

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF WOODHULL
August 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Woodhull, County of Steuben and State of New York was held at the Woodhull Town Hall, 1585 Academy Street, Woodhull on the 10thth day of August 2022.

PRESENT: Scott Grant, Supervisor
Douglas O'Brian, Councilman
Jeff Vance, Councilman
Rebecca Painter, Councilwoman
Bryan Conklin, Councilman
Crystal Myers, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Hadley, Resident
Mary Shupp, Planning Board
Kelly Reed, Fire Department
Teri Symonds, Fire Department

Woodhull Municipal Gas Company business was conducted at 6:30pm. Abstract #008 of the Woodhull Municipal Gas Company in the amount of \$10,367.74 was approved for payment. This included vouchers #22-061 - #22-074. Report filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A resident outside of the current Woodhull Gas Company District seeks natural gas service. The board is unanimous in accepting a new member to the district, after counsel for the proper way to do so. Bryan continues to try to install the new odorizer. Jon Martin was chased by a dog while reading a homeowner's meter. Bryan reported the incident to Dog Control Officer, Dan Draper. Becky recommended that if we have the opportunity to have the gas company workshop roof spray painted, that we do so.

Sewer business followed. The Town board discussed properties that may want to join the sewer district. Scott will contact Town lawyer, Ron Yorio, for advice regarding how to proceed. The grinder pump at a Rt 129 residence quit operating, but WW staff repaired it. Doug would like to put a storage shed within the perimeter of the WW fence. He continues to review "as-built" drawings. FEMA requested projects in million-dollar blocks, rather than the standard \$140,000 small projects. MDC is trying to get FEMA to at least disperse SOME funding by October.

RESOLUTION #25-2022
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bryan Conklin made a motion to accept the July 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes as written. Doug O'Brian seconded the motion. The following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Conklin, O'Brian, Painter, Grant, Vance
	Nays	0	

GUESTS/RESIDENTS SHARING

Teri Symonds from the Fire Department submitted an e-mail she wrote, enclosed is a copy. She asked the Town to think of ways to encourage EMT enrollment.

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7/27/22, 7:30 AM

Mail - Symonds, Teri - Outlook

EMS

Symonds, Teri <Teri_Symonds@URMC.Rochester.edu>

Wed 7/27/2022 11:30 AM

To: Porcaro, Kaleigh <Kaleigh_Porcaro@URMC.Rochester.edu>; Rackmil, Melissa <Melissa_Rackmil@URMC.Rochester.edu>; Becher, Denise <Denise_Becher@URMC.Rochester.edu>; John robshaw <jgrobshaw@aol.com>; Zhang, Wen <Wen_Zhang@URMC.Rochester.edu>; Disbrow, Wendy L <Wendy_Disbrow@URMC.Rochester.edu>; Warner, Katherine <Katherine_Warner@URMC.Rochester.edu>

Good Morning,

I wanted to make you all aware of the ongoing shortage of basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical service (EMS) coverage within our county. This has become a state wide issue. Currently our county has approximately 21 EMS agencies, 3 Paid ALS (Hornell, Corning and Bath VA) 2 Paid BLS agencies (Bath & Cohocton Valley Ambulance) with 11 non transporting First responder units. Most of the BLS volunteer agencies generate between 50-250 calls per year. Our county is approximately 1400 square miles. According to the 2020 census we have 95, 850 people living in our county which results in approximately 68 people per square mile.

This is a large concern regarding the BLS volunteer services within the state, particularly in Steuben county. There are many reasons why the volunteer status has diminished so dramatically including but not limited to funding, taking time from work, difficulty with the state testing process, aging population , and 2-3 hours for transport to nearest hospital. State regulations require an EMT accompany patients to the hospital, due to the limited numbers of EMT's that becomes an issue. For example, Cameron has 1 EMT, Jasper has 3 and Woodhull has 9 listed on their roster.

Within the last two years the county has hired a company to complete an " EMS study". This study provided evidence that more volunteers are needed, limited funds are available and small townships are having a difficult time getting volunteers to take the calls. I do have a copy of this study if you would like to review it. New York State just approved a bill requiring non-billing agencies to cover the cost of an ALS unit. Basically, if your patient requires an ALS service, the BLS service is required to pay the bill for the ALS service. I can see this becoming a huge liability , for a couple of reasons, those non billing agencies will drop their certification with the state and no longer supply an ambulance service to that area, or the BLS unit will not call the ALS unit even if the patient status requires advanced care. BLS must have an agreement in place for the ALS provider in order to pay hat ALS provider based upon recouped payment. This is a possibility that we will soon face.

Area agencies have met with county officials and some of the legislature committee, to help resolve the issue of diminished EMS coverage. My major concern is the BLS service and the transport of our patients. Many times, an agency would be paged for a call taking 15-30 minutes before an agency would respond, delaying the transport and treatment of our patients. When a patient calls for assistance, the information is transmitted through the 911 center then many agencies are dispatched out to get an ambulance to respond. At times this process could take hours before our patients reach the hospital.

