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Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 14, 2021

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Broadalbin Town Board for the month of September was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the Municipal Complex, 201 Union Mills Rd., Broadalbin, NY 12025. Town Supervisor Sheila Perry presided.

### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the American Flag said in unison, and a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/ 2001.

### **Roll Call**

Supervisor Perry – present  
Councilman Bardascini – present  
Councilman Kissinger -present  
Councilman Bogardus – present  
Councilwoman Pasquarelli - present

### **Present**

Assessor – Laurie Bollock  
Planning Board Member - Jarod Abrams  
Planning Board Member – Mike Rorick  
Planning Board Chair – Mike Crispin  
BYC Fundraiser Keith Buchanan  
Attorney Carmel Greco  
BYC Lou Magliocca

### **Speaker**

Aaron Dyer the Trail Master of the Charleton Snowmobile Club presented this evening to discuss the winter plans for the Town of Broadalbin for the winter season of 2021-2022. Aaron stated the Charleton Snowmobile Club maintains 56 miles of trails for riders, 12 miles funded by Fulton County and 3 miles unfunded. In the 2020 -2021 season they lost the Sacandaga Lake access route, which was by McMurrays on Lakeview Rd., because of past disruptive behavior to their property. Aaron stated for this season they have access to the Sacandaga Lake by way of Springer's Farm along Lakeview Rd. to Kasson Lane, using 1,000 feet along the south side of Lakeview Rd. New York State Law states the club may use up to 1,500 feet of roadside. Aaron stated he wants to do the right thing for the community by placing snow fencing and signage to make the trail clear for riders and residents. Discussion continued

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of past access to the Village Hotel, which Aaron stated he will check on. He stated 98 % of riders follow the rules with 2% that do not. Last season tickets were issued near Galway Lake for trespassers and unregistered snowmobiles. Aaron stated all landowners are covered by the New York State Snowmobile Insurance they carry 100% and will provide the Town with a copy of the policy by next week. With the signage Aaron stated he uses aluminum nails for the signs in the trees

and will be GPS'ing for possible funding from grants and to put it on Google Maps for residents to view.

-Councilman Bardascini stated he would like to see the lake access in writing to assure the residents for clarification.

-Supervisor Perry thanked Aaron for his presentation this evening.

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bogardus  
**A MOTION ALLOWING SUPERVISOR PERRY TO SIGN AND APPROVE THE CHARLETON SNOWMOBILE CLUB TO USE THE TRAIL ROUTE IN THE TOWN OF BROADALBIN UPON PROVIDING THEIR INSURANCE POLICY BEFORE THE 2021-2022 SEASON.**

No further discussion.

VOTE: Perry -aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -aye Bogardus -aye Pasquarelli – aye

### **Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting August 10, 2021**

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Supervisor Perry  
**RESOLUTION # 2021-108 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2021.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from August 10, 2021.

No further discussion.

VOTE: Perry -aye Bogardus -aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -abstained Pasquarelli -abstained

\*Councilman Kissinger and Councilwoman Pasquarelli were absent at August 10, 2021 meeting.

### **Communications**

#### **Town Clerk**

The Secretary of State authenticated the population as of 2020 was 5,145 which is down 115 from 2010, according to the 2020 Federal Census.

#### **Supervisor**

-September 13 – 17<sup>th</sup> is Lifeline Telephone Program Awareness Week, which is designed to make the Lifeline Program more affordable for income eligible consumers.

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-Supervisor Perry stated the County has approved by resolution a new rate schedule for Election Inspectors as follows.

General Election	6 am -9 pm	\$256
Primary Election	6 am -9 pm	256
Village election	12pm - 9 pm	160
Early Voting	8 hours	144
Early Voting	5 hours	96
Inspector School		32
Inspector Elections		25
Election Day Chair		25

-Life Net has now moved to the Fulton County Airport on Route 67 from the Town of Glen, consisting of one nurse, one doctor and one pilot with accommodations staffed at all times. There is also a new hangar and three (3) helicopters which makes emergency services closer to our area.

-Ambulance service is now contracted for the County by GVAC, which is covering the eastern area of Fulton County, St. Johnsville Fire Dept. will be covering the western area and Johnstown Fire Dept. covering the Middle area of Fulton County. This is appropriated by the County with @ \$472,680 per yr.

-Dept. of Health states if you have been exposed to COVID go for a test five (5) days after exposure, whether you are vaccinated or not. They are still tracing and tracking people with COVID. School districts are now on their own, with all others have deferred to the CDC. At this time there is an average of @ 25 new cases per day with @ 170 active cases presently.

**Town Board** - nothing at this time

**Bookkeeper** - monthly financials provided to the Board by Theresa Butkevitch.

-Supervisor Perry stated as a Legal Notice was published in The Leader Herald, tonight we will begin our 2022 budget review, which will be called to order after we adjourn tonight's regular meeting, recess and reconvene, allowing us to continue every Tuesday evening at 7pm until the 2022 budget is complete. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

## **Department Reports**

### **Assessor**

Laurie Bollock stated her office has been out taking pictures and collecting inventory from building permits, entering all data, pictures, transfers, address changes, splits and mergers. The office has been quiet with the exception of questions on school tax bills. School taxes have gone down this year. Last years 2020 tax rate was \$22.04/\$1,000 and this year 2021 is \$21.55/\$1,000. Laurie paused for questions, stating if no questions she has other assessing issues to do this evening.

