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Town Board Meeting

November 12, 2024

A Town Board Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 12094 Route 23, Ashland, New York on the 12th day of November 2024.

PRESENT: James Garraghan -----Councilperson

Jeffrey Gonzalez----- Councilperson

John Mattice-----Councilperson

Scott Tuttle-----Deputy Supervisor/Councilperson

Heather Younes-----Deputy Clerk/Collector

- 1) **Call Meeting to order/Pledge:** Deputy Tuttle called meeting to order at 7:35 PM followed by the Salute to the Flag.
- 2) **Comments from The Floor:** No general public was in attendance. Chief operator Castle gave monthly report on water district as well as Waste Water Treatment Plant monthly report.
- 3) **Adopt 2025 Budget:** A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice to adopt 2025 budget as written. All Board members are in favor.
- 4) **Raising Mowing and Plowing Rates:** Tabled until December
- 5) **Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption:** Town Board members looked at communication regarding the tax exemption for the senior citizens and disabled about changing the sliding scale. Mattice made a motion to accept the dollar amounts that the County is proposing for January 2025 with a seconded by Garraghan. All Board Members are in favor.
- 6) **Adopt General Fund Resolution #12:** Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution of 2024 to balance accounts in 2024 and moved its adoption, to transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance \$58,645.51 and transferred to Town Clerk for postage \$10.45 Town Board -Contractual/Misc. \$134.28 Personnel-Personal Service \$3,253.20 Engineer-Contractual/Misc. \$960.25 Central Service- Office Supplies \$ 642.13 Pubic Safety-Contractual Misc \$92.00 Playground & Rec- Outside Maintenance \$52.94 Refuse & Garbage- Contractual \$525.03 Employee Benefit/State Retirement- \$5,615.23 Employee Benefit/State Retirement-\$47,360.00. A motion was made Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice. All members in favor.

7) **Adopt Water District Fund Resolution #9:** Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution of 2024 to balance accounts in 2024 and moved its adoption, to transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance \$6,355.03 and transfer to Purification- \$180.72 Transmission/Distribution \$6,174.31. A motion was made by Mattice with a seconded by Garraghan. All members in favor

8) **Adopt Highway Fund Resolution #7:** Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution of 2024 to balance accounts in 2024 and moved its adoption, to transfer from Unappropriated Fund \$56,951.98 and transferred to General Repair-Personal Service \$44,651.20 General Repair-Contractual \$845.97 Machinery Item- Equipment \$650.63 Snow Removal Item-Contractual \$7,190.81 Employee Benefit/Social Security \$3,613.37. A motion was made by Gonzalez with a seconded by Garraghan. All in favor

9) **Adopt Sewer District Resolution #8:** Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution of 2024 to balance accounts in 2024 and moved its adoption, to transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance \$5,628.98 and transferred to Insurance-\$3,457.00 Maintenance Supplies-\$67.83 Chemicals-\$1,006.90 Sewer District Contractual-\$536.70 Telephone-\$560.55. A motion was made by Mattice with a seconded by Gonzalez. All in favor

10) **Adopt Ambulance District Resolution #7:** Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution of 2024 to balance accounts in 2024 and moved its adoption, to transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance \$878.18 and transferred to Travel Expense-\$150.00 Cell Phone-\$113.97 Equipment Repairs-\$229.60 Disposable Supplies- \$129.21 Postage-\$20.40 Contractual Miscellaneous-\$235.00. A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Gonzalez. All in favor

11) **Adopt Town Board Resolutions:**

Resolution #51- Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. To authorize the Supervisor to use the sum of \$878.18 from the Ambulance

District Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2024 in the Ambulance District Fund. In order to adjust the Ambulance District Fund Budget, the Town board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance account, and also increased the Appropriation Account for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice. All in favor

Resolution #52- Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. To authorize the Supervisor to use the sum of \$5,628.98 from the Sewer District Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2024 in the Sewer District. In order to adjust the Sewer District Budget, the Town board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance account, and also increased the Appropriation Account for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was made by Gonzalez with a seconded by Mattice. All in favor

Resolution #53- Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. To authorize the Supervisor to use the sum of \$56,951.98 from the Highway Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2024 in the Highway Fund. In order to adjust the Highway

Fund Budget, the Town board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance account, and also increased the Appropriation Account for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice. All in favor

Resolution #54- Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. To authorize the Supervisor to use the sum of \$6,355.03 from the Water District Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2024 in the Water District. In order to adjust the Water District Budget, the Town Board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance Account, and also increased the Appropriation Account for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was made by Gonzalez with a seconded by Garraghan. All in favor

Resolution #55- Deputy Tuttle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. To authorize the Supervisor to use the sum of \$58,645.51 from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2024 in the General Fund. Water District. In order to adjust the General Fund Budget, the Town Board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance Account, and also increased the Appropriation Account for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice. All in favor

12) **MONTHLY REPORTS FROM TOWN CLERK** A motion was made by Mattice to accept October 2024 monthly report with a seconded by Garraghan. All in Favor

13) **AMBULANCE WRITEOFFS-**

A motion was made by Gonzalez with a seconded by Garraghan to accept the Ambulance fees and write off collateral report. Motion approved. All in favor

14) **Partridge Road Update-** Garraghan, Tuttle, and Larry will be going to Partridge Road and do an onsite visit Friday November 15, 2024 at 1PM.

15) **Communications:** Communications were read and discussed

16) **Insulation of Records Room-**Tabled for December.

17) **Code Enforcement-** Tabled for December

18) **Proposed Contract with LVDV-** Tabled until December meeting.

19) **Executive Session-** Ashland Town Board went into executive session at 8:30 to discuss personnel matters. Executive session ended at 9PM.

20) **PAY THE BILLS**

Warrant #11 General \$ 72,341.21 Warrant #11 Highway Fund \$60,693.07

Warrant #11 WWTP \$23,469.42 Warrant #11 Water \$18,116.34

Warrant #11 Ambulance District \$83,490.60 Warrant #11 Magda Lane Road \$49,532.00

A motion was made by Gonzalez to pay the bills as written, seconded by Mattice. All in Favor

26) **Adjournment**: A motion was offered from Garraghan with a seconded from Mattice, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Heather Younes Deputy Town Clerk