

TOWN OF DANNEMORA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 24TH, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Dannemora, County of Clinton, in the State of New York was held at the Town of Dannemora Municipal Building, Chazy Lake, Town of Dannemora, 5:00 pm on the 24th day of April 2024.

PRESENT: Deborah Coryer - Supervisor
James Barber - Councilman
Jason Carter - Councilman
Joey Varin – Councilman
Michael Tolosky- Councilman
Rebecca Langlois - Clerk/Tax Collector
Leslie Dann – Secretary to the Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Lana & Guy Facteau, Lori Stacey, Frank LaMountain, Jacki & Allen Whelden, Bryce Hanson (Northern Insuring), Alex Provost (Dannemora EMS), Lori Cross (Dannemora EMS), Zach Hoyt (Dannemora EMS), and Eric Jarvis (Dannemora EMS).

- Supervisor Coryer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- Supervisor Coryer asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Stephen Dubrey, a former Councilman.
- Pledge to the Flag and rollcall were conducted.

RESOLUTION 2024-41

APPROVE TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM MARCH 27TH, 2024, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 Barber, Carter, Tolosky, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to accept the minutes from March 24th, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting be approved.

PERSONS ADDRESSING THE BOARD:

•Bryce Hanson is here from Northern Insuring to speak to the Board about the proposal for municipal insurance from Northern Insuring. Bryce explained now the town has Trident insurance, Northern Insuring offers NYMIR. NYMIR is a not-for-profit program dedicated to servicing the insurance needs of governmental agencies throughout the state of New York. Insurance prices have all gone up over the country. Proposals were handed to all the Board Members. He explained that NYMIR will actively and aggressively fight fraudulent and frivolous claims, Defense of those claims do not erode your policy limits and the deductible is not charged for the defense fees. Councilman Varin pointed out on page 4 he noticed that the town has a (A-) excellent in the financial rating which is great. Still trying to get more numbers in to make determination on premiums. Councilman Varin pointed out \$86,775.00 is the premium with a 7% increase yearly. Bryce stated yes that would be the case. Bryce explained some of the different extensions for the policy, we can try to match what Trident is offering. Councilman Varin asked a question for page 9 about Chazy Lake Gate Control line, it includes the building and the gates but not the cement embankments, Bryce explained that it does not include the cement dam only the

building and gates. Earthquake and Excess Flood coverage features, \$1,000,000.00 coverage the only difference between NYMIR and Trident is NYMIR has a \$25,000.00 deductible and Trident is \$50,000.00. Boiler and Machinery coverage covers boiler and machinery breakdowns. Councilman Varin asked what spoilage is. Bryce explained that spoilage is anything that is in the need for temperature control which if the cooling equipment failed which causes items to spoil. General Liability is a standard policy, which includes prior acts for a \$1,000.00 deductible. Business Auto policy which is \$1,000,000.00 policy. Councilman Varin asked about the higher appraisal of one of the 2011 International Dump truck, Bryce explained that all the figures can be reassessed to make sure that the proper value. Bruce explained that anything in the proposal can be changed, updated, or removed at any time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Councilman Carter explained that he asked Alex Provost from the Dannemora EMS to come up and answer questions about the previous months complaint about having the Dannemora EMS responding inside the Clinton Correctional Facility.

- Alex Provost (Supervisor Paramedic) stated that he is available for any questions or concerns related to the Dannemora EMS, he read a letter to the Town of Dannemora, and the Lyon Mountain Fire District concerning the recent question about the Dannemora EMS responding to the Clinton Correctional Facility, see attached: Councilman Varin gave a big thank you to Alex for coming up and clarifying things. A comment was made about what happens if the ambulance is responding to a call in the Correctional Facility and a taxpayer/resident needs an ambulance. Alex explained that it is a worst-case scenario, CVPH has three ambulances earmarked for the Jail, followed by two from Morrisonville paid and volunteers and when those are out there is mutual aid in every town in the surrounding areas. Also, Dannemora EMS is still in the process of establishing a second ambulance which will be in Lyon Mountain, which is just waiting for the paperwork to be finalized with New York State. Councilman Carter explained that there will always be an ambulance responding to the Town of Dannemora either with mutual aid or paid services. A question was asked about whether when the Lyon Mountain ambulance gets up and running will it be volunteer or paid services. Alex said it will be both, there are several volunteer EMS that live in Lyon Mountain now and they will be available to run the ambulance as well as paid staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lori Stacey wanted a report from the Highway Superintendent about any savings from over the winter due to not as much snow as we normally have. Also, she would like to know what the Highway personnel will be doing on the off season for projects around the town. She would like to know about the guardrails around Kings Brook on the Wilfred King on her property. Supervisor Coryer said she would contact the County about the guardrails. Lori Stacey would also like to know if there are any town records that she may look at, Supervisor Coryer asked what kind of records that she would like to look at. Lori stated that any projects within the last ten years. Supervisor Coryer stated that yes there are records, but she will have to make arraignments with the Town Clerk on what records she needs pulled.
- Supervisor Coryer asked for no comments during the meeting, there is a lot to go over and she will open at the end to more public comments.

