

TOWN OF BROADALBIN

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 12, 2024

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor- Joseph DiGiacomo-present
Town Board Member- Doug Kissinger-present
Town Board Member – David Bardascini-present
Town Board Member – David Bogardus-absent
Town Board Member – Mike Rorick-present

Call to Order – Supervisor Joseph DiGiacomo 6:27 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison followed by a moment of silence for Assemblyman Robert Smullen's sons' passing.

Roll Call – Town Clerk

Present

Assessor Marti Young
Dog Control Officer and Planning Board Member Dale Potts
Highway Superintendent Sandy Thompson
Historian Bill Clizbe
Planning Board Chair Mike Crispin
Planning Board Vice Chair Jarrod Abrams
Youth Commission rep. Keith Buchanan

Public Comment

-Assessor Marti Young stated she believes elected officials with handicap tags in their cars, such as herself, should not take up the reserved handicap parking spaces at the Town Hall. She stated she believes they should be left for public use.

-Dave Anderson stated he believes the Town Park should be left open and available for winter use, such as cross country skiing and other winter sports, and for him to train his dog. He stated the Town shouldn't keep it closed in fear of vandalism. He stated any misuse of the Park should be enforced by the Sheriff's Dept. He would also like to see more use of the Town Park such as concerts with a bandstand, car shows, craft fairs, and other community events.

-Discussion took place of Town Liability with unleashed dogs when there is a leash law in place in the Town. Dale Potts, the Dog Control Officer, stated there was an incident last year of a dog attacking another dog in the Town Park.

-The Town Board decided to contact our Town Lawyer for further review before any action is to be taken. As of now two signs will be placed for leashed dogs at the Park.

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-The Town Board agreed that the Town Park should have more community events such as a bandstand for concerts, car shows, craft fairs, and be available for cross country skiing, snow shoeing and perhaps an ice skating rink. It was stated that Keith Buchanan, Tucker Gifford and the Town Clerk's Office have keys to the Town Park. More discussion will take place in the near future between the Youth Commission and the Town Board on how to proceed.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings of the Close Out Meeting on December 26, 2023, Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2024, Special meeting January 9, 2024, Regular Meeting February 13, 2024 and Special Meeting February 28, 2024.

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Rorick
RESOLUTION #2024-57 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meetings mentioned above as submitted.
No further discussion:

VOTE: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bardascin-aye Bogardus -absent Rorick-aye

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Supervisor

- Supervisor DiGiacomo introduced our Town and Village Historian, Bill Clizbe, this evening and thanked him for coming to discuss his job description, produced by the State, and to talk about upcoming community events.
- Bill explained his recent health issues and how he would like the Board's input on changing the Town Hall's display case periodically. He also stated that the parents of Nick Stoner were original settlers to our area and would like to expand on his history. The Village Monument will be having a 100 year anniversary event along with the 50 year anniversary of the time capsule placed in the area of the monument. Both of which may happen near Memorial Day.
- Bill also stated if a cemetery becomes abandoned, the Town is held responsible for its upkeep.
- Councilman Bardascini stated he would like to get the names of the Civil War Veterans in the Hoesville Rd. Cemetery and have signs be placed in remembrance. Recently the Town Highway Crew did some clean up in the cemetery.
- Bill requested the use of the next available gated storage in the basement for further storage, since there are boxes from the previous Historian, Gordy Cornell.
- Councilman Rorick stated perhaps high school students, such as the National Honor Society, would be interested in helping him in the basement.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo thanked Bill for coming this evening and stated that the showcase can be changed to his discretion, but not to overdue.

Assessor –Marti Young stated things have calmed down in the office. All the exemptions are completed and they are cleaning up old information to get ready for the new information as new permits come in.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated next year more advertising will be done to inform residents of the Star Enhanced Exemption since the minimum amount for availability has recently been increased.

BYC- Keith Buchanan stated this past Friday the BYC, Supervisor DiGiacomo and Councilman Bogardus, the BYC representatives, met to discuss the user agreement of the Town Park. Once it is reviewed by the Town and Village Lawyers it will then be presented at a Town Meeting.

-Keith also stated that the Town Park's driveway looks good and may open this month, weather permitting. Advertising signs will be going up. The Home Show and Chicken BBQ will be held next month. All spots have been filled with more being added, which is held to help pay down the debt of the construction of the Town Park.

