

OCTOBER 11, 2023

RESOLUTION #9 OF 2023 - RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ACCEPT OPERATING
AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW KINGSTON SEWER
DISTRICT APPROVED.

SEASONAL LIMITED USE ROADS 2023/2024
WINTER SEASON APPROVED.

2023 ANNUAL INVENTORY OF HIGHWAY
EQUIPMENT.

ADOPTED NEW BUILDING AND ZONING FEE
SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

SCHEDULED SPECIAL MEETING FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 TO DISCUSS THE
2024 TENTATIVE TOWN BUDGET.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held their regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 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.....Brian Sweeney, Christopher Dabritz; Nelson
Delameter and Robin Williams

Also present were: Hwy Sup't John Biruk, Beth Bush, Colleen Martin, Bill Malanga, Cassie Palen, Joseph Todd, MegAnne Balcom, John Hubbell, Hiram Davis, Greg Murad, Annie Pevear, Vinnie Merwin and Kenneth Taylor.

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of 9/9/23-Special Meeting and 9/13/23-Town Board Meeting were approved as submitted, by a motion made by B. Sweeney, seconded by C. Dabritz. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Reports; Town Clerk's Monthly Reports; Building & Zoning Monthly Reports; Justice Court Monthly Reports; Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Water Reports for 08/2023 were approved as submitted, by a motion made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Village of Margaretville Mayor John Hubbell updated the Town Board on the Agreement between the Town of Middletown and the Village of Margaretville for the Arkville-Halcottsville Water District. The Village Attorney is finalizing the contract and should be ready by the next meeting.

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by C. Dabritz to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #9 of 2023 - Resolution Authorizing the Town to Accept Operating Agreement for the New Kingston Sewer District. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by R. Williams, seconded by C. Dabritz to approve the ATTACHED list of seasonal limited use roads for 2023/2024 winter season. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Town Hwy Sup't presented the ATTACHED Annual Inventory of Highway Equipment to the Town Board.

Motion was made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams to approve the ATTACHED Building and Zoning request for changes to the existing Fee Schedule. The changes will go into effect on January 1, 2024. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Council Member R. Williams discussed her ATTACHED letter to the Catskill Recreation Center and Catskill Watershed Corp/NYSDEP concerning light pollution. She will be revising the letter and sending it on her own behalf.

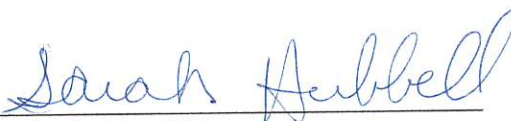
The Town Board reviewed the 2024 Tentative Budget. Council Member Sweeney gave the Town Board the ATTACHED memo showing the changes he wanted for the 2024 Tentative Budget. He suggested 6% raise for all major departments due to cost of living with the exception of the Justice as he did not ask for an increase but asked that his Clerk get an increase of \$5,980. due to her work hours/salary and leaving the Dog Control Officer at 3% along with decreasing the Deputy Town Clerk from \$22,000. to \$15,000. A motion was made by C. Davis, seconded by C. Dabritz to have the budget officer run the new proposed figures and have a Special Meeting on October 18, 2023 at 5 p.m. to discuss further. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** A motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by R. Williams to increase the Culture & Recreation-Page 7-Library Contractual Exp. B7410.4 from \$25,000. to \$26,000. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor Davis opened the floor to the public. Colleen Martin brought up the use of grants for funding the repairs that are needed at the Transfer Station. George Seuss said the flushing of the water system helped with some of the sediment in the water but it's still not corrected. What are the next steps to rectify the issue. N. Delameter said flushing more frequently would be a solution. Cassie Palen asked if the Town of Middletown would be responsible for mowing the New Kingston cemetery twice a year, she was advised that this is not possible. She also asked about pedestrians walking signs to be put up in New Kingston. Highway Supervisor John Biruk stated that since it's a county road they need permission from the county. Greg Murad from Huckleberry Brook said the Town Highway Departments grading of the road near his residence has allowed water to run across his driveway and some near his home. He was told to put in a slues pipe at his own expense, the grading of the road was normal procedure and the Town of Middletown had no responsibility with this.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by a motion made by C. Davis, seconded by N. Delameter. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #s 523-568, totaling \$109,375.32.

Motion for adjournment was made by C.P. Davis, seconded by C. Dabritz. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

DATED: October 13, 2023


SARAH HUBBELL
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK