

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OTTER LAKE FIRE HALL
13853 State Rte. 28, Forestport, N.Y. 13338
May 15, 2024 @6:30PM**

PRESENT: Supervisor Entwistle
Councilman Addison
Councilwoman Abrial
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Verschneider

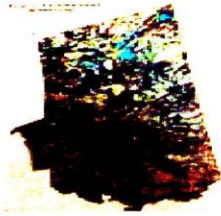
ABSENT: No members of the Town Board were absent.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Supervisor Entwistle. The pledge was recited.

Supervisor Entwistle started the meeting off by thanking Mary Beth Reising, for letting the Town Board know about the opportunity about becoming a Purple Heart Community. Supervisor Entwistle read the following Proclamation aloud:



TOWN OF FORESTPORT PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF FORESTPORT A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Forestport have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this country in the Armed Forces; and


WHEREAS veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS many citizens of our town have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS June 3rd has officially been designated as the day in the Town of Forestport to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Forestport hereby proclaims Town of Forestport as a **Purple Heart Town**, so designated, honoring the service and the sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.


Harold Entwistle, III
Town of Forestport Supervisor
May 15, 2024
Date

Joe Fraccola, Commander, James Williams, Trustee and Mary Beth Reising, Chaplain all of the CNY Chapter #490, Military Order of the Purple Heart were in attendance. Joe Fraccola read the following statement:

After the statement was read, Mary Beth Reising presented the plaque to Supervisor Entwistle and pictures were taken.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract # 5, Vouchers #232- #310 in the amount of \$59,572.08.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #114- #151 in the amount of \$35,963.36.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

WATER DISTRICT #1:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #54- #63 in the amount of \$1,0147.29.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

BUCKHORN WATER DISTRICT #2:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #19- #20 in the amount of \$404.41.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

SEWER DISTRICT #1:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #33- #40 in the amount of \$1,511.76.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #10- #17 in the amount of \$800.00.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to accept the minutes from the:

April 17, 2024 - Regular Town Board Meeting

May 7, 2024-Special Meeting

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

WATER DISTRICT #1

WATER DISTRICT #2

SEWER

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

JUSTICE REPORT

DOG REPORT

PLANNING REPORT

SUPERVISOR REPORT

PLANNING BOARD OF APPEALS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the monthly reports.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

NOCCOG: John Healt presented the monthly announcements. Supervisor Entwistle thanked John for having the Tughill Conference again and stated how great it was.

WATER:

- **WWIP:** The Town Board is in the process of securing a bond for the remaining amount of the sewer improvement project. There will be a Public Hearing on May

23. 2024 at 6PM and a meeting following to vote on whether to move on with the bond or not.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Fuelmaster :** This will be installed early next week.
- **Phones:** The new phone system will be installed June 4th or 6th.
- **Summer Recreation:** Summer recreation is full. 20 kids are signed up.
- **Woodhull Pocket Park:** Picnic tables are set up. Pete is constructing a sign and that will be put up this year. Next year a fence will be put up.
- **Dog Park:** Supervisor Entwistle is waiting for a couple quotes for the fencing.
- **Boat Wash Station:** This will be up and running Memorial Day weekend. DOT will be placing signs by Alder Creek and also North, near the Town Barn.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **New Highway Equipment Operator:** There is one new hire, Joe Liscznczskyj who is replacing Chuck Howard. Alan will be retiring in August, so another gentleman will be coming on June 28th.
- **Amendment to Highway Contract**
- **Highway Truck:** Supervisor Entwistle and Bill Gardner are looking at replacing the 2011 pickup truck. Supervisor Entwistle has reached out to a couple of state bid places. There could be \$350,000-\$400,000 in CHIPS money this year. Bill is going to spend approximately \$275,000 on roads so some of the money could be used for a truck. If you use CHIPS money, you have to keep the truck for ten years.
- **Board of Assessment Review:** David Sweeney from the Board of Assessment Review is asking for an increase in pay from \$15/hour to \$25/hour.
A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Addison to increase the Board of Assessment review pay to \$25 an hour.
5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED
- Supervisor Entwistle read the following letter aloud from the Otter Lake Fire Department:

Otter Lake Fire Company, Inc.
13853 State Route 28, Otter Lake, NY 13338
otterlakefd@hotmail.com

May 9, 2024

Supervisor TJ Entwistle
10275 State Route 28,
PO Box 137 Forestport, NY 13338

Re: 911 Digital Radio Purchase

TJ,

The Otter Lake Fire Department members express our sincere gratitude to you and the town board for the increase in the 2024 town fire contract. You may recall that Oneida County has moved to a digital trunk radio system for 911 services. Although the county provided fire departments with some new digital radios, funds were not available for a one-to-one replacement. As a result each fire department was left to purchase any additional radios they needed. The cost to our fire department amounted to \$17,750.

After extensive research Chief Eisenhart found a supplier with discounted prices. We applied the increase in the town contract towards the purchase of the necessary radios. We were also fortunate to receive a \$3000 donation last year from Nancy Youngberg at the Wigwam. Additional funds came a NYS DEC grant, another anonymous donation and money from our fundraisers.

Thanks again for your support in this critical project.

Best Regards-
Tom Abrial
President, OLFD

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Addison to enter into Executive Session.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:00PM with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Ron Davies had several questions:
 - Is the board considering the dog park? How many dogs are licensed in the Town of Forestport.
 - He asked about the Total Solutions vouchers.
 - Did the town sell the Highway truck that was for sale. It was answered no. The town is keeping it for the summer helper and once he leaves, it will go to the Water and Sewer Operator.
 - He stated the rental for the welding is monthly. The company Trackside Blazers uses is an annual fee. Supervisor Entwistle is going to look into it.
 - He had questions regarding the boat wash station. He mentioned the boat wash station that is no longer in use was never taken over. If the town can

make this work for a handful of years, they will take it over and run it. Supervisor Entwistle said the largest chunk was the set up. There was an addition \$42,000. It should cover the set up and salaries for this year and part of next year. There are a couple of local organizations that support this and they may be able to get money from them. Councilman Addison also said recurring grants are a possibility as well.

- Laurie Fessler, from the gallery, wanted to remind people the Community Garden will be meeting on Sunday at 12. Bring gardening tools and tools. Most of the dirt is in the beds now.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the meeting.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry

Forestport Town Clerk