

Supervisor Gary Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present - Gary Dickson Supervisor
William Bauer Councilman
Joseph Cantafio Councilman
William P. Hanley, Jr. Councilman
Jeff Piekarec Councilman

Absent - None

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to approve Minutes #2020-25 of December 7, 2020.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS

No comments were received

NEW BUSINESS

26-A COMMUNICATIONS

1. Supervisor Dickson re Resignation of Brendon Najm

Supervisor Dickson announced the resignation of Brendon Najm from the position of Confidential Secretary/Chief of Staff to the Supervisor and from his appointment as Deputy Town Supervisor effective December 8, 2020; the Supervisor will complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

2. Supervisor Dickson re Appointment of James E. Manley to Deputy Town Supervisor

Pursuant to Town Law §42, Supervisor Dickson appointed James E. Manley as Deputy Town Supervisor effective December 11, 2020; the Supervisor will complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

3. Supervisor Dickson re Appointment of Amelia Greenan as Confidential Secretary/Chief of Staff

Pursuant to Town Law §29-15 Supervisor Dickson appointed Amelia Greenan as Confidential Secretary/Chief of Staff effective January 1, 2021 at the yearly rate of \$45,441; the Supervisor will complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

4. Highway Sup't. re Extension of Leave of Absence

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve an extension of leave of absence for Brian Adams from the Blue-Collar position of Laborer through and including January 1, 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

On the question, Town Attorney Hawthorne stated prior to being an elected official, Mr. Adams was a member of the Blue-Collar unit and there is provision in the contract which allows a one year leave of the absence from the position to be renewed yearly at the discretion of the Town Board. In the event Mr. Adams is no longer Highway Superintendent, he may then return to his Laborer position.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

5. Highway Sup't. re Retirement of William Hiam as a Highway Motor Equipment Operator

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to accept the retirement of William Hiam as a Highway Motor Equipment Operator effective January 5, 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

6. Highway Sup't. re Appointment of Matthew Schultz as a Highway Laborer

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to appoint Matthew Schultz as a Highway Laborer Group 1, Step 3 at a rate of \$24.91 per hour effective December 21, 2020 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Town Clerk re Retirement of Mary Josefiak as Senior Recreation Therapist of Senior Services

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the retirement of Mary Josefiak as Senior Recreation Therapist of Senior Services effective January 15, 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

On the question, Supervisor Dickson stated this position is a civil service position and there is no active list. The new hire would be provisional and required to take the test. The position has not been posted yet.

Councilman Hanley expressed his thanks to Ms. Josefiak for all her work and dedication over the years.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

8. Town Clerk re Extension of Leave of Absence

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to approve an extension of leave of absence for Amy M. Kobler from the White-Collar position of Cashier through and including December 13, 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

On the question, Town Attorney Hawthorne stated the position is competitive class; if Town Clerk Kobler were no longer the Town Clerk, it could create an overage/personnel issue in the department. It has never been an issue in the town in the past.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

9. Town Clerk re Reappointment as Marriage Officer

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to reappoint Amy M. Kobler as Marriage Officer with the authority to solemnize marriages occurring in the Town of West Seneca pursuant to Domestic Relations Law, §11-C

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

10. Finance Director re Budget transfer – Sanitation

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$31,500 from Special Items – Contingent Account 01.1990.0480 to Sanitation Laborers – PT line 01.8160.0145 to cover the cost of the part-time sanitation laborers through the end of 2020.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

11. Town Assessor re Leave of Absence

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to approve an extension of leave of absence for Erik Finbar from his White - Collar as Real Property Appraiser through and including February 20, 2022 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

On the question, Town Attorney Hawthorne stated Mr. Finbar, by law, is appointed to a six-year term. This position is also part of the White-Collar unit and could have the same situation as the Town Clerk.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

12. Recreation Supervisor re Termination of inactive employees

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to terminate the following inactive employees effective December 21, 2020:

Elaine Corey	Joseph Cosenza	Joseph Drajem	Gary Ersing	Scott Felser
Jacob Fuqua	Brennan Garvey	Brian Gorman	Joseph Gorman	Connor Heer
Justin Hodil	Jeffrey Klein	Max Koler	Katie Kostelny	Luke Lester
Thomas Pazderski				

and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

13. Supervisor Dickson re Nomination of Thomas Robertson, Jr. to the Audit Committee

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to appoint Thomas Robertson, Jr. to the Audit Committee.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

Abstained: Supervisor Dickson
Councilman Cantafio

23-B APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows: General Fund - \$392,622.78; Highway Fund - \$50,201.88; Capital Fund - \$316,867.85; Sewer Fund - \$160,619.26; Gas Lighting - \$182.26; Electric Lighting - \$14,712.18 (vouchers 15200 -15801)

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

23-C REPORTS FOR FILING

- Amy M. Kobler, Receiver of Taxes’ report for November 2020 & 2020-year end received and filed.
- Friends of the Burchfield Nature & Art Center 2019 – 2020 annual report received and filed

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

No issues were communicated.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Highway Superintendent

- Thank you to all who donated to the Toy Drive – was a huge success
- Garbage is on regular schedule – Christmas Day will be on Saturday
- A storm watch is in effect – plows will be out, and residents should us caution

Police Chief Denz

- Police Reform Committee has started meeting
- Requested residents to follow COVID-19 guidelines

Town Attorney Hawthorne

- Currently working on a resolution based on STAR Exemptions

Supervisor Dickson

- First year as a Town Board has successfully been navigated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley , to discuss particular candidates for positions on various boards.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



AMY M. KOBLER, TOWN CLERK