Again, I wanted to make you aware of this situation. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank you,
Teri Symonds RN
AHA Training Site

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Dan Draper, DOG CONTROL OFFICER, reported to our deputy town clerk that there will be a drive-through rabies clinic September 29, 2022, at the highway department garage. The ad will go in the paper next week.

Bob Mooney, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S written report is filed in the town clerk's office. Activity for the past month included issuing permits/inspecting on remodel work, a front porch roof, and a new 24x32 single story house. Mr. Mooney stated that he will write and send violation notices to encourage completion of flood-damaged property demolition. Each case must be evaluated and addressed individually, so it will take an extended amount of time.

Gary Calkins, ASSESSOR, No report this month.

PLANNING BOARD: Mary Shupp reported for the Planning Board. The playground tractor and wagon were delivered last week. The PB also ordered a new baby swing, which should be coming soon. Scott Drake, along with two fellow contractors who are also donating their time in honor of our veterans, will be placing the new bricks at the memorial site before Community Day, which will be held on September 10th. Eastern still would like to contribute to the community and is eyeing improvements to the Pick Center kitchen. Joan Watkins received an offer from Don Draper from Consolidated Gas Company. 125 flower bulbs to be planted and would like to know where to plan them. The PB has offered to assist the Girl Scouts in completing their project of installing two take-a-book-leave-a-book stations within the hamlet. Wreaths Across America approved 15 wreaths for the Woodhull Cemetery. Another ticker store has opened in the Town of Woodhull. The Planning Board asked the Town Board to address the situation. The Office of Cannabis Management has sent cease and desist orders to both unlicensed operations.

TOWN HALL: Scott reported maintenance staff member Steve Coates will resign as of October 1st, 2022. We will be putting an ad in the paper for this position. Town Board will get the description for this position to the Town Clerk to place the ad.

James Martin, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT -Everything is going fine with the summer mowing. The Town Highway is cleaning ditches. We received some more CHIPS money. Jim gave the Town Board a quote for the parking lot to be fixed and paved. He also let the Board know he is short on pipes for the roads this year. Scott Farrand repaired the New Holland at 1/10th the cost of several previous repairs for the same problem. Todd Housel offered 225 moveable concrete blocks to the Town at a cost of \$60 each. The board agreed to accept the offer. The board encouraged Jim to send the other new truck to be outfitted, as done earlier with the first truck, at his earliest convenience. Scott asked the DPW to participate in the Community Day parade by driving the new trucks and grader if drivers are available.

RESOLUTION #26-2022**APPROVAL OF PARKING LOT PROJECT**

Becky Painter made a motion to accept the quote for the Parking lot to be repaired and paved. Doug O'Brian seconded the motion. The following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Conklin, O'Brian, Painter, Grant, Vance
	Nays	0	

OLD BUSINESS:

The US Postal Service will install cluster boxes at the end of the building on the parking lot side.

Insurance update, the insurance company would like a spreadsheet and copy of vouchers from the flood to start the process for reimbursement.

FEMA update, still waiting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town needs a new PA system. Town Board will investigate purchasing this equipment

Woodhull Community Day September 10, 2022. There will be a blood drive in the gym.

Becky presented an idea from a concerned citizen of providing emergency parking and one official-only spot in front of the town hall. The rest of the board agreed that an emergency-only spot might be better, for safety purposes. When the County stripes the new pavement in September, we will ask them to include this area.

Justice Chris Brothers will purchase a new robe and wear it, as required by the state, and upon approval of this board.

AUDIT OF HIGHWAY, GENERAL & WASTEWATER FUND ABSTRACTS

Abstract #009 of the Highway Fund in the amount of \$35,037.01 was approved for payment. This included vouchers #101 – 1116. Abstract #009 of the General Fund in the amount of 21,266.70 was approved for payment. This included vouchers #140 -159. Abstract #009 of the Wastewater vouchers in the amount of \$28,746.78 were approved for payment. This included vouchers #097– 104.

General:

From:

a0230.00	Capital Reserves (General)	\$81,744.95
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To:

a1620.40	Town Hall Contractual	2000.00
a1620.44	Pick Center Contractual	200.00
a5130.40	Garage Contractual	3200
a9050.80	Disability	700.00

RESOLUTION #27-2022

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Becky Painter made a motion to transfer funds. Jeffrey Vance seconded the motion. The following resolution was

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ADOPTED Ayes 5 Grant, Vance, O'Brian, Conklin, Painter
 Nays 0

The next Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Woodhull Municipal Gas and Woodhull Wastewater business will be conducted at 6:30 and 6:45 PM before the regular meeting at 7 PM.

With no more business to transact and with all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 1130 PM with a motion by Bryan Conklin. The motion was seconded by Becky Painter.

Crystal Myers, Town Clerk