

September 12, 2023

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 12, 2023.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence – Supervisor Joseph Roman

Monthly Reports were received as follows:

Town Clerk Carolyn A. Renko

Town Clerk & Dog License Fees	\$ 2,744.51
Funds Turned to State & County Agencies	<u>\$ 10,014.49</u>
	\$ 12,759.00

Code Enforcement Office

Fees Collected:	Building Permit Fees	\$ 2,125.70
	Building Permit Values	\$ 311,010.00
	Operating Permit Fees	\$ 1,000.00
	Logging Registration Fees	\$ 50.00
	Site Plan Fees	\$ 600.00
	Variance Fees	\$ 250.00

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

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

Council Member Steed made a motion, Council Member Gunderman seconded to accept the minutes of August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Under Correspondence the following items were presented:

1. Petitions from residents for a stop sign on Beckwith and Holden Roads. The next step is the petitions will be forwarded to the County for a traffic study.
2. Supervisor Roman commented on the investment of Town funds into a short-term CD, he will discuss further at the Tentative Budget Meeting on September 19, 2023.
3. Supervisor Roman mentioned that Environmental Emergency Services is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> year.
4. Supervisor Roman read a letter from Director of Recreation, Ivan Purifoy which recapped the 2023 summer parks program.

Under Public Comments, Agenda and Discussion items only, no one wished to speak.

#### RESOLUTION 132-2023

##### APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Steed

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of General Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2023, No. 437 through No. 490, not to exceed \$260,291.48, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 133-2023

##### APPROVING ABSTRACT OF HIGHWAY FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Steed

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Highway Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2023, No. 145 through No. 163, not to exceed \$205,572.49, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF FIRE FUND CLAIM AND LIGHT FUND CLAIM

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Fire Fund Claim submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of September 2023, No. 13, not to exceed \$6,812.62 and Light Fund Claim. No. 7, not to exceed \$5,973.75, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2023

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MATTHEW MCCARTHY AS PT DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Hurley

WHEREAS, Matthew McCarthy has submitted his resignation as PT Deputy Town Clerk in the Assessor's Office for the Town of Southport, effective September 28, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Matthew McCarthy as PT Deputy Town Clerk in the Assessor's Office for the Town of Southport, effective September 28, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2023

RATIFYING RESIGNATION OF CHARLES ROCKWELL AS SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, Charles Rockwell has submitted his resignation as Seasonal Part-Time Laborer for the Town of Southport, effective September 9, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Charles Rockwell as Seasonal Part-Time Laborer, effective September 9, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2023

RATIFYING APPOINTMENT OF ROY CLARK AS SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Williams

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has advised this Town Board that the need exists for seasonal laborers in accordance with budgetary appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following seasonal laborer appointment be effective August 28, 2023 and that the individual be paid as any other Town employee pursuant to the following schedule:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Roy Clark	Seasonal Laborer	\$ 15.20 pr/hr.	08/28/2023

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individual shall not be entitled to any benefits, as a result of his employment by the Town of Southport, including but not limited to health insurance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individual commence his employment with the Town of Southport until such time as he shall have filed with the Town Clerk his appropriate Oath of Office as required by law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2023

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 12 OF 2023  
OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR TAXABLE 2024 YEAR

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Gunderman

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment regarding Local Law No. 12 of 2023, to Override Tax Levy Limit for taxable 2024 year established in General Municipal Law.

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

RESOLUTION 139-2023

INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR ARPA FUNDS

Resolution by: Gunderman  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to amend the following appropriations:

A4089	Federal Aid, Other	\$ 154,802.50
A1620.21	Building, Equipment – ARPA	\$ 154,802.50

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

Under Discussion was Cherry Lane Park, LLC. Supervisor Roman gave an update on the status of the demolition of the unoccupied trailers.

Next under Discussion was Hazard Mitigation Plan and Town Emergency Plan. Deputy Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen spoke on these two topics.

Lastly under Discussion was ARPA update. Supervisor Roman went over the submitted projects, which projects have been completed and the status of those still in progress. He also went over how much has been spent to date, as well as possible ideas for projects to consider when allocating the remaining ARPA funds.

Under Taxpayer’s Comments, Tina Moore from 1173 Sherman Avenue spoke regarding Cherry Lane Park, LLC.

A resident who resides at 1132A Pennsylvania Avenue stated she is having trouble with garbage from Bulkhead Plaza blowing into her yard.

Charles Collins from 436 Kinner Hill Road stated his neighbors’ animals are running loose and have come on his property and done damage.

Andy Patros who joined the meeting remotely stated he feels the town should do a study to see if we need another police officer and wants more things posted on the website regarding the Town Board Meetings.

James Colegrove from 14 Holden Road commented on the petition he presented to the Board regarding installation of a stop sign on Beckwith and Holden Roads.

Mary DeSocio from 1598 Pennsylvania Avenue stated the drainage in front of her house is blocked and she is having flooding into her house when it rains.

Grace Gee from 1205 Sherman Avenue commented on a violation that was sent to her house regarding a trailer on her property.

Mary Davenport from 1157 Sherman Avenue commented on Cherry Lane Park, LLC.

Council Member Gunderman made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded the motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk