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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING BURTON HALL 7:00P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor Shaw

Councilman Moy

Councilman Brownell

Councilman Herrick

ABSENT: Councilwoman Lundberg

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sharon Archambeault

OTHERS PRESENT: The Journal Press Reporter; Cait Johnson, The Eagle Reporter; Christine Eldred, Highway Superintendent; Rich Fox, Town of Greenwich Supervisor; Sarah Idleman, Art Erbe, Planning Board Chairman; Bob Stevens, Deputy Building Inspector; Jim Merryman, Pete Simoneau

Supervisor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Councilman Herrick led the salute to the flag.

RESOLUTION#26-18

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2018

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Moy, second by Councilman Herrick to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018 as written.

Adopted 4 Ayes           Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1                 Lundberg

#### **OPEN MOWING BIDS**

Supervisor Shaw read the legal notice as follows; PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Easton, Washington County, New York, sealed bids will be accepted for: Mowing lawn at Burton Hall, Shannon property, Easton Library and Cemetery for the 2018 season. Bid price shall include: Cost of each mowing and trimming for Burton Hall, Shannon property, Easton Library and Cemetery behind Highway garage starting May through October(3times a month or maximum of 17 mowings). Once a month for the Cemetery. All bidders must be insured. Bills submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month will be paid at the regular Town Board meeting the first Monday of the following month. Bids shall be received at the office of the Town Clerk, 1071 State Route 40, Greenwich, N.Y. 12834 until 7:00p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2018. The bids will be opened and read aloud at Burton Hall on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:15p.m. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and the words "Mowing Bid". The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Please call Town Clerk's Office at 518-692-2678 or stop during business hours for specific location to be mowed. By Order of the Easton Town Board.

The following bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Jeff Derby

(Jeff's Lawn Care)

Total \$1,699.83

RESOLUTION#27-18

ACCEPT THE BID OF JEFF DERBY

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Moy, second by Councilman Brownell to accept the bid from Jeff Derby for the 2018 mowing season with the agreement that he mows the cemetery three(3) times per month when the Burton Hall is under construction.

Adopted 4 Ayes Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1 Lundberg

**RESOLUTION#28-18**  
PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Moy to make payment on the following claims:

No. 106-138	A FUND	\$ 2,675.45
	B FUND	\$ 1,186.09
	DA FUND	\$ 4,834.40
	DB FUND	\$11,911.35
	PRE-PAID	\$ 773.41
	TOTAL	\$21,380.70

Adopted 4 Ayes Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1 Lundberg

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Shaw received correspondence from the VFW(Veterans of Foreign Wars) inviting the town board to participate in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 2018.

Supervisor Shaw received a contract from ACE(County Waste & Recycling). Supervisor Shaw would like to get prices from other companies before signing the contract. Supervisor Shaw will have more information next month.

Supervisor Shaw received correspondence from NYS Ag. & Markets regarding the Dog Control Officer's shelter inspection. The inspection was completed on 4/12/2018 and was rated "Satisfactory".

Building Inspector; LaVerne Davis informed Supervisor Shaw that the Mobile Home Ordinance needs to be reviewed and updated. Supervisor Shaw asked the board if they want to meet with LaVerne and review the Mobile Home Ordinance. The board agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

Supervisor Shaw stated that Assessor; Holly Couse has not completed her schooling. If she does not complete the necessary classes by November, she cannot be an assessor.

The Town Clerk received correspondence stating that Scott Sprague has completed the Board of Assessment Review Training.

**PRESENTATION- SARAH IDLEMAN; GREENWICH SUPERVISOR**

Sarah presented the board with information regarding the Town of Greenwich Youth Program. The program runs for 6 weeks, 5 days a week from 9am-3pm. The Greenwich children pay \$30.00 for the six weeks. They have children come from different towns. If they attend the morning program the cost is \$200.00. If they attend both morning and afternoon program the cost is \$230.00. Sarah is asking the Town of Easton to help with a portion of the funds which would allow each Easton child enrolled in the program a partial refund based on the amount the town would contribute. The board had some questions regarding if the children need to be residents of the Greenwich School District. The board agreed not to take any action at this time until there is clarification that all Easton residents would be able to enroll in the program. Sarah said she will get that information and get back to the board.

Sarah stated she would like the use of Burton Hall on Wednesday, May 16 for a Democrat function. The Town Clerk said she would check to see if it was available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- OPEN 7:40P.M.**

Bob Stevens- McGown Rd.- Bob informed the board that they should be aware of loosing local control of solar placement in small areas and they should read the article in the March/April Towns & Topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- CLOSED 7:48P.M.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

BUILDING COMMITTEE; Supervisor Shaw read the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting as follows; The purpose of the meeting is to develop a time line and things we need to accomplish before project starts. Larmon Movers said the time frame would work, the actual lifting would start the end of July or first part of August. The town office's will start being moved by June 25<sup>th</sup>. The town board will hold the July meeting on July 2, after that the town offices would need to be moved out of Burton Hall. The Easton Fire Company has offered their building to the town for temporary office space. There will be no events held at Burton Hall after July 13<sup>th</sup>. Residents will be notified regarding the temporary move to the town office's. The back of Burton Hall will need to be removed before construction begins. The town will advertise for bids in May for the removal of the back of Burton Hall. The furnace will need to be removed from the building and stored at the highway garage. The oil tanks will have to be emptied, septic tank will need to be pumped out and removed.

