York Town Board Meeting May 14, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Frank Rose Jr., Amos Smith, Jason Swede and Lynn Parnell

Absent: None

Others: James Campbell (Town Attorney), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt), Dustin Geiger, David Deuel, Davies Nagel, Kirk Richenberg, Carl Peter (Zoning/Code Officer), John Morgan, Martha Edmonds and Blaine VanRy

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked Councilman Smith to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve the minutes of the April 9^{th,} 2024 Town Board meeting and April 18th, 2024 Informational meeting Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-o.

•	General Fund Claim	# 118-149	\$303,233.14
•	Consolidated Water/Sewer	# 91-114	\$322,024.98
•	Highway Fund	# 73-86	\$ 12,480.94
•	Youth Fund	# 5-9	\$ 7,837.00

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1)Kirk Richenberg:

Mr. Richenberg asked to speak with the Board this evening on the topics of Battery Energy Storage and the Water District:

Q-The Town put together a committee for Battery Storage previously, was there any proposal to the town Board?

Supervisor Deming replied that the committee produced a binder of information for the Board to review.

David Deuel stated that he too wished to speak with the Board tonight on Energy Storage and commented that he was a member of this committee. The Committee started pre-Covid but then only a few people would attend thereafter himself, Chris Wall and Dennis House.

Attorney Campbell added that the committee did prepare a 3-ring binder for Town Board consideration. Mr. Campbell stated that he prepared a draft Battery Energy Storage System Local Law based on the information in that binder. The Planning Board recently reviewed and made comment on the draft document, with Planning Board member Chris Wall suggesting that we add hydrogen to the wording. Attorney Campbell asked the Town Board if they wanted him to proceed.

Supervisor Deming questioned if Genesee County has hydrogen?

Councilman Rose replied, the Town of Alabama has a hydrogen production plant built in their township.

Mr. Richenberg stated he is willing to defer his privileges until later in the evening to allow Mr. Deuel to speak at this time.

2)David Deuel:

Mr. Deuel thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak this evening and stated once again he was a member of the Energy Storage committee. The meetings began in 2019 prior to Covid, then they were suspended for a period, and when we began once again it was only a few of us that continued to participate. Mr. Deuel commented that Chris Wall did a very good job compiling the information as well as obtaining speakers too. Over the course of 3-4 years, Mr. Deuel stated he did a great deal of reading and research on this and waited for a call or email regarding the Board's thoughts or opinions on what was presented.

Mr. Deuel stated so much of the time and effort was spent on Battery storage and Thermal storage, but tonight we should discuss Commercial storage, which is in essence, buying now for profit at a later point. While reading and researching many avenues, he came across a document from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Mr. Deuel said he thought it was quite factual and very well researched and, in the end, a great deal of common sense. What is proposed will not be hours or days of storage, it might be months, which is massive electrical storage. It must be subsidized to make it remotely affordable.

Mr. Deuel added that New York State's energy policy roadmap contains Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), which is 167 pages pertaining to electricity. The first half reviews the electrical grid and the second half refers to "other unanticipated technologies." These are very generic guidelines, not knowing the safety factors or cost. In energy storage laws, we need to address energy storage systems.

Mr. Deuel commented, to put it nicely, we are flying by the seat of our pants and will have to deal with it when it happens since no specifics are actually given. It does mention avoiding wetlands, woods, and active agricultural lands.

Mr. Deuel stated he is not opposed to renewables but now his recommendation is to Ban commercial electrical energy storage at this time for a layer of protection. We studied this for several years and there are too many unknowns right now. We are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning regulations, perhaps we should revisit this after those are completed. Once zoning has been updated, approval of applications should only be allowed in Industrial zoned areas with a Special Use Permit, giving us additional examination and disclosure of further information.

Mr. Richenberg continued his Privileges of the Floor...

Comment: Mr. Richenberg stated that he recalled Chris Wall handing in the binder of information, but technology is changing so fast. Attorney Campbell prepared a draft Local Law for the Board to act upon, but we don't have enough facts and shouldn't proceed based on fear. Perhaps a new or updated committee should be formed to continue these discussions. With the 2030 NYS deadline, we are going to have zero jurisdiction and have no one looking out for our best interest. This is the states "Pilot" program, which is flying by the seat of their pants.

Supervisor Deming commented that he agrees with Mr. Deuel and Mr. Richenberg and stated that he and Councilman Rose discussed a BAN earlier today. Mr. Deming added White Creek is agreeable now but wait until a financial issue arises and then they will go to the State looking for assistance.

Councilman Rose stated that these companies will end up going to towns without a Ban, which Supervisor Deming agreed.

Mr. Deuel informed the Board that he had a representative from one of these companies stop at his home and after discussing regulations with them, he expressed to Mr. Deuel that they can always get around the local regulations.

Mr. Richenberg stated there was a hydrogen station in Rush, having tanks and a fueling station.

Councilman Rose reported up Route 77 in the Town of Alabama, they have one of the largest hydrogen production facilities in the State.

Q- What is the update on the Flats Road pump station?

Supervisor Deming replied at the last AKZO meeting, it was submitted to DEC and the Attorney General's office a list of projects we want to proceed with for approval. Flats Road pump station is on that list. Mr. Deming stated that Eric

Wies conveyed to him/George that we will not have any issues at the pump station, but we are not convinced.

Q-It was stated at earlier meetings that the pumps were in rough shape, but Eric thinks they are ok now?

Mr. Worden replied he is not comfortable with the existing 1966 & 1982 pumps we currently have; both have voltage problems.

Q- The grant process has come and gone?

Supervisor Deming stated that we have not received funding but will continue to keep trying.

Q- How does the accounting work for the water project done by Highway personnel?

Supervisor Deming answered that \$50,000 is out of water budget and moved to the Highway budget. Mr. Worden added that restoration in Piffard is almost completed. Supervisor Deming commented that going forward, he is not in favor of our personnel doing these large projects.

Q-What is the status of Water/Sewer Operator(s) candidates?

Supervisor Deming replied that we did conduct interviews and will recommend hiring one (1) from the current list. We also had an interview with a gentleman who is very interested in the position but has yet to take the Civil Service exam. The next available test will be in June. Jim Hodges has indicated his willingness to stay on to help and hope we can find personnel soon in order for him to retire.

Q- What is the status of the 10-wheeler?

Mr. Worden responded that Regional has not received the truck as of three weeks ago and we are not sure of the specific date when it will arrive, but they did confirm that the price they quoted us will remain the same.

Supervisor Deming asked the Board their thoughts regarding Battery Storage and how to proceed.

Councilman Rose commented, with the ever-changing technology in this industry there are so many questions that have yet to be answered, and he feels we should not spend money right now on the proposed Local Law but would support a ban until more information has surfaced.

Councilman Swede commented doing nothing right now, is probably not the best route to go and stated he too would support a ban.

Councilman Smith said he agrees that something must be done and commented that agriculture is the #1 industry in this County/Town, with their own business harnessing a lot of energy. We would have to review how to be fair and not make limitations on certain businesses, or perhaps make business exempt to the ban.

Councilwoman Parnell stated she agrees with the suggestion of a ban in order to have time to obtain the proper knowledge and get something in place in our zoning.

Councilman Swede stated technology will always continue to change, we will need to move forward at some point with the information we gain.

Attorney Campbell stated the reason we wanted to move forward with the proposed Local Law was to at least have something in place to review from, but with the comments from the Board this evening, he will begin the wording for a ban to include "with exception to home use or local businesses".

Mr. Richenberg commented, the Board stated that these industries would be in Industrial Zones, keep in mind large scale solar came in and they were not placed in industrial zones.

3) Davies Nagel; Trail Town update:

Trail Town Committee Report to Town Board

5/14/24

 As part of our long term goal of enhancing the trails in York to promote opportunities for economic growth and improved quality of life, the Piffard kiosk has finally been completed. The Fowlerville kiosk is next.



