

Town of Niagara
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, **February 15, 2022** at Town Hall

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
 - a. The February 15, 2022 monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Chairman DeClark, Supervisor Neuens, Supervisor Sanicki, Treasurer Emond, and Clerk Johnson present.
3. Approve or amend the agenda items for the February 15, 2022 board meeting.
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve the agenda items for the February 15, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried. No negative votes.
4. Approve or Amend minutes of the January 18, 2022 regular Town meeting
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Town meeting as presented. Motion carried. No negative votes.
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. No negative votes.
6. Public Comment: Non-discussion from Board
 - a. President of Rescue squad presented the need to help pay for defib, which cost \$70,000. This may be a place for ARPA funds. They also made an appeal for volunteers to help sustain the local rescue squad, which can work with the local people.
 - b. Chairman wanted a verbal approval from the supervisors to start a conversation with the City of Niagara judge and clerk, which was given. This will be on the March agenda.
 - c. Randy Miller will have a Meet and Greet on March 3rd from 6-8pm
 - d. Clerk seeking recommendation on how to handle the Anderson Tackman bill for \$50.
7. Discussion/Action on broadband upgrades in the Town of Niagara through Astrea (under CCI)
 - a. Andy came to the meeting to present this grant application process. They seek a formal partnership to begin the grant process to install fiber optics on the south and east end of the Town of Niagara (south of Penrod to Bomber's and by GAD building and then south toward Pembine). With Cory on the phone, we were told that 50mgs for \$50. This will begin with a resolution and followed by supporting through outreach. A letter of commitment is needed. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve the partnership with Astrea with a future commitment letter to be approved at the March meeting for these broadband upgrades in the Town of Niagara. The Town has no plans to contribute financial resources for this project. Motion carried. No negative votes.

8. Discussion/Action on naming new Road
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve making a resolution for the March meeting to submit a ROW waiver to the DOT. After this the Town plans on contacting all the residents with a survey and ask for their preference on naming the new road if this becomes a Town road. One such name suggested is Whippoorwill Lane (or road). Motion carried. No negative votes.
9. Discussion/Action on hiring a part time hall rental coordinator
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve looking for a part time hall rental coordinator.
10. Discussion/Action on where to spend the ARPA funds (report/plan is due April 30, 2022)
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/ Neuens) to approve the clerk purchasing totes and binders for the records room, not to exceed \$3,000 for the whole records room organization. Motion carried, No negative votes.
 - b. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) get quotes on a new 1-ton truck. Motion Carried. No Negative votes.
 - c. The consideration for the rescue squad and fire department is still being considered.
11. Discussion/Action on ideas for Federal grant for roads (BIL) finding an engineer
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve finding an engineer to plan the project. Motion carried. No negative votes.
12. Discussion/Action on hiring another part-time road crew employee.
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) for the Clerk to advertise through MI Works for another part-time road crew employee. Motion carried. No negative votes.
13. Discussion/Action on Planning Commission recommendation for Stone Use Permit
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve the Stone Use Permit under the rules of no parking on town road (and following parking ordinance), under the 49 people count (which is the rating from fire chief for the building), events ending by 9pm, and the assurance of the applicant to reach out to the neighbors to explain their intent. Motion carried. No negative votes.
 - b. Moving forward with future USE half mile radius mailings to offer to the applicant to submit a more detailed description to be included in the mailing
14. Discussion/Action on amending the 2021 budget
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/ Neuens) to approve amending the 2021 budget as presented to accommodate the extra spending. Motion carried. No negative votes.
15. Road Report
 - a. Plowing snow
 - b. Order more blades (with extra scraping of bare roads)
 - c. Culverts are holding up so far
 - d. In a month or so weight restrictions will be going up.
16. Standing Committees: (May include reports from other special committees)

a. Report Planning Commission: The public hearing held Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6pm at the Town hall. (report presented)

b. Report from Zoning Administrator: No report for January

17. Announce next meeting – Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

18. Adjourn

a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.
No negative votes.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Johnson, Town Clerk _____

Chairman DeClark Supervisor Neuens Supervisor Sanicki