

**TOWN OF HORSEHEADS
TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 24, 2021
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: Donald J. Fischer, Supervisor; Gary Riopko (at 8:32am), Carl R. Lewis, Sr., Stephen E. Wilber, and Donald W. Zeigler, Councilmen.

Others Present: Nancy Rohde, Town Clerk; John Mustico, Town Attorney, Mark Margeson, Gretchen Deglau and Benjamin Erway, Town Historian.

At 8:00 A.M. Supervisor Fischer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

At this portion of the meeting, Supervisor Fischer introduced Benjamin Erway, Town Historian for the Town of Horseheads to the Board. Benjamin was asked to give a presentation to the Board and give them a little background on him and his position as historian.

Ben explained that he became Town Historian in August, 2019. Pre-Covid, he was doing tours and interviews, and he was asked to be the speaker at some American Legion pot luck dinners. Since Covid last March he's been keeping a journal, doing video interviews with local business and he has started a website for the Historical Society. He's also done some videos on facebook, such as visible canal locations around town and the great fire of 1862. He said that people have shown a lot of interest in these. He's also doing a newsletter and working on articles at the Historical museum. They also have a new history team to get more people involved.

He has asked for a subscription for ancestry.com. The level he would like is the full access, which includes international, census, newspapers from all over back to early 1800's, immigration papers and military records. This is an annual cost of about \$400 per year.

Supervisor Fischer said he will check with the Board and get back with him about the ancestry.com membership. He would like to check to see if the Village and Historical Society would share in the cost.

At this portion of the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Wilber and seconded by Mr. Zeigler to add the following to the agenda:

Discussion on Park Fees:

Because of Covid and the parks not fully operating, it was determined to leave the park fees the same for 2021 and to look into new rates for 2022.

Next, the Board spoke with Nathan Nagle, Village of Horseheads Manager about putting temporary fencing up in the recreation complex fields. They have had requests to put temporary fencing out at 300 feet. There is currently fencing at 200 feet. They would like to ensure that the Horseheads highway department installs the posts for the temporary fencing at 300 feet.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion with the Town Clerk, Nancy Rohde.

Nancy spoke with the board regarding a letter she sent to them at the beginning of February requesting a \$4,000.00 increase in her salary.

Resolution #63 of 2021

RESOLUTION INCREASING 2021 SALARY OF TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OR HORSEHEADS

Resolution by Mr. Wilber, seconded by Mr. Riopko

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horseheads did on February 24, 2021 discuss with the Town Clerk her duties and obligations as the same relates to her present compensation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk will necessarily devote her energy to complete her duties and obligations, and

WHEREAS, when the 2021 budget was prepared the salary established for the Town Clerk, the Town Board did not comprehend the depth of her duties and obligations, which include responsibilities as Records Management Officer, Workplace Violence, Sexual Harassment & Safety Coordinator for the Town, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Horseheads in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. The 2021 salary of Nancy Rohde, Town Clerk and the same hereby is increased by \$4,000.00, from \$56,228.00 to \$60,228.00, to take into account the additional duties and obligations the Town Clerk position does entail, which additional remuneration will be prorated over the remaining pay periods of the current fiscal year commencing with the pay period beginning February 25, 2021.
2. Resolution No. 10 for 2021 is so amended to reflect the increase.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes: Riopko, Wilber, Zeigler, and Fischer. Nays: Lewis.

At this portion of the meeting a motion was made by Mr. Wilber, and seconded by Mr. Lewis to go into executive session at 9:17 A.M. to discuss a certain employee.

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

As there was no action taken during executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Riopko and seconded by Mr. Zeigler to reconvene at 9:35 A.M.

Ayes: Riopko, Wilber, Zeigler, and Fischer. Nays: Lewis.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Wilber, and seconded by Mr. Riopko to adjourn at 9:36 A.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy C. Rohde, Town Clerk