- 2. As part of our other long term goal of connecting the three trails in the Town of York, The Trail Town Committee will continue to offer hikes through the Little Italy Nature Preserve. Call/text 519-3017 to set up a date/time
- 3. Has there been any progress regarding the development of some guidelines, a procedure, or a committee to help the community access the solar funds we have now and that we will have?

Supervisor Deming replied there have not been any guidelines prepared as of yet regarding access to solar funds.

Martha Edmonds commented that we need to show some pride and continue to develop Little Italy. There is seed money already to go forward with the transferring to the Genesee Valley Conservancy and hope the Town Board reconsiders utilization of the solar funds to assist. York Central School 4th graders have visited Little Italy for years and hope to continue those visits and more from the community. Many of us do not have lots of land of our own to enjoy, so we utilize these wonderful open spaces.

Councilman Rose asked if the Conservancy had taken ownership yet?

Mr. Nagel responded that they will continue to accept donations to assist in the transferring process, but as of right now they do not own it. Mr. Nagel conveyed anyone who has previously donated will get their money back if the process does not go forward.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- Some restoration has taken place in Piffard, but more still needs to be done along with several other items.
- Mowing of roadside and cemeteries continues
- Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds:

Mr. Worden submitted the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for Board review and approval:

RESOLUTION offered by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilman Swede, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways and received from the State for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended in the amount of \$366,964.91. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-o.

2024

AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS

TOWN OF YORK

COUNTY OF Livingston

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WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water & Sewer Department:

- We still have work to be completed in Piffard.
- SEWER: UV is up and running at the treatment plant. Currently we are getting sterilization without having to add anything, but we will have to add chemicals as we go forward. We did make DEC's deadline.
- The contractor did start the project on Retsof Ave. for the sewer upgrades. They will contact each of the homeowners directly to discuss any changes that need to take place with the upgrades and how it affects everyone individually.

Councilman Smith inquired as to the status of the loader. Mr. Worden replied we have not received any word yet on the loader.

NEW BUSINESS:

1)WIIA Grant/Municipal Solutions:

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED TOWN OF YORK, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK WWTP UV DISINFECTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of York Town Board supports the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant on behalf of the Town for the WWTP UV Disinfection project hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, affordability for Town residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

WHEREAS, Engineering Reports entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report UV Disinfection for the Town of York WWTP" recommends implementing the Project to help improve water quality and protect public health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

- The Town Board authorizes Municipal Solutions, Inc. to prepare applications for WIIA Grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
- The Town Board authorizes Gerald Deming in his role as Town Supervisor, to execute the application and any necessary supporting documents required to apply for the WIIA grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
- This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated:	May 14, 2024
Introduced by:	Councilman Smith
Seconded by:	Council Woman Parnell
Voting Aye:	Yes- 5
Voting Nay:	No-0

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution authorizing the execution of an application by Supervisor Gerald Deming for WIIA grant funds, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of York held on May 14.24, and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Book of Minutes of the Town Board in my office.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand at this May day of May, 2024.

(signature)

Christine Harris Town Clerk

2)Pay App #3:

a-M. W. Controls Services, Inc:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Pay Application #3 to M.W. Controls Services, Inc. in the amount of \$44,107.78. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3)Pay App #5:

a-STC Construction, Inc:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve Pay Application #5 to STC Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$78,653.21. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4)Pay App #1:

a-RMG Custom Metal, LLC:

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve Pay App # 1 to RMG Custom Metal, LLC in the amount of \$272,659.50. Voted on and approved, Yes -5, No-0.

5)Town Hall request:

To: The York Town Board

From: The Christmas and Easter Sharing Program

Re: Use of Town Hall for Food Distribution

May 6, 2024

Members:

The Christmas and Easter Sharing Program, a mission of the York United Presbyterian Church, request the use of the Town Hall on May 18th at 8 am for the purpose of sorting food. Food is brought from Tops to the Town Hall by cars; the cars are unloaded, and the food is brought into the building to be sorted. Bags of food are placed on tables and arranged by delivery routes.