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**Building and Grounds** - Councilman Kissinger stated the salt shed repairs are being done. It may need a new roof sometime in the future.

-Supervisor Perry stated she has requested the mower (Rob Lindsay) to do some shrubbery trimming around the Municipal Building.

-Supervisor Perry requested from the Board to move the door of the Historian's Office to enlarge the Supervisor's office, using the same door, making it an "L" shape, which will be a cost of less than \$1,000, therefore no bid will be needed. This was previously discussed with the Board approval.

**Code Enforcer** - not present, however liaison Councilwoman Pasquarelli, talked with him earlier and stated permits are increasing with the beginning of the Fall season.

**Dog Control** -not present

**Highway** - not present

**Justice Court** - Councilman Bardascini read aloud the report provided by Court Clerks Jennifer Gilston and Janye Dygert as follows. In August 2021 there were fines collected of \$6,613, of which \$3,446 were from old cases, 92 cases seen, consisting of 51 VTL tickets, 5PL, 2Civil, 0 VO and 0 DEC.

**Planning Board** - Chairman Mike Crispin stated at the last meeting they approved a minor subdivision on Jackson Vly Rd. Also noted, after the next meeting scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Planning Board minutes will be made available, by the Town Clerk, to the website after approval of said minutes, with addresses mentioned and not names of individuals. Town Clerk stated the forms and fees are already on the website.

**Town Attorney** – Carm Greco stated all Town current legal work is up to date at this time.

-Carm stated he received an e-mail today stating the Town is required to pass a Local Law by the end of 2021 in regard to whether or not the Town will permit Cannabis Health Use, Retail Dispensaries or Onsite Consumption Licenses in the Town of Broadalbin.

-Carm stated we can choose to opt in by default, stating once you opt in the Town can never opt out.

-Discussion of the short time frame to prepare for a Public Hearing on this subject, informing residents, along with budget meetings every week, Attorney Greco advised for the Supervisor to write a letter for an extension.

-Town Board members stated both for and against opting for the passing of this Local Law allowing licenses and would like more time to review.

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### **Town Park/BYC**

-Keith Buchanan stated Collins Turf has done some recent weed control on the parking lot and infield of the baseball fields. The School Modified teams have been playing and more advertising signage has been placed on the fences.

-Councilman Bardascini inquired as to why the Town Tax Payers are responsible for the additional \$880 from Collins Turf for weed control to the baseball fields and parking lot that was vouchered for this meeting?

-Supervisor Perry stated at the last BYC meeting on Sept. 11, 2021 the BYC Board approved a resolution for the \$880 to be spent on weed control but can remove the voucher if the Town Board thought inappropriate. The Town Board removed the voucher at this time.

-Keith stated on November 6 and 7, 2021 will be the Homeshow and Craft Fair along with a chicken Bar-B-Que.

-Supervisor Perry stated at last Saturday's BYC meeting Sept. 11, 2021, it was determined that the Youth Commission will send a letter to the Town of Perth asking for a yearly donation to the BYC in their budget.

-Councilman Bogardus inquired as to if there will more options at the Park for residents to use like a walking path? Keith stated there are more plans for the Park in the future such as a walking path, benches, etc. He stated for now they are just getting their feet under them.

### **Public Comment**

-Jared Abrams stated he had a renter that needed a permit to redo his trailer roof with metal and discussed this with the Code Enforcer who apparently stated it was not needed. Jarod was concerned if an accident happened, he wanted to be sure the permit was in place and the renter had his own insurance. The Town Clerk stated the permit came through the office this morning and is in the Code Enforcer's mailbox to address.

-Councilwoman Pasquarelli stated as liaison she will contact the Code Enforcer to discuss this permit and to let him know it would be beneficial if he could attend the Town Board Meetings.

-Mike Rorick expressed his concern with the Local Law needed for Cannabis Health Use stating he believes our Town shouldn't be involved with something that could invite gate-way drug use, possible overdoses, fights, riffraff in our community. He stated he worked 32 years in the correctional system and has seen a lot of drug use. He asked the Board to stay strong against this.

-Councilman Bardascini stated the Town can't stop consumption of a State Law.

-Supervisor Perry stated she is requesting a resolution by the Board tonight for a budget modification to cover the Arm Carry Insurance Policy with NYMIR and to remove one truck on the policy, being short a total of \$584.74, which will come from the Contingency Line.

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On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger  
**RESOLUTION \$ 2021 -109 A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE GENERAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS BUDGET ACCOUNT (#A1990.4) TO (#A1910.4) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$584.74 TO COVER INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the general insurance budget in the General Fund be increased by \$584.74; and further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to make a budget modification in the General Fund as follows:

Increase general provisions account	A 1910.4 by \$584.74
Decrease Contingency Account	A1990.4 by \$584.74

No further discussion.

VOTE: Perry -aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -aye Bogardus -aye Pasquarelli -aye

**Old Business** -nothing at this time

**New Business** -approval to pay vouchers

Pre paid	\$83,696.20
General	18,285.30
Gen OV	12.45
Highway	77,129.65
Total	\$179,123.60

On a motion made by Councilman Bogardus and seconded by Councilman Kissinger  
**RESOLUTION # 2021 -110 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED VOUCHERS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted vouchers for the month of August 2021.

No further discussion.

VOTE: Perry -aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -aye Bogardus -aye Pasquarelli -aye

**Adjournment** 7:42 pm

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger the September 14, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Briggs  
Town Clerk