-Discussion took place about the plan of repayment from the BYC to the tax payers for the construction of the Town Park and the \$50,000 balance of the grant.

-Councilman Bardascini stated he would like to see a plan in writing stating the BYC does a great job with the kids of this community but needs to also be responsible to the tax payers.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated it will be discussed when the user agreement is presented.

Building and Grounds –Councilman Rorick stated buildings are good with no problems at the moment. He also stated he received a \$3,000 price on a pedestrian gate, with an additional \$600/per gate, for the Town Park, from the Sienna Fence Co., that did the fencing around the Park.

- Two 12" x 24" dog leash signs will be placed at the gate of the Town Park for \$50 per sign.

-The island/sidewalk of the Town Hall will be removed when weather permits.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated in the Town paving bid packet for this year we are getting a quote to repave the Town Hall parking lot if feasible.

-Quotes and designs of front doors will be reviewed in the near future for replacing the Town Hall entrance doors.

-Councilman Rorick questioned since this is a small town, if anyone had a problem with conflict of interest, if his company put a bid in to replace the front doors of the Town Hall.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated it is a small town with minor conflicts, but no objections at this time for his company to bid replacing the doors once decided on design.

Code Enforcer Tom DiCaprio attended mandatory training in Lake Placid this past week and provided the Board with a written report of 7 permits for February 2024 with fees consisting of \$752.50.

Dog Control Officer –Dale Potts stated there was 1 stray dog sent to the Shelter and not redeemed. There were a few dog and cat bites, which since rabies is high in Fulton County he

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must check and record all bites, and one complaint about an aggressive dog which has since moved from the area.

Highway Superintendent

-Sandy Thompson – stated the road crew have been patching roads and cleaning up trees that need to come down since this past wind storm. They also took care of some needed work in the Hoesville Rd. Cemetery. She also stated she has been trying to get community service people to help clean alongside the roads since garbage is bad, but found that they may not allow that to be done anymore. Her bid packet is typed and ready for paving bids, along with the 284 Form to be signed by the Town Board this evening.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the amount of paving will be questionable since Gov. Hochul is cutting \$100 million to CHIPS this year and what the price of asphalt will be.

- Supervisor DiGiacomo and Sandy will meet soon to visit the Town of Perth’s Highway Garage to see the design to replace or repair our Highway Garage. It was discussed whether to tear down vs repairing the Garage by partially using our ARPA Funds.

-Sandy will get a third bid to replace a flail mower 88” offset-PTO 3 point hitch mower head.

Justice Court –Councilman Doug Kissinger read aloud the Court Report for February 2024 as follows;

Total fines and fees collected was \$3,362 of which \$1,967 were old fines.

Total cases 27, 48 closed tickets, 31 VTL, 13 PL,4 Civil, 0 LO, 0 DEC.

Planning Board-Mike Crispin stated the new draft of the solar energy/farm regulations should be ready at the next Planning Board Meeting to be held on March 27 at 7PM and they will also discuss the one vacancy of the planning board.

-This past meeting they further discussed the regulations and a lot line adjustment which had been held up by the APA since April of 2023.

-Councilman Rorick questioned if a site plan review should be done at a business on Route 110.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo inquired if light zoning in the Town may prevent this kind of thing from happening with small businesses but then complying and enforcing would be an issue. With further businesses such as glamping, enlarging asphalt plant, short term rentals, the Town may need to split the Code Enforcer job into two to keep up with enforcing such changes.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated he knows of 12 short term rentals in the Town with maybe more. A Town Law may be needed to regulate exemptions and enforce permits for these properties.

Town Clerk – stated we received a thank you note from the Union Mills Cemetery on the annual donation of \$2,000, stating it was very much appreciated.

LEGISLATION-none at this time

OLD BUSINESS-none at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay vouchers (claim)

Prepaid	\$14,401.49
General	8,374.57
Gen OV	1,124.22
Highway	30,662.07
Total	\$54,562.35

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
RESOLUTION #2024- 58 APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS (CLAIMS)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board authorizes the payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$54,562.35.

No further discussion;

VOTE: DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger-aye Bogardus-absent Bardascini-aye Rorick-aye

ADJOURNMENT 7:50 P.M.

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
The March 12, 2024 Town of Broadalbin Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Briggs