There are between 15-20 volunteers that make up the delivery teams. All the volunteers appreciated the use of the ramp at the Town Hall – easier on their knees! The deliveries, which consist of two bags of food, are made to approximately 35 families once a month that need help to have enough food for their family.

Scott Hulburt would be our contact person to oversee the use of the building. Sue Ackley and Franny Frood are co-coordinators of this mission.

Dates for possible deliveries include May 18, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, and November 16th. The total use would be under 2 hours at a time.

Thank You for your consideration of this request,

Sue Ackley and Franny Frood, co-coordinators

Contact: Sue Ackley at 226-3495

Franny Frood at 245-3725

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the request submitted by the Christmas and Easter Sharing Program for use of the Town Hall. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

6)Tax Collection Summary:

Clerk Harris informed the Board that the 2024 Tax Collection season has been closed out and reviewed a summary of tax collection activity:

2024 TAX COLLECTION

May 7, 2024

Total Tax Roll \$ 3,978,971.25

Total Warrant to Supervisor \$ 1,809,113.89 pd. on Jan. 29, 2024 & remainder on February 2, 2024

January 29, 2024:

Check #: 606 \$ 394,498.00 Check #: 607 \$ 557,600.00 Check #: 608 \$ 223,192.00

February 2, 2024:

Check #: 610 \$ 500,908.71 Check #: 611 \$ 4,729.89 Check #: 612 \$ 40,213.50 Check #: 613 \$ 73,804.00 Check #: 614 \$ 2,315.00 Check #: 615 \$ 11,852.79

Payments to Liv. Co. Treasurer

\$ 500,000.00 pd. 2/05/24 **ck. #: 616** \$ 400,000.00 pd. 2/12/24 **ck. #: 617**

TOTAL: \$ 900,000.00

Refund for overpayment (Corelogic; J. Palasynski) \$ 2,074.24 pd. on 1-31-24 ck. #: 609

Payment to Supervisor for WNY PILOT \$ 14,541.13 pd. on 3-27-24 ck. # 618 (PILOT is through Liv. Co. IDA)

Close Out at Treasurer's Office \$ 570,051.44 pd. on 4/04/24 ck. # 619

Penalty money & interest to Supervisor \$ 3,618.26 pd. on 5/07/24 ck. #620

TAX COLLECTION BALANCE \$ 0.00

Gerald L. Deming, Supervisor

Christine M. Harris, Collector

Harry

Town of York Town & County 2024 Bank Register Summary

All Inclusive

Total Taxes Collected:	3,782,552.50	
Total Penalty Collected:	3,338.41	
Total Surcharge/Interest Collected:	0.00	
Total Notice Fees Collected:	94.00	
Total Duplicate & Overpayments:	0.00	
Total Returned Check Fees:	0.00	
Bank Interest Earned:	45.85	
Total:		3,786,030.76
Total Direct Payments:	503,247.17	
Total Bounced Checks:	0.00	
Total Refunded/Applied Overpayments:	0.00	
Disbursements to Supervisor,	1,812,732.15 (warrant	
Disbursements to County:	1,470,051.44 (inshallpute	to of final settlement)
Other Disbursements:	0.00	
Bank Service Charges:	0.00	
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Other Adjustments:		0.00
Bank Balance:		0.00

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7)Retsof Sewer Agreement: a-re-design fees: RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Smith approving additional fees relating to the redesign of the Retsof Sewer project for CPL. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-o.



March 25, 2024

Gerald Deming, Supervisor Town of York 2668 Main Street York, NY 14592

RE: TOWN OF YORK - RETSOF SEWER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Supervisor Deming:

The Town of York Retsof Sewer District Improvement project was recently bid and awarded to Genesee Valley Construction, LLC, but under a revised scope of work.

The original project scope included the replacement of the sanitary sewer main within the District and converting the existing sewer mains into stormwater piping. The original estimate was \$1,770,255 to be funded partially with a \$442,564 grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC). The local share of \$1,327,691 was proposed to be funded through a 38-year loan with USDA-RD.