RESOLUTION 2024-42

APPROVE TO PAYING APRIL 2024 BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$13,986.29</u>
<u>PART TOWN B FUND</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>\$17,324.32</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

<u>LYON MOUNTIAN LIGHTS</u>	<u>\$1020.01</u>
<u>LYON MOUNTAIN SEWER</u>	<u>\$4,8598.00</u>
<u>DANNEMORA SEWER</u>	<u>\$289.87</u>
<u>LYON MOUNTAIN WATER</u>	<u>\$1,508.08</u>
<u>DANNEMORA WATER</u>	<u>\$89.96</u>
<u>LEDGERS WATER DISTRICT</u>	<u>\$983.20</u>
<u>TRUST & AGENCY</u>	<u>\$2,998.33</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$43,398.06</u>

On a motion of Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to pay April 2024 bills in the total of \$43,398.06 be approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-43

APPROVE TEDFORD CONSULTING & SUPERVISOR CORYER TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF DANNEMORA REGARDING RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS.

On a motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Varin, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes - 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved Tedford Consulting & Supervisor Coryer to Represent the Town of Dannemora Regarding Rural Development Funding Applications be approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

•Supervisor Coryer

RFQ Water District #2 –Received two proposals, one from AEDA and another from BCA, next step is to get with Liz Tedford who will guide us to what we do next.

Insurance Claim Lyon Mountain Water main break – insurance company has been informed about the February 7th, 2024, break and there may be a claim.

The Eclipse roundup was successful up here, no problems or concerns. The Chazy Lake Beach was open and there were a lot of people. Councilman Carter said there were sixty people who climbed Lyon Mountain with no injuries.

Policy update continued – There are four policies that were done years ago and are not needed anymore, Distribution of Paycheck is done in the Organizational meeting, Vacation Time Use, Sick Time Use, and Employee Evaluation Policies are all done in the CSEA Union contract. A motion is needed to delete these old policies.

RESOLUTION 2024-44

APPROVE THE DELETION OF THE FOUR OUTDATED POLICIES AS LISTED: DISTRIBUTION OF PAYCHECK, VACATION TIME USE, SICK TIME USE, AND EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes - 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved the Deletion of the Four Outdated Policies as Listed: Distribution of Paycheck, Vacation Time Use, Sick Time Use, and Employee Evaluations be approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

•Supervisor Coryer

FEMA Engineer – The town has acquired an Engineering Firm to push FEMA through, the cost is \$5,000.00 but FEMA will cover that separately. Schnabel Engineering is the firm, and a motion needs to be made to authorize Supervisor Coryer to sign the agreement.

RESOLUTION 2024-45

APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR CORYER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH SCHNABEL ENGINEERING FOR \$5,000.00.

On a motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes - 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer

Nays - 0

Resolved to Authorize Supervisor Coryer to sign the Agreement with Schnabel Engineering for \$5,000.00, be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Supervisor Coryer

Sand hauling for Lyon Mountain will begin May 6th, 2024, James Cayea will be the scale operator, scale calibration will be June 18th, 2024. Alliance, the company that purchases the sand, must still pay the upfront amount of \$503,250.00. The hauling will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Supervisor Coryer attended the AATV (Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages) meeting in Long Lake, some topics were about snowmobiles trails, short term rentals and code enforcement. Surveys are needed from the towns about NYSDEC.

Playground seasonal prep – Code Enforcement Officer needs to inspect the playground equipment, this is yearly. The gate will be open daily to the beach park, it was approved to close it if weather is bad. The bathrooms will be open in late May 2024. Rubber mulch will be ordered soon for all the parks. The NAC wrestling team would like to help spread the mulch as part of a community project. Supervisor Coryer reached out to the company in Vermont that resurfaces the pickle ball courts, can't find anyone in the local area who does this.

