

# Town of Minerva

## Town Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

*Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget opened at 6:30 pm by Supervisor McNally.*

*Public in attendance for public hearing; Alice Halloran, Claire Fish, Darlene Duffy, Teresa Brannon Strohmeyer*

*A. Halloran – Representative for the Johnsbury Emergency Squad; asked how the board felt on the proposal regarding the Public Health Ambulance Contractual Line/40504.01.*

*T.B. Strohmeyer – Asked about the increase on the Confidential Secretary Line/1230.1.*

*Public Hearing closed at 6:59 pm, by Supervisor McNally.*

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The Semi-monthly meeting of the Minerva Town Board held on Thursday, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

~Upon Roll Call~

Stephen McNally – Supervisor – present

Douglas McCall – Councilman – present

Keith Dubay – Councilman – present

David LaBar – Councilman – present

Scott Fish – Councilman – present

Jonathan Fish – Highway Superintendent – excused

Public in attendance: Darlene Duffy, Claire Fish, Alice Halloran, Ed Healy, Joy Healy, Teresa Brannon Strohmeyer

Public Comment #1: none

Correspondence:

- Letter from Sleeping Giant Seniors, as organizers of this year's Annual Christmas Bazaar, requesting monetary donation of \$100.00 towards incidentals.
- Letter from Sunday Bar none Group of AA, providing a donation of \$100.00 to thank the Town for the use of the Town Hall for their meetings.

#266 MOTION by MCCALL and seconded by FISH to approve OCTOBER 17, 2024 Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting Minutes. Carried 5-0

#267 MOTION by LABAR and seconded by FISH to approve RESOLUTION to Adopt the Preliminary Budget with noted changes to the Public Health Ambulance Contractual Line 40504.01 from \$143,264.00 to \$106,337.00 removing the cost of the proposed Community Care Plan and then increasing their standard contract by \$10,000 from last year.

Vote was carried out by Roll Call.

Aye – McNally, Dubay, McCall, LaBar, Fish; Nay – none

Carried 5-0

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#268 MOTION by DUBAY and seconded by FISH to approve RESOLUTION to pre-pay Adirondack P&M for a \$6,580.00 from the Parks & Recs Fund Balance, towards the new heating system previously approved Res. #238 on Sept. 19, 2024, for the Parks & Recs Building.

Vote was carried out by Roll Call.

Aye – McNally, Dubai, McCall, LaBar, Fish; Nay – none

Carried 5-0

#269 MOTION by FISH and seconded by DUBAY to approve RESOLUTION to pre-pay L&R Flagpoles for two 5x8 American Flags, at \$88.00 each, to be paid from Supervisor Contractual/1220.4 in the amount of \$176.00.

Vote was carried out by Roll Call.

Aye – McNally, Dubai, McCall, LaBar, Fish; Nay – none

Carried 5-0

#270 MOTION by LABAR and seconded by DUBAY to approve RESOLUTION to donate \$100.00 to the Sleeping Giant Seniors for the purpose of incidentals towards the Annual Christmas Bazaar to be paid from 64104.1.

Vote was carried out by Roll Call.

Aye – McNally, Dubai, McCall, LaBar, Fish; Nay – none

Carried 5-0

### Supervisor's Report:

- Spoke with DEC about proposing an ordinance that would prohibit fishing at Minerva Lake until later in the season, to provide the fish a break and reduce trauma to the pike. Last year the lake was over fished early in the season. Enforcement will be through signage.
- Received a call from the insurance company, they are requiring that the town's highway trucks install battery disconnects on all large trucks. The estimated cost for this installation is around \$2,500 to \$3,000 per truck. If not completed, it will limit insurance coverage on the trucks and buildings.
- The resource center is being visited more frequently thanks to the volunteers who are monitoring it and offering open hours.
- There will be a gathering at the monument honoring veterans on Monday at 11:00 AM.
- The warming hut has been equipped with rubber mats and benches for the ice skating season, made possible by a grant from the Adirondack Foundation Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region (CFGMR).
- We need to consider a stainless steel wash sink for the warming hut..

Highway Superintendent's Report: Excused

### Public Comment #2:

D. Duffy - asked if the insurance company finds that fires are started due to the truck battery.

Councilman Comments: none

#271 MOTION by MCCALL seconded by DUBAY to adjourn meeting at 7:24pm. Carried 5-0

Theresa Fish - Town Clerk