

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Dan Barney called the monthly meeting for December 19, 2023 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Council Member; Mary Curcio, Council Member; Patricia Prosser, Council Member; Fred Wilbur, and Supervisor; Dan Barney was present. Council Member; Joe Spereno, Absent. Also present: Town Clerk; Jennifer Woolson, Town Attorney; Rebekah Prosachik, Constable; Herb Hawker, Highway Superintendent; Robert Parkhurst, and a few members of the public.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held in observance of Avery (Jim) Bullock. He was the last original charter member of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department and the last WWII Veteran that lived in the Town of New Haven. He passed 12/10/2023 he was 98 years old.

RECOGNITIONS:

Plaques were presented to Leonard Gates and Robert Gates in recognition of their many years of service as Highway Department Personnel.

A plaque was presented to Debra Allen in recognition of her many years of service as Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Planning Board Secretary, Deputy Town Clerk and Town Historian.

A plaque was presented to Dale Little in recognition of his many years of service as a New Haven Town Justice.

A plaque was available for Lorraine Lighthall in recognition of her many years of service as a New Haven Court Clerk. Ms. Lighthall was not present at the meeting to receive it.

A plaque was available for Linda Bond-Clark in recognition of her many years of service as a Planning Board Member. Ms. Bond-Clark was not present at the meeting to receive it.

MINUTES: Motion by Patricia Prosser, second by Mary Curcio, to accept the minutes from last month as presented. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

ADJUSTMENT OF JOURNAL ENTRIES: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve the adjustment of journal entries in November. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

General bills: vouchers #288-311, totaling \$ 25,154.16, were duly audited.

Highway bills: vouchers #203-221, totaling \$ 61,510.39, were duly audited.

Street Lighting bill: voucher #296, totaling \$ 474.05, was duly audited.

Water District # 8 bill: voucher #22, totaling \$ 1,111.40, was duly audited.

Water District # 9 bills: vouchers #29-30, totaling \$ 285,435.96, were duly audited.

Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Patricia Prosser, to accept the bills as presented and to authorize their payment. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Whistleblower Policy: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Water District Update: Jay Berkman provided the board with the attached report on the progress on Water Service Area #9.

LED Lighting: Motion by Patricia Prosser, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve moving forward with standardizing and replacing all the lighting within the Town Hall and Highway Garage and to submit application for a NYSERDA Clean Energies Community Grant of \$5000.00 to help cover the cost of installation. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers: Tabled

Fire Department Members: Motion by Patricia Prosser, second by Dan Barney, to approve probationary members Michael D Guzman and David Becker for the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

IMA With the Town of Mexico-Equipment: Tabled

Comprehensive Plan: Supervisor Dan Barney stated that Deputy Supervisor Mary Curcio and himself were going to be attending a shared services meeting on December 28th at the County Building. The Town is looking into obtaining grant funding to have a Comprehensive Plan put in place for the Town of New Haven.

REPORTS

Reports: Code Enforcement Officer, Dog Control Officer, Town Clerk, and Supervisor reports received by the board and posted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:40 P.M by motion of Patricia Prosser, second by Mary Curcio. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

Organizational Meeting January 2, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Next Town Board meeting, January 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Next Planning Board meeting, January 17, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Woolson
New Haven Town Clerk

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