

March 19, 2015

The Mina Town Board met on the above date for the regular meeting. Supervisor Brumagin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by leading with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Present: Rebecca Brumagin.....Supervisor
Dennis LuceCouncilman
Dick Watrous.....Councilman

Absent: Scott Bensink.....Councilman
Dave Wilcox.....Councilman

Attended by: Michael Gradler, Tammy Hamilton (FLVFD) (7:23), David Himelein (Chautauqua County Legislator), MaryLou Keith (FLVFD), Ray Keith (FLVFD), Jeff Messinger (Court Officer) (7:45), Nancy Roche (Recreation Committee Chair), Paul Scarem (Mina Highway Superintendent)

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Luce and seconded by Councilman Watrous to accept the minutes of February 12, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments/Concerns from those present:

- Nancy Roche gave a report from the Recreation Committee. She stated that groups and leagues are currently using the gym on a regular basis. The Committee is working on a “Gymnasium Use Procedure”. Since the completion of the new gym floor over 500 individuals have signed in to use the gym. The Recreation Committee is currently looking into repair, sealing or resurfacing of the tennis courts.
- Nancy also reported for the Library Board stating that the new library manager has started and her name is Melissa Froah.
- Michael Gradler presented a letter he wrote with some suggestions he has for the Findley Lake Volunteer Fire Department.
- MaryLou Keith reported that Jacob Seekings, 1st Assistant Fire Chief, has contacted Firefly, a fire equipment dealer and they are coming out to work on the fire engine. Jacob has also been starting and washing the equipment.
- Ray Keith reported that they are struggling at FLVFD meetings with leadership and someone developing and following an agenda.
- Tammy Hamilton passed out the FLVFD financials and said they have one new person interested in joining the fire department.
- David Himelein reported that the County Public Safety Committee met and supported a resolution agreement for lake patrol for Findley Lake this summer. He also reported on a county resolution to increase the county sales tax rate from 7 ½% to 8%. The County Executive, Vince Horrigan is seeking support from State Senator Cathy Young and State Assemblyman Andy Goodell on this sales tax increase.

Comments/Concerns from those not present:

- Councilman Watrous reported that a business owner is parking across from the fire hall in the “no parking” spot which makes it difficult for the fire trucks and ambulance to get in and out of the fire hall.
- Pete Howard asked to be notified if there was another meeting between the fire department and the town board.

Reports:

- Highway Superintendent – Paul Scarem reported 204” of snow this season. He also reported he has two burials to take care of once the ground thaws. He requested that the board adopt a policy “no winter burial” as many other towns have done. He reported that Tim Girts of Girts Sand & Gravel has picked up the tandem axle truck and is trading sand and stone in exchange. Paul also gave the board a list of three different excavators that he had gotten prices on since the Town’s excavator is 21 years old and it’s hard to get replacement parts for it.

Executive Session: At 7:54 pm Councilman Watrous made a motion seconded by Councilman Luce to adjourn to Executive Session for contracts, real property and personnel matters. Motion carried. At 8:35 pm Councilman Luce moved seconded by Councilman Watrous to return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Brumagin reported that the sewer work group will reconvene; that they have not missed any deadlines and that the town board may need to hire a consultant to guide the town through the process.

Correspondence:

- Time Warner Cable – Developments affecting Time Warner Cable subscribers and documentation regarding the current franchise fee.
- Gilbert Locke family – Thank you note for flowers.
- Julius Leone – County Director of Emergency Services offered two people from his staff to come to a meeting and discuss the new radio systems.
- NYS DEC – Dog Control Officer Inspection report.

Reports:

- Assessor – Heather Young-Deyell’s report was handed out. Supervisor Brumagin reported she will be meeting with Supervisor White from French Creek and Supervisor Persons from Sherman to discuss reassessment for the CAP (Coordinated Assessment Program).
- Town Clerk – The Town Clerk’s report was distributed reporting the collection of fees and sales of \$320.00 for the month of February 2015. She has paid the Supervisor \$281.50, NYS Health Department for Marriage Licenses \$22.50, Ag and Markets for dogs, \$16.00.
- Tax Collector – Sherrie Tanner reported that there are only about 160 parcels left for taxes to be collected. The final date for collection at the town office is March 31, 2015 but taxes can be post marked through April 1, 2015.
- Supervisor – Rebecca Brumagin distributed the financial statements through February 28, 2015 and presented detailed financial statements for 2014. The board reviewed the detailed statements.

New Business:

- Supervisor Brumagin reported that the Board of Assessment Review needs three new appointments and that there are two training sessions, one on April 28, 2015 and the other on May 5, 2015.
- Supervisor Brumagin reported the NYS Comptroller’s Annual Report is ready to input into the computerized system.

- Supervisor Brumagin said she would make a phone call to let the person that posted the landfill property know that the “no trespassing” sign needs to come down.
- Supervisor Brumagin reported that the NYSDEC called to let the town know that the trees in the State Fishing Access Area were trimmed. She will contact DEC about planting new trees in the area.
- Supervisor Brumagin was approached about room rental for room #12 and asked the board members what would be the rate for a non-profit organization. The members felt that \$250.00 to \$300.00 per month would be reasonable.
- Councilman Luce made a motion seconded by Councilman Watrous to establish a non-interest bearing checking account with Community Bank for the dam repair grant from NYS Office of Community Renewal. Motion carried.
Ayes – 3 Brumagin, Luce, Watrous
Nays - 0

Payment of Monthly Claims/Transfers:

Payment of Monthly Claims/Transfers – The monthly claims were examined and Councilman Luce moved, seconded by Councilman Watrous, to pay the monthly claims. In the General Fund claim #42 through #70 in the amount of \$49,071.79 and in the Highway Fund, claim #29H through #42H in the amount of \$14,376.75 were approved to pay. Motion carried unanimously.
Approved: Ayes - 3 Brumagin, Luce, Watrous
Nays – 0

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Luce moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie R. Tanner, Town Clerk