

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN AND CEDARWOOD ENGINEERS FOR THE HALCOTTSVILLE AND ARKVILLE WATER DISTRICT APPROVED.

BIDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BIDS FROM AUCTION INTERNATIONAL APPROVED.

RESOLUTION #8 of 2023 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NYSEG UTILITY EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE HALCOTTSVILLE SEWER PROJECT APPROVED.

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT CHANGES TO THE EXISTING FEE SCHEDULE TABLED TO OCTOBER MEETING.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST STEIGLEHNER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF 10/01/2023-09/30/2028 APPROVED.

APPOINTMENT OF SARAH HUBBELL AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR APPROVED.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Town Hall, located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Carl P. Davis

Council Members.....Christopher Dabritz, Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams

Council Member Brian Sweeney was not in attendance.

Also present were: Joan Lawrence-Bauer -The Reporter, Hwy Sup't John Biruk, Glen Faulkner, Kenneth Taylor, Eli Taylor, Hiriam Davis, Cassie Palen, Josef Schoell, George Suess and John Hubbell .

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

Supervisor Davis called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of 08/09/23-Town Board Meeting were approved as submitted, by a motion made by C. Dabritz, seconded by R. Williams. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report; Town Clerk's Monthly Report; Building & Zoning Monthly Report; Justice Court Monthly Report and Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Water Reports for 07/2023 were approved as submitted, by a motion made by N. Delameter, seconded by C. Dabritz. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

The Town Board reviewed the ATTACHED contract provided by Cedarwood Engineers for the services as a contract water treatment plant operator for Halcottsville and Arkville Water District. Motion was made by R. Williams, seconded by C. Dabritz to approve the contract and to have an active discussion with the Village of Margaretville Mayor about using their licensed water operator. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays**

The Town Board discussed the ATTACHED bids for surplus equipment from Auction International provided by Highway Superintendent John Biruk. A motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter to approve all bids. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams- (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by R. Williams to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #8 of 2023 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a NYSEG Utility Easement in Connection with the Construction and Operation of the Halcottsville Sewer Project. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams- (0) Nays.**

The Town Board reviewed the ATTACHED Building and Zoning Department changes to the existing fee schedule. A motion was made by N. Delameter and seconded by R. Williams to table for further discussion next month. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams- (0) Nays.** The Town Board had a discussion on the temporary rentals (Air BnB) and possibly establishing an incentive to have residents register with the Town.

Supervisor Davis opened the floor to the public. Cassie Palen asked if there was a seal for safety or something telling potential renters that a safety inspection has been completed. Council Member Williams said currently there isn't a system reporting safety inspections for short term rentals. John Hubbell reported the Delaware County Clerk said the DMV in Margaretville is open for the near future but having staffing issues and in threat of shutting down. Halcottsville resident George Suess spoke about his water issues. Water tests are saying water is safe but he is reporting they are not and is looking for some solutions, as his water filter is brown after just a short period of time. C.P. Davis said the water test only test for bacteria and not rust. Council Member N. Delameter agreed to speak with Halcottsville Fire Department about flushing out the system and seeing what results became of that and then go further from there.

Motion was made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams to re-appoint Ernest Steiglehner to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of 10/01/2023-09/30/2028. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

The Town Board acknowledged receipt of the ATTACHED 2023 Tax Collectors Settlement Sheet from the Delaware County Treasurer's Office.

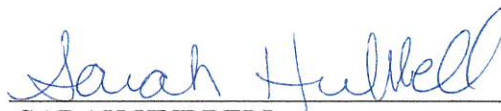
Motion was made by C.P. Davis and seconded by R. Williams to appoint Sarah Hubbell as the Deputy Registrar. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Councilwoman R. Williams discussed sending a letter to the Catskill Recreation Center and Catskill Watershed Corporation about their light pollution along County Highway 38. Board members decided to discuss this after they were able to look further into the issue.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by motion made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #'s 464-522, totaling \$288,512.14

Motion for adjournment was made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

DATED: September 15th, 2023


SARAH HUBBELL
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK