

Town of Howard
Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Howard Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 19:00. Roll was called and Councilmen present were Richard Stewart, Lowell Smith, Eric Hosmer, and Gary Rice. Lee Pyer Highway Superintendent was present. Also attending: Allan & Sue Mantell, Bob Wagner, Tom Flansburg, Ed Frey, Curtis Craft, William Birdsall, Scott Ward, Kevin Grapensteter, Michael Adams, Andrew Burdin, Darryl Burdin, Barry Kidder, Brenda Ross, Ed O'Brochta, Joanie and Eli Desimone.

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Town Supervisor Donald Evia.

Previous minutes: Reviewed. Motion to accept April 2021 minutes by Councilman Rice, second by Councilman Stewart. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, abstain, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Public Comment: There was general discussion regarding the Windmill Project with comments from multiple community members. Barry Kidder read a prepared statement (under separate cover.) Allan Mantell spoke. Joanie *** spoke. Statements were also given by Chris Linton and Bob Wagner. There was much dialogue among the group.

Old Business: none presented.

New Business: Councilman Rice presented the first quote for coating the Highway Building Roof (\$43,000.00) Will be seeking additional quotes.

Highway Report: Lee Pyer presented an updated 284 Agreement for signatures – signed by Board members. Under file in the Clerk's Office. Mr. Pyer noted that gravel levels are low and the department will begin crushing soon. There was discussion regarding extending the gravel allotment by 5,000 ton to a total of 25,000 ton. There was dialogue regarding the paving of roads versus oil / stone and the maintenance programs of each method.

Resolution #2021 – 14

Councilman Hosmer made the motion to extend the gravel allotment to 25,000 ton. Second by Councilman Rice. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Resolution #2021 – 15

Councilman Hosmer made a motion that the Town pave Mill Road (blacktop). Second by Councilman Smith. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Discussion about the purchase of a new lawnmower was tabled at Mr. Pyer’s request. The new roller will be delivered in September. Highway report filed under separate cover.

Planning Board Report: April notes under separate cover. No discussion.

Assessor’s Report: none

Fire Department Report: under separate cover. No discussion.

Supervisor’s Report: under separate cover.

Building Inspector’s Report: No transactions for April. Report under separate cover.

Justice Report: under separate cover. No discussion.

Animal Control Report: under separate cover. No discussion.

Town Clerk’s Report: Clerk Burdin presented the monthly report – under separate cover. The clerk gave an update about the progress of finding policies. A packet will be forwarded to the Board members for discussion in June. The clerk is working on providing an Autumn Rabies Clinic. Clerk Burdin discussed the LGS-1 that is replacing the MU-1 (documents providing guidance for records management.)

Resolution #2021 – 16

Councilman Smith made the motion that the Town of Howard adopt the 2020 LGS-1. Second by Councilman Rice. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Animal Control Report: under separate cover. No discussion.

Bills were presented for audit. Councilman Smith made a motion that the bills for the evening be paid. Councilman Rice seconded the motion. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

General	Abstracts #80 – 91	(\$ 4,946.89)
Highway	Abstracts #69 - 79	(\$ 15,170.46)
Lighting	Abstract #79	(\$ 281.15)

Public Comment: Planning Board member Robin Phenes asked about the status of the Town Wind Law Draft that had been presented to the Town Board by the Planning Board. There has been no decision by the Board made at this time. No further information or discussion was offered.

Board discussion: nothing further

Adjournment

At 21:39, a motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Adjourned at 21:39.

Rhonda Burdin

Town Clerk

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