Supervisor Shaw reported that the town will pay \$200/month rent to the fire department. Attorney Tim Bulger will draw up a contract. Dick Look will send the fire department an insurance rider.

The highway department said they could remove the back of Burton Hall, remove the furnace and oil tanks.

Supervisor Shaw stated that two witnesses need to be present when the bids are open on Wednesday, May 30 at 9:00a.m. The board agreed the town should have a bond. The chimneys will be left as is.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 14, at 6:30p.m. to discuss the Burton Hall Project and review the Mobile Home Ordinance.

INSURANCE: Chair: Bill Herrick/Aindrea Lundberg- Councilman Herrick reported that the insurance premium for this year will be 3% less than last years.

TOWN POLICIES: Chair: Aindrea Lundberg/Randy Moy- **NO REPORT**

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Chair: Scott Brownell/Bill Herrick- **NO REPORT**

HIGHWAY: Chair: Randy Moy/Scott Brownell- Councilman Moy reported that they are working on what roads will be paved. Supervisor Shaw asked if they are bidding on county contract. The board agreed they would be bidding on county contract.

**RESOLUTION#29-18**

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH DARRELL HILL**

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Moy, second by Councilman Brownell to authorize an agreement with Darrell Hill to remove all wood from the gravel pit for the purpose of screening sand for the sum of \$1.00. The highway will set markers.

Adopted 4 Ayes                      Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1                                Lundberg

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Shaw submitted his monthly report for May.

TOWN CLERK: Sharon Archambeault reported that she collected \$900.00 for the month of April. A check for \$17.00 was submitted to NYS Ag. & Markets for the spay/neuter program. The balance of \$883.00 was submitted to the Town Supervisor.

HIGHWAY: Rich Fox reported asked the board if he can declare the old mower as surplus and sell it.

RESOLUTION#30-18

DECLARE OLD MOWER AS SURPLUS AND SELL

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Moy, second by Councilman Brownell to declare the old mower as surplus and sell at auction.

Adopted 4 Ayes        Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw  
Absent 1                Lundberg

Highway Superintendent reported that they are getting the roads ready for paving. Supervisor Shaw informed the board that the county had asked Rich if they could take the debris from the County 113 bridge and dump it at the landfill. Supervisor Shaw said it should be approved by the board. After discussion the board agreed to let the county deposit debris at the landfill and the highway can use it on the banks of the roads.

RESOLUTION#31-18

ALLOW COUNTY TO DISPOSE OF DEBRIS AT LANDFILL

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Brownell to allow the county to deposit the debris from the County Route 113 bridge at the landfill.

Adopted 4 Ayes        Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw  
Absent 1                Lundberg

BUILDING INSPECTOR: LaVerne Davis was absent. LaVerne submitted his report for April. He traveled 103 miles and collected \$565.00 for building permits.

Deputy Building Inspector; Jim Merryman reported that he has spoke with Jim Buxton and Lisa McDonald from the county regarding the county program. Jim will be meeting with the committee to discuss the Town of Easton to use the county program. They may want the board to sign off on it. The county will download the program.

LaVerne informed the board that the town needs to establish a price on solar farm permits.

PLANNING BOARD: Chairman; Bob Stevens reported that they had to cancel their April meeting, did not have a quorum. They had a special meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> and will have a meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS- NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION#32-18

APPROVE GREENWICH ELK'S LODGE FIREWORKS, SUPPORT FIREWORKS PROGRAM AND CLOSE BULSON RD.

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Moy to approve the Greenwich BPOE Elk's Lodge 2223 fireworks display on Saturday, July 7, 2018. WHEREAS, correspondence has been received from the Greenwich BPOE Lodge 2223 informing the Town Board that they are applying for a fireworks permit from the Town of Easton pursuant to section 405 of the Penal Law to stage a fireworks display at their lodge property on July 7, 2018 and WHEREAS, the Alonzo Fireworks, is duly insured contractor of such events and will manage the technical details of the operation, and WHEREAS, the Greenwich BPOE Lodge No. 2223 agrees to notify, in writing, the residents on that section of Bulson Road between Route 40 and Hegeman Bridge Road of the fireworks display and provide them with access to the highway, now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Easton grants permission for the fireworks display to be held at the Greenwich BPOE Lodge No. 2223 property on the evening of July 7, 2018 and be it further RESOLVED that this permitting resolution is applicable only for the date and place above named.

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Moy to donate \$300.00 to the Greenwich Elk's Fireworks Program.

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Moy to close the section of Bulson Road from Route 40 to Hegeman Bridge Road on Saturday, July 7, 2018 not before 6:00p.m. and not to exceed midnight for the duration of the fireworks display at the Greenwich Elks Lodge.

Adopted 4 Ayes Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1 Lundberg

#### RESOLUTION#33-18

#### ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT PRIOR NOTICE LAW

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Moy, second by Councilman Herrick to advertise a Public Hearing to adopt the Prior Notice Law.

Adopted 4 Ayes Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

Absent 1 Lundberg

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT- OPEN 9:06P.M.**

Art Erbe- asked what the update is on the Easton Fire Department. Supervisor Shaw stated that a couple of members that have not been at the meetings are attending now and participating.

Pete Simoneau- MeetingHouse Rd.- asked if Darrell Hill needs to be certified to clear out debris at the landfill. Supervisor Shaw said only if he is logging.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT- CLOSED- 9:09P.M.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09p.m. by Supervisor Shaw

Sharon Archambeault

Easton Town Clerk