to work in the highway department; therefore, the Town and the highway employees wish to allow the Town to have the ability to offer additional pay as the Town deems appropriate for a new hire with experience; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, State of New York hereby authorizes and approves to amend the Town of Southport Highway Employees 2024 Employment Agreement, dated December 12, 2023, to allow for newly hired employees to be paid at a higher hourly rate than is set forth in the current Agreement as the Town determines to be appropriate and relevant to the newly hired employee's experience as follows:

7. Each Newly hired Full-Time Public Employee shall fulfill a probationary period of fifty-two weeks, during which time they may be dismissed by the Public Employer in the event he shall not perform their duties in a manner satisfactory to the Public Employer. The newly hired Public Employee's salary shall be paid according to the following schedule with the Town Board reserving the right to adjust a hiring rate that is commensurate and relatable with experience, up to a maximum amount of \$2.00 per year of experience:

Equipment Operator #1	\$	20.00
Laborer	\$	17.00

AYES: Hurley, Mathews, Williams, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

Under discussion was Cherry Lane Park, LLC, Supervisor Roman gave an update on the current status of Cherry Lane Park, LLC. Code Enforcement is prepared to send out a violation notice giving the park 5 days to reconcile any violation concerns, after the five-day period Code Enforcement will report if all the violations have been rectified, if they have not the Town Board will determine what the next steps are.

Discussion was held amongst Town Board Members in regards to Cherry Lane Park, LLC. with the Town Board making a motion in agreement of the Code Enforcement officer moving forward with the violation process for Cherry Lane Park pursuant to the Town Code.

The Town Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Next under discussion was the Chemung County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update 2025. Deputy Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen and Councilmember Mathews provided the board members with information regarding the plan with the Town Board then providing their input and suggestions, another workshop on this subject will be scheduled in the fall.

Councilmember Mathews made a motion, Councilmember Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Renko, Town Clerk