The revised scope of work was determined after additional field investigations (sewer main televising) and after several conversations with the Town, resulting in a lower final cost estimate of \$1,456,950 and lower annual impact to the properties in the District. The revised scope includes the rehabilitation of the pump station, lining of the existing sewer mains, and disconnecting of all stormwater connections from the private properties. The detailed budget is as follows:

TOTAL CAPITAL COST	\$1,456,950
Contingency	\$169,000
Engineering	\$260,000
Administration	\$100,000
Construction	\$927,950
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 WIIA Grant
 \$364,238

 Local Contribution
 \$6,691

 Loan
 \$1,092,713

 Interest Rate
 1.25%

 Term
 38 years

 DEBT SERVICE
 \$36,299.72

The resulting impact to the typical single-family home is \$300 per year in annual debt payments. Note, this also assumes that the Town will use \$131,750 in reserve to pay for the



portion of the work on the private properties, as that work cannot be funded by the NYSEFC or the USDA-RD.

While the revised scope of work did reduce the overall cost, CPL incurred additional expenses due to the re-design of the project and the extensive coordination with the funding agencies during bidding because of the changes. The primary item of contention was the work on private properties. The original project design was completed, then the changes were made to ensure the project stayed within budget.

Also, based on recent discussions with the Town, we understand that CPL is being asked to coordinate the work on the private side with the homeowners. This will include meeting(s) with each homeowner and their contractor to determine the most cost effective and acceptable method of disconnecting their private stormwater connections (sump pump, basement drains, downspouts, etc.) from the public sewer. This work was not included in our proposal. We have assumed an average of 2 hours per property owner will be required for a total of 240 hours, including nights and weekends.

Our original and proposed fees are shown below:

Task	Original	Proposed
Study & Report Phase	\$6,500	\$6,500
Preliminary & Final Design	\$89,000	\$95,000
Bidding	\$6,000	\$8,000
Construction Administration	\$32,000	\$32,000
Construction Observation	\$64,800	\$91,200
TOTAL	\$198,300	\$232,700

If you have any questions or require any additional information, we would be happy to meet with you at any time to discuss in detail.

Very truly yours,

Eric C. Wies, P.E. Vice President

8)York Fire Department:

a-New Member:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve Sean P. Vogt as a new member of the York Fire Department. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

8:03 p.m.-EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to enter Executive Session for the purpose of employment history of a particular person, to include Town Board, Highway Supt, Town Attorney and Clerk Harris. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

9:02 p.m.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to end Executive Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

OTHER:

1)Energy Ban:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede authorizing Attorney Campbell to prepare a draft documentation for an Energy ban. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-o.

2)Water/ Sewer Interviews:

Mr. Worden stated that he along with Supervisor Deming, Councilman Rose and Water/Sewer Operator, Jim Hodges conducted interviews recently and would like to proceed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to hire Paul Graves as a Full-time Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, with a rate of pay of \$27.50 per hour. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming stated we need to create a part-time trainee position as well.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to create and advertise for a part-time water trainee position, with a rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour, duties to include the daily responsibilities and routine operation and maintenance of a municipal water system. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-o.

Councilwoman Parnell inquired when will the kids be able to utilize the baseball fields once again in Piffard. Mr. Worden answered that he and his crew have been working to clean up the area and hope to have the fields ready soon.

Councilman Smith updated the Board on a conversation he had with the UP Church as a follow up to the request from Pastor Michelle Sumption regarding partnering with the church and fire department to update the playground equipment behind the Town Hall. Mr. Smith stated that he spoke with Art Geary and was informed that the church was interested in doing a fundraiser since they own the property that the equipment currently is situated on and would like for the playground to continue to remain there. Councilman Smith stated that Mr. Geary will keep him updated on ideas and equipment costs going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to adjourn the Town Board meeting until June 11th. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No- 0.

Town Board meeting closed at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Harris Christine M. Harris, Clerk