

The Town of Fenton Town Board held its regular Work Session on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:00 PM, at the Fenton Town Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, New York.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Thomas Moss, Deputy Supervisor
		David Gunster, Councilman
		Michael Husar, Councilman
	Highway Superintendent	Randy Ritter
	Town Clerk	Melodie Bowersox
	Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper	Theresa Staats

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Town Board Members	Gary Holcomb, Supervisor
		Richard Pray, Councilman
	Town Attorney	Albert Millus, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Building Inspector Clerk Cheryl Mammano, three members of the General Public

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Review Abstract #8, 2019**

- General Fund: Maus Engraving - 4669/Redo Plaque & Engraving for Employee 20 Yr - Voucher #450 - \$790.00 – Mr. Moss asked Bookkeeper Theresa Staats about this voucher. She said this was one of Sue Crosier's last projects to complete before she retired. It is a plaque that was updated for employees of the Town of Fenton who have served for 20 years or more.
- After a review of the Abstract, **Mr. Husar moved to approve payment of the bills for Abstract #8, 2019**, seconded by Mr. Gunster. **Motion carried.**

**VOTE:** Ayes 3 Gunster, Husar, Moss

Nays 0

Absent 2 Holcomb, Pray

**Confirm Award for ZMK Construction, Inc. for Fenton Avenue Sidewalk Replacement**  
– Mr. Moss said the Fenton Avenue Sidewalk Replacement project is expected to begin next week. The lowest bidder was ZMK Construction, Inc., for \$69,000. **Mr. Husar made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-12 Fenton Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Award to ZMK Construction, Inc.:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fenton has received a grant for the purchase of concrete for the repair of sidewalks, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has selected Fenton Avenue to be repaired, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town was required to bid this project according to its Procurement Policy, and;

**WHEREAS**, five bids were received and ZMK Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$69,000 and the Town Engineer has determined this to be a responsible bid;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fenton hereby confirms the award of the Fenton Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project to ZMK Construction, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Gunster. **Motion carried.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Mr. Gunster aye

Councilman Mr. Husar aye

Councilman Mr. Moss aye

Councilman Mr. Pray absent

Supervisor Mr. Holcomb absent

**Library Expansion** – Mr. Moss read a draft Resolution that Atty. Millus put together to tie the Fenton Free Library building into the Hillcrest Sewer System and to provide enough monies for that to happen. The Board Members present discussed this and decided not to pass the Resolution until discussing it further with Supervisor Gary Holcomb. There was confusion about the amount of grant money the Library will be requesting and how the amount the Town of Fenton contributes will play into that request.

**West Service Road Weight Restrictions** – Mr. Husar and Atty. Millus attended a Village of Port Dickinson Trustees Meeting. They were able to speak and explained their concerns that school will be starting, the school on Chenango Street will be opening which will entail more bus traffic, and that they would like to see less First Student buses and tractor trailers on Chenango Street. Some individuals in the audience said that the Town of Fenton was still trying to sneak the gas compressor station into the Town and the meeting got pretty 'wild', Mr. Husar said. Port Dickinson said they want to protect their Village from anything