

February 12, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a regular Board meeting on February 12, 2025.

Present were: Lisa M. Driscoll, Supervisor
 Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember
 Erik R. Reeve, Councilmember
 Dwayne C. Hill, Councilmember
 Donna VanSickell, Councilmember

Also present: Russel Hatch, Supt. of Highways
 Heidi R. Stevens, Town Clerk
 Laurie Bedford, Town Assessor

Others present: Henry L. Browning
 Elizabeth Page, Editor for The Mountain Eagle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll. Supervisor Driscoll led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Driscoll asked if there was any correspondence for Board? Heidi Stevens reported to the Board that they received a thank you card from Linda Goss. Ms. Goss was thanking the Board for the gift and retirement party. She very much appreciated their thoughtfulness.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the fuel bid. The Town received one fuel bid from Mirabito Energy Products. Posting prices as of February 10, 2025 for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel are \$2.6628/gal and for Kerosene \$2.9667/gal. The Fluctuating bid price for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel \$2.7172/gal and for Kerosene \$3.0508/gal. The Fixed price for the Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel \$2.7018/gal and for Kerosene \$3.3018/gal. Russel informed the Board that it is left up to the Board to decide which to agree on. Either the Fluctuating or the Fixed prices for the year. A discussion was had.

Patrick F. Funk made a motion to accept the Fluctuating Bid pricing second by Dwayne C. Hill. All voting Aye.

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EASEMENT TO NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC &
GAS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield, held at 25399 State Hwy 23, Harpersfield, NY on the 12th day of February, 2025, the following resolution was offered by Patrick F. Funk and seconded by Donna VanSickell:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield entered into a Land Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of a wireless communications facility at 25399 State Route 23 in the Town of Harpersfield; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of Harpersfield approved a site plan and special permit application submitted by Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of said wireless communications facility; and

WHEREAS, as part of its review of the project, the Planning Board issued a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless submitted a request for electric service to New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) at the above-referenced location to proceed with the installation project; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide electric service to the location, NYSEG requires an easement to install the facilities at the project location and has submitted a proposed Easement to the Town for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the attached Easement and finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to approve said Easement, that the specific easement area is not needed for municipal purposes, and that the availability of electric service to the facility constitutes fair and adequate consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield hereby approves and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into and execute the Easement as attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Town Law §64(2) this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

CERTIFICATION

I, Heidi Stevens, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Harpersfield and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield at a meeting held at the Town Hall, 25399 State Hwy 23, Harpersfield, New York on the 12th day of February, 2025. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Lisa Driscoll	Aye.
Deputy Supervisor Pat Funk	Aye.
Councilmember Dwayne Hill	Aye.
Councilmember Erik Reeve	Aye.
Councilmember Donna VanSickell	Aye.

Dated: February 12, 2025

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is Judges Audit. Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll presented the Board with the Audit and check list. A discussion was had.

A motion to accept the Judges Audit was made by Patrick F. Funk second by Dwayne C. Hill. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll asked the councilmembers if they had anything to address with the Board? Councilmember Funk told the Board that he put a message out asking the public to break down the cardboard when bringing it to the Transfer Station. Supervisor Driscoll said that she spoke with Luis regarding the cardboard. Luis told her that it is best to break the cardboard down then put it all in a bigger box. Then throw the big box down the slot. When the broken down boxes are sent down the slot, some of the cardboard is getting stuck in the machine. Supervisor Driscoll told the Board that Paintcare is working very well so far. Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll told the Board that the Town had to buy new tires for the skid steer. Russel found them for \$1600.00. When Luis went to pick them up, he was able to talk the man down to the \$1300.00.

Supervisor Lisa M. Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the Town of Highway Superintendent.

Russel informed the Board that he sent a couple of the Highway employees to check the status of the new truck. When the guys got there, they noticed that it was the wrong body for the truck. The Town had ordered stainless steel the manufacturer shipped a steel body. The Town has been waiting a year for this truck body. When Russel spoke with them today, they had no time frame because now they need to reorder the correct body. A discussion was had.

Russel informed the Board that one of the Towns trucks was in an accident. A gentleman was driving behind the truck and when the Towns truck slowed down the man could not stop and slid into the back of the truck. We have not received the accident report yet. There was no damage done to the Towns truck.

Russel informed the board that next on the agenda is the 284 agreement. The list agreement is an explanation of what the Highway department plans on spending on the roads this year. On the road commencing at Middlebrook Hill Road starting at State Highway 23 and leading to County Hwy 29, 3.3 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$80,218.05. To seal and pave. On the road commencing at Moxham Road starting at Middlebrook Hill Road and leading to the Town line, 1.03 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$25,037.75. To seal and pave. On the road commencing at New Road starting at Shaver Road and leading to Hornbeck Road,

.88 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$21,391.48. To seal and pave. On the Road commencing at Parker Schoolhouse Road starting a Quaker and leading to the Town line, 1.13 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$27,468.61. To seal and pave. On the road commencing at Zimmerman starting at Parker Schoolhouse Road and leading to the dead end, .24 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,834.04. On the road commencing at Wilcox Road starting at State Hwy 23 and leading to Middlebrook Hill Road, 1.63 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$39,622.86. To seal and pave.

Russel received a call from 911. Headwaters went down into a driveway and could not get back out. 911 contacted the Town to come and sand a private driveway, so the ambulance could get out. Russel wanted to bring this matter to the Board. A discussion was had. Russel asked the Town Board their thoughts on this matter. The Board responded with, the Town should not be responsible for private driveways even for emergency vehicles. This could cause a number of different expenses for the Town. The Board would like to make some sort of policy to protect the Town from being contacted for private driveways.

Tax Collectors Report for the month of January was issued to the Board. The Town received an interest check in the amount of \$968.49, and check for 1,351,547.27 was issued to the Town for Real Property Taxes.

The Town Clerks Report for the month of January was issued to the Board. The amount that the Town received was \$771.03.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the Abstract and Vouchers. The vouchers were issued to the Board to be reviewed. A discussion was had. The Board signed the Abstracts for all vouchers.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Patrick F. Funk second by Dwayne C. Hill. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Driscoll informed the Board that next on the agenda is the Supervisors Report for January. Supervisor did a recap on the 2024 budget. For last year General A \$539,000.00 not including Appropriated fund balance of \$100,000.00. The expenditures were \$607,000.00. Last year General B, the Town was about \$4,700.00 short. There was a bill that came out of the budget that should have been on the 2023 budget. Last year DA, the Town had \$309,000.00 the Town spent \$294,000.00. Last year DB, the CHIPS money will go in at \$192,000.00 bringing it to \$642,000.00 spending \$657,000.00. The updated Profit and Loss will be at the Board meeting next month. Retirement is paid for January 2025. DB the Town has spent \$40,000.00 on snow removal for January. A discussion was had.

Laurie Bedford gave an update of where the assessors are with their field inspections. Laurie told the Board that they are almost done with the inspections of homes and properties. The deadline is March 1, 2025. They are lacking in a couple of agriculture changes that need to be done this year. She will follow up with those people and see where they are with those. She asked that anybody who knows of anyone that needs to fill out that form to please let them know the deadline. A discussion was had.

A motion to go into an executive session for personnel and possible litigation by Patrick F. Funk second by Dwayne C. Hill at 8:05 PM. All voting Aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dwayne C. Hill second by Donna VanSickell at 8:50 PM. All voting Aye.

The next regular Meeting of the Town Board will be held on Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM.