

**PRESENT:** Supervisor S. Broderick; Dep. Sup. B. Conrad; J. Jacoby; R. Morreale & J. Myers; Atty. A. Bax; Eng. R. Lannon; Chief F. Previte; Fin. Dir. J. Agnello; Hwy Supt. M. Zahno; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Water Foreman D. Zahno; Historian M. Maggard; 1 Press (NG); 3 Residents; 9 Students and Clerk C. Schroeder

**ZOOM ATTENDEES:** Councilman B. Geiben; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Sr. Coordinator M. Olick and 1 Press (NFP)

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

*AGENDA:*

Additions: Broderick: Recreation Hires. Geiben: Env. Comm. Appointments.

**Morreale MOVED the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

*DEPARTMENT HEAD STATEMENTS:*

Seniors: Coordinator Olick said Bob Giannetti will speak at the Sr. Center tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. about his travels. In addition, the Lion's Club will be sponsoring the Easter Lunch for the seniors on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Starting in April, Feed More WNY will be bringing a mobile produce truck to the parking lot for people to buy produce. That will be from 11-1 on Wednesdays.

*RESIDENT STATEMENTS:* No one spoke

**ABSTRACT: Morreale MOVED to approve the Regular Abstract of Claims Numbered 22-03810 thru 22-03814 and 23-00619 thru 23-00731 and recommended payment in the amount of \$224,653.92 plus a post-audit of \$4,422.41. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*

**Morreale MOVED to approve the minutes of 3/13/2023 – Work Session. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**

*PENDING / OLD BUSINESS:* Pressure Regulating Pit Replacement - Proposals: Lannon spoke with Water Foreman Zahno. Some time ago, Jim Milks inspected the regulator pit and provided some sketches. Lannon said the repairs could be built from those sketches. Water Dept. crews will be doing the work. The Engineering firm will not need to write up a proposal.

*NEW BUSINESS - CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:* None

BRODERICK:

1) Legal:

a) DG Niagara, LLC / 2661 Ridge Road Solar Project: Atty Bax provided two contracts for the Board's approval in regards to the Ridge Road Solar Project. The first is a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) Agreement, whereby the Town will receive \$2,000 per megawatt of Nameplate Capacity for 15 years. Thereafter, annual payments will escalate by two percent (2%) each year.

The second agreement is the Community Benefit Agreement, whereby the Operator agrees to make a one-time \$50,000.00 lump sum payment to the Town for its use as it sees fit to offset the impact the project has on the Town.

**Jacoby MOVED to approve the PILOT Agreement with DG Niagara Solar, LLC. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

**Morreale MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign said PILOT Agreement. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**

**Jacoby MOVED to approve the Community Benefit Agreement with DG Niagara Solar, LLC. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

**Morreale MOVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign said Community Benefit Agreement. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**

2) Engineering: None

3) Finance:

a) 2023 Budget Revisions: The Finance Director asked approval to process 2023 Budget revisions.

1) A request to move \$650.00 to Assessor's Equipment (A00-1355-0200-0000) from Assessor's Contractual (A00-1355-0400-0000) to cover the purchase of two printers.

2) A request to move \$50,000.00 to Environmental Protection (A00-1420-0400-0000) from A-Fund Balance (A00-1000-0599-0000) to cover the Town's portion of CWM legal fees paid by Niagara County.

**Morreale MOVED to approve the budget transfers, as presented. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

b) Property Insurance Renewal: Agnello said the annual Town property and cyber insurance is up for renewal. She has been working with USI Insurance representatives. The property and cyber insurance coverage is the same coverage as last year. The cost for the property insurance renewal is \$189,886.38 which is higher than what was paid last year by 8.08%, due to market inflationary factors along with equipment and property value increases. The Town budgeted a 9% increase so it is within the budget

Agnello said the cost for cyber insurance renewal is \$14,146.26 - 24% lower than what was paid last year. This is due to the increased security measures implemented with Town staff and IT services.

**Morreale MOVED to approve the 1-year Property and Cyber Insurance renewal in the amount of \$189,886.38. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

**Jacoby MOVED to authorized the Supervisor to sign the necessary documents. Seconded by Myers and carried 5-0.**

The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved said documents.

c) Investment Update: Agnello said they evaluated the opportunity to make additional investments and, due to the favorable market interest conditions they have invested \$4.5 million in to US Treasuries with a yield of 4.836 that will mature in September. The Town will earn over \$100,000 in interest with that investment.

Two other investments will mature in June. With all the investments the Town will earn a total of \$185,742.08 in interest in 2023.

The Finance Director will continue to monitor and inform the Board of all investments.

USDA Property Access: The USDA is requesting permission to trap for an invasive pest, the Box Tree Moth and/or the European Cherry Fruit Plan on town-owned property.

**Myers MOVED to grant permission and authorize he Supervisor to sign consent form. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

Recreation: Broderick read a request from Nicole Short, Recreation Clerk asking that the following people be approved for summer seasonable employment.

Samantha Notarianni – Recreation Leader - \$15/hr., effective 4/3  
Kendall Perreault – Recreation Leaders – \$15/hr., effective 4/3  
Emily Quider – Recreation leader – \$15.50/hr., effective 4/3  
Sherry Schmahl – Recreation Aide – \$15/hr., effective 3/28

**Myers MOVED to approve the recreation hires, as stated. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.**

As a side note, Broderick said there are 304 children signed up for Baseball/Softball and Tee Ball this year, 25 teams. One more coach is needed for Majors. First day of practice is April 17<sup>th</sup>, weather dependent.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pletcher Park from 11-1.

Broderick noted that Recreation Clerk, Nicole Short has had to step up with the vacancy of the Recreation Director. He asked for a motion to set an hourly rate for Nicole Short at \$19/hr, 40-hour work week, retro to 3/8/23 while she takes on additional duties. The increased hourly rate will end when a new Director is hired.

**Jacoby MOVED for approval. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

GEIBEN: Environmental Commission:

**Geiben MOVED to have Zach Collister serve as the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission, due to the untimely death of Jerauld Wolfgang. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

**Geiben MOVE to appoint Mark Gallo, a Niagara University biology professor to fulfill Wolfgang's term thru 12/31/2023. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

JACOBY: Upper Mt. Fire Company Roster:

The UMFC submits the following individual to the active rolls of the UMFC, effective 3/11/23: Savannah Scoons, Niagara University.

**Jacoby MOVED for approval. Seconded by Morreale and carried 5-0.**

MORREALE: Nothing to Report

MYERS: Myers said the Sanborn Area Historical Society will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. the Farm Museum on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Myers announced that Greenway funding was approved to help move the Sanborn Historical Museum on Niagara Street to the Farm Museum complex.

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS: No one spoke.

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Broderick announced that Town Offices will be closed April 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

**Morreale MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Jacoby and carried 5-0.** Time: 6:20 p.m.

Transcribed and  
Respectfully submitted by:

Carole N. Schroeder  
Deputy Town Clerk