

TOWN OF HORSEHEADS
TOWN BOARD
April 28, 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 H. Riopko, Carl R. Lewis, Sr., Stephen E. Wilber and Donald W. Zeigler, Councilmen

Others Present: Nancy Rohde, Town Clerk, Mark Margeson, 5th district legislator, Gretchen Deglau and Nathan Nagle, Village of Horseheads Manager.

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

Resolution #74 of 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF STREET LIGHTS FROM NYSEG

Resolution by Mr. Wilber, seconded by Mr. Lewis

WHEREAS, the Town of Horseheads (Town) has received a proposed “Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Street Lights” relating to the Town’s purchase of street lighting fixtures within the Town from New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) (referred to herein as “the Agreement”), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HORSEHEADS, that the Town entering into the Agreement and carrying out the actions contemplated therein constitutes a Type II action for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and be it further

RESOLVED, the action is considered and declared to be a Type II action, not subject to review, pursuant to SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2), (25) and (26) said action is to acquire ownership of existing street lighting fixtures and then convert said fixtures to new energy saving LED units, which will remain, pursuant to a license agreement, on existing poles that will continue to be owned by NYSEG, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is hereby approved and the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Town Board to execute said Agreement along with such other documents as may be necessary and or advisable to carry out the intentions of the Agreement and this resolution.

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

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Resolution #75 of 2021

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SAMANTHA J. JOCHEM
FULL-TIME JUSTICE COURT CLERK**

Resolution by Mr. Zeigler, seconded by Mr. Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED, That Samantha J. Jochem be hereby appointed as full-time Justice Court Clerk for the Town of Horseheads as of April 29, 2021 at an annual salary of \$36,000.00. A six month probation period will end on October 29, 2021.

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

At this portion of the meeting, Supervisor Fischer wanted to discuss the new marijuana legalization. Regarding opting out (you're automatically opted in) by December 31, 2021. Each municipality can make their own choice. Counties will receiving 1% of the tax transactions, if municipalities are in, they will get 3% and 9% of the tax will go to the State. What is sold in each municipality will get what is sold within their borders. Once you opt in – you can't opt out after 12/31/2021. If the Town chooses to opt out and there are residents who petition to opt in, then this would be put on a ballot and would be up to the voters.

Next, the American Rescue Act (COBRA) was discussed. If someone were to be laid off because of COVID– the employer has to pay their COBRA insurance in full from the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, a motion as made by Mr. Zeigler, and seconded by Mr. Wilber to adjourn at 9:47 A.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy C. Rohde, Town Clerk