

TOWN OF HORSEHEADS
TOWN BOARD
July 24, 2019
8:00 A.M.

The second monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Horseheads was held at the above date at the Town Hall, 150 Wygant Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.

Members Present: Michael W. Edwards, Supervisor; Donald Fischer, Deputy Supervisor; Gary H. Riopko, Carl R. Lewis, Sr. and Stephen E. Wilber, Councilmen.

Others Present: Cathy Wood, Deputy Town Clerk; John P. Mustico, Town Attorney, Marty Vanderhoff, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Edwards called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Supervisor Edwards began the discussion on the Teamster's Contract. He received a copy of the contract and it will be reviewed by Town Attorney, John P. Mustico. There are items within the contract that still need to be discussed. Supervisor Edwards will call the Teamster's representative to discuss these items.

Next, the Board went on to discuss the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC). Supervisor Edwards had conversation with Don Barber, the Consortium's current executive director. Medicare Advantage may not be available through the Consortium. The Town would stay with the existing agent with regards to Medicare Advantage. The Consortium would like all employers to be members. Supervisor Edwards also discussed the possibility of the Teamsters joining the Consortium or not joining. As far as the Benefits Summaries, provided by the Consortium, it appears the differences in benefits provided between the plans are minimal. Both are Excellus plans. The Consortium's premiums are lower. The GTCMHIC offers 2 tiers, single or family. Switching to the GTCMHIC would have very little cost change to the Town because of the base set several years ago. 2020 enrollment must be done by the end of August 2019.

Motion by Mr. Wilber, seconded by Mr. Fischer authorizing the Town Supervisor to make application to contract with the GTCMHIC for Employee Health Insurance

Resolution # 105 of 2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO FILE APPLICATION
TO CONTRACT WITH THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Resolution by Mr. Wilber, seconded by Mr. Fischer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to file application to contract with the Greater Tompkins county Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC) for employee health insurance to begin January 1, 2020.

Ayes: Fischer, Riopko, Lewis, Wilber and Edwards. Nays: None.

At this portion of the meeting, Supervisor Edwards discussed the salary increase for William Rapalee. Marty Vanderhoff expressed promoting Bill Rapalee to supervise the operations of the park as the current supervisor has taken a position in the Code office. Bill is currently a part-time seasonal employee for the park. In lieu of a stipend, Marty Vanderhoff suggested increasing Bill's hourly rate.

Resolution #106 of 2019

**RESOLUTION CREATING POSITION OF SEASONAL
FULL-TIME PARK SUPERVISOR**

Resolution by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Fischer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Horseheads hereby creates the position of Full-time Seasonal Park Supervisor.

Ayes: Fischer, Riopko, Lewis, Wilber and Edwards. Nays: None

Resolution #107 of 2019

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BILL RAPALEE TO THE POSITION OF
FULL-TIME SEASONAL PARK SUPERVISOR**

Resolution by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Riopko

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bill Rapalee is hereby appointed to the position of Park Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$17.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, this position is a full-time seasonal position.

Ayes: Fischer, Riopko, Lewis, Wilber and Edwards. Nays: None

Next, the board discussed the purchase of a Kenworth T880 Ten Wheeler. Supervisor Edwards began the discussion stating this is a 2020 budget item. Marty Vanderhoff is working on the documentation and pricing. Delivery date is anticipated late 2020. The vehicle will be automatic, contain an air bag on one side of truck, include GPS tracking and have back-up camera. A camera for the front or dash board will be looked into.

Resolution #108 of 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KENWORTH T880 TEN WHEELER PURCHASE

Resolution by Mr. Riopko, seconded by Mr. Lewis

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent informed the Town Board of his desire to purchase a Kenworth T880 Ten Wheeler, and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent will prepare the proper documentation to proceed with purchase, and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent will investigate the price of adding a front camera or a dash camera to the new Kenworth T880 Ten Wheeler, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horseheads hereby authorizes Marty Vanderhoff, Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a complete 2020 Kenworth T880 Ten Wheeler from Norther Tier Kenworth, pursuant to provisions of General Municipal Law §103 (16) for \$266,125.53, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purchase falls within the exception to bidding requirements created by General Municipal Law §103(16) which allows a municipality to purchase equipment based upon a contract let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein; the contract has been made available for use by other government entities; and the contract was let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with General Municipal Law §103.

Ayes: Fischer, Riopko, Wilber, Lewis and Edwards. Nays: None.

Next, Supervisor Edwards discussed the Decommissioning Agreements with NY Horseheads I, LLC and NY Horseheads II, LLC, and asked Town Attorney John P. Mustico to begin the discussion. The Solar Farm, located at 198 Hickory Grove Road, was already approved and the Decommissioning Agreements are the last step in the process. There are two solar arrays being constructed.

Resolution #109 of 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENTS

Resolution by Mr. Wilber, seconded by Mr. Fischer

WHEREAS, the Planning Board by Resolution #17 of 2018, approved installation of 2 Community Solar Photovoltaic Facilities, location 198 Hickory Grove Road, and

WHEREAS, the Decommissioning Agreements between the Town and the owner are the last step in the process, and

WHEREAS, deposits will be made into 2 separate banks accounts, the Owners Federal I.D. number is required, and

WHEREAS, the initial deposit is \$20,000, into a special purpose account designated by the Town, for each project and a yearly deposit of \$1,000 for the term of 20 years, and

WHEREAS, at the end of 20 years each bank account balance should be \$40,000 and be utilized for the decommissioning process of the solar arrays at 198 Hickory Grove Road, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a Decommissioning Agreement with NY Horseheads I, LLC and NY Horseheads II, LLC, owners of the Solar Energy Generation Project located at 198 Hickory Grove Road, Horseheads, New York as attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Ayes: Fischer, Riopko, Lewis, Wilber, and Edwards. Nays: None.

At this portion of the meeting, Supervisor Edwards updated Board Members with regards to the status of the Elmira Heights Shared Services Contract, Level Acres PUD, paperwork status needed for a grant and the financial statement received from Rick McNeilly.

At this portion of the meeting a motion was made by Mr. Riopko and seconded by Mr. Wilber to go into executive session at 9:10 A.M. to discuss labor negotiations.

Ayes: Riopko, Lewis, Fischer, Wilber and Edwards. Nays: None.

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Fischer, and seconded by Mr. Lewis to reconvene 10:50 A.M.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, as motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Wilber to adjourn at 10:51 A.M.

Ayes: Riopko, Lewis, Fischer, Wilber and Edwards. Nays: None.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy C. Rohde, Town Clerk