

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024

The Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Royalton was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Royalton Town Hall, 5316 Royalton Center Road, Middleport, New York. Supervisor Jeffrey M. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing immediately preceding the board meeting.

The following were present:

Supervisor	Jeffrey M. Brown
Town Clerk	Marie L. Little, MMC/RMC
Town Board Members	Bradley Rehwaldt, Joshua Walker, Carol Wittcop
	ABSENT: Lee Criswell
Highway Superintendent	Shawn Zglinicki
Water/Sewer Superintendent	Brian Cummings
Town Attorney	Thomas H. Brandt
Tax Collector	Lisa Menno
Dog Control Officer	Scott Wymyczak
Also present were:	See Attached Sheet

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS OF THE MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections of the minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

There was no public comment to come before the board at this time regarding the agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no communications or petitions to come before the board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 29-2024

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

On a motion made by Councilman Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilman Walker, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to accept the Supervisor’s Report for the month of January 2024.

RESOLUTION 30-2024

FIRE CONTRACTS FOR 2024-2026

On a motion made by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Brown to sign the five (5) Fire Contracts for 2024-2026; and further resolve to pay the contract amount to each company for 2024 on March 1, 2024, providing that the required documentation, per the contract, has been submitted by each fire company.

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RESOLUTION 31-2024

PAYMENT FOR GARBAGE TOTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Wittcop, seconded by Councilman Rehwaldt, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to authorize the use of Fund Balance to pay the cost of the new Garbage Totes. Garbage Fund had adequate funding for this expense.

RESOLUTION 32-2024

WOLCOTTSVILLE VFC – STATUS CHANGES

On a motion made by Councilman Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to accept the following changes for the Wolcottsville Vol. Fire Co.:

- Remove Ty Nicometi from the active rolls as he has accepted a Full-Time position with the City of Lockport Fire Department
- Status Change for Shane David from Social Member to Active Firefighter

RESOLUTION 33-2024

ADDITIONAL GARBAGE TOTE & PICK-UP PRICING

On a motion made by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to establish the price for an additional Town of Royalton Garbage Tote at \$85.00 each; and further resolve to charge the price of \$40.00 per additional tote annually, as established in the contract with Modern Corporation. Any resident who wants to purchase an additional tote from the Town will need to come to the Town Clerks office and pay the fee of \$125.00 for each additional Garbage Tote. The \$40.00 annual fee per additional garbage tote will be added to the residents Town/County tax bill beginning in 2025.

RESOLUTION 34-2024

GASPORT CHEMICAL HOSE CO. – NEW MEMBER

On a motion made by Councilwoman Wittcop, seconded by Councilman Walker, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to accept Jason Draper as a member of the Gasport Chemical Hose Co., Inc.

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RESOLUTION 35-2024

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LL #1 OF 2024 – MORATORIUM FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

On a motion made by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM to hear and consider information pertaining to Local Law #1 for the year 2024 regarding a “Local Law Imposing a Six (6) Month Moratorium on Placement and/or Construction of solar/wind energy systems that are designed to use battery storage systems.”

RESOLUTION 36-2024

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD

On a motion made by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolution to authorize the Planning Board to schedule two (2) additional meetings to work on the Battery Storage Law for the Town of Royalton.

RESOLUTION 37-2024

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion made by Councilman Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilwoman Wittcop, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is authorized to draw a warrant upon the funds of the Supervisor for Abstract #2 for the year 2024 in the amounts of:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #'s</u>	<u>Total</u>
A Fund	27 - 101	\$ 53,264.87
B Fund	2 - 12	\$ 30,432.09
DA Fund	N/A	\$ 0.00
DB Fund	9 - 41	\$ 150,653.26
SD Fund	2 - 3	\$ 663.35
SF Fund	N/A	\$ 0.00
SL Fund	1	\$ 1,696.31
SR Fund	1 - 3	\$ 137,607.59
SS Fund	2 - 16	\$ 5,803.96
SW Fund	7 - 33	\$ 24,778.64
TOTAL		\$ 404,900.07

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RESOLUTION 38-2024

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – CEMETERY MOWING

On a motion made by Councilwoman Wittcop, seconded by Councilman Rehwaldt, the following was

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Brown, Rehwaldt, Walker, Wittcop	
	NAYS	0	None	MOTION CARRIED

Resolved to advertise for bids for the Cemetery Mowing Contract for the seven (7) cemeteries maintained by the Town of Royalton. Bids will be due on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 11:00 AM in the office of the Town Clerk.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT NEED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no additional items that needed to come before the board at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GOOD & WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY

A resident asked why the Reval was not done previously so that we don't get in this mess again? Our assessed values are too low. Does the town plan to do this every few years going forward? Resident stated that Mike Hartman does not have the time to do this. He also stated that Mr. Hartman is too busy with our town and other towns to do it justice. Resident asked how he will have the time to do fair and accurate assessments. Resident stated that he knows of many residents who don't even bother to get building permits because he doesn't have time to inspect them.

Supervisor Brown stated that the last time we had a reassessment done was 2011. He does not know why it has taken so long to do this again. Supervisor Brown stated that he has spoken with several other Town Supervisors whose towns are not current, nor do they wish to be, because they do not want to stir up the public.

Councilwoman Wittcop stated that five or six years ago, when the market was so high, it would have been a shock for everyone to do a reassessment at that time. The decision was made to let the market come down before doing another reassessment.

Councilman Walker stated that Royalton was going to do an assessment in 2020 when Covid hit, and it was put off. We have a very large town with a lot of square miles and the whole town must be done at the same time. We cannot do one or two areas one year and the rest in another year.

Supervisor Brown stated that the board is aware of the situation and trying to look at the best way to manage this going forward. The resident stated that he is glad to see that it is being discussed. There are many towns that are doing reassessments more frequently to keep the assessed values at 100% all the time. Discussion continued regarding this matter.

There being no further information to come before this board, a motion was made by Councilwoman Wittcop, seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Marie L. Little, MMC/RMC

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Royalton Town Clerk