Utility Software Program – The current program is becoming obsolete by the end of 2024; the Town Clerk has been researching into several companies. Edmunds is the current company, and the price for it is high. FREY is another company with a better price. More research will be done to find the best company for the town's needs.

Municipal Building Parking – The Board needs to brainstorm some ideas on changing the parking lot in front of the Municipal Building, there is not much parking here in the winter. Need to be cautious of the leech field that was placed in the front of the building somewhere.

Taking into consideration of the concerns in the town, Zoning may be an option to help with many of those issues. Supervisor Coryer has done research and has learned that every town should have a Comprehensive Plan, the significant features in this plan that in most communities include land use controls for the purposes of controlling the safety and welfare of the community. This comprehensive plan is approved by the board and then the County there will have to be a committee (10 members) formed by all citizens of the town from all different regions, including lake front, rural, and hamlet property owners. The comprehensive plan can help with governing short-term rentals, businesses, and other regulations involving the town. This comprehensive plan is not mandatory, but it will enable the town to approve zoning or special permits. This is a lengthy process to get approved, could take a year to finalize the comprehensive plan, first it needs to go to the County. Councilman Tolosky would like to know if this plan is approved would previous taxpayers be under the grandfather clause. Supervisor Coryer explained that the grandfather clause is not valid unless it is stated in the document as Grandfathered in, per the town lawyer Matt Favro.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Coryer – A check for \$500.00 from Comp Alliance for member loyalty. Supervisor Coryer attended and was part of a Woman in Local Government Round Table, it was for 2 hours and will be on Mountain Lake PBS. The town received a phone call from Jim Munn who is the property superintendent of a youth camp in Saranac Lake. He is interested in purchasing 180 yards (252 tons) of Lyon Mountain ore sand for the septic system. He stated that every 7-10 years they are required to remove the top six inches of the sand and replace it with Lyon Mountain ore sand for the septic filtration system. The town sells the sand at \$20.00 per ton, they need 252 tons so a total of \$5,040.00. Fuller Excavating will be doing the loading for them, and they will bring their own equipment.

RESOLUTION 2024-46

APPROVE TO SELL 252 (180 YARDS) TONS OF LYON MOUNTAIN ORE SAND TO THE YOUTH CAMP IN SARANAC LAKE FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,040.00.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to Sell 252 Tons of Lyon Mountain Ore Sand to the Youth Camp in Saranac Lake for a Total of \$5,040.00 be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Barber – nothing

Councilman Carter – The response time for the Dannemora EMS has been great, they were at the accident on Route 374 near the Higby Road within minutes, they are doing an excellent job. Also, still ongoing with the basketball courts. Looking into someone to come up and help with the install.

Councilman Tolosky – nothing

Councilman Varin – nothing

Supervisor Coryer – wanted to update on the highway department from the previous questions earlier in the meeting. The highway department wanted to take the plows off, but mother nature has not let that happen. Concerning the savings over the winter, there might not have been more snow than usual but there was lots of ice and every time there was a storm it was on the weekends which produces overtime. The highway personnel have been fixing a truck, they have the chipper out to start clearing the brush on the sides of the roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lori Stacey stated she went to the Chazy Lake Beach/Park and said it was a great park, but wanted to know why the beach was so rocky and had such a slope to get to the water. Supervisor Coryer explained that there is a cement wall under the sand which is the Chazy Lake Dam. There is no changing it.

RESOLUTION 2024-47

APPROVE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-16 C 4 NYS TOWN LAW.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 3-16 C 4 NYS Town Law be approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-48

APPROVE TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On a motion of Supervisor Coryer, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 Barber, Carter, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
 Nays - 0

Resolved to exit Executive Session be approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-49

**APPROVE TO HIRE BILLIE JO CARTER, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2024, IN THE PERMANENT PART-TIME POSITION AS
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR, AT A STARTING PAY RATE OF \$17.00 PER HOUR.**

On a motion of Supervisor Coryer, seconded by Councilman Varin, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Varin, Tolosky, Coryer
 Nays – 0
 Abstain – 1 Carter

*Resolved Hire Billie Jo Carter, Effective May 1st, 2024, in the Permanent Part-Time Position as Confidential
Secretary to the Supervisor, at a Starting Pay Rate of \$17.00 per hour be approved.*

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Coryer at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Langlois
Town Clerk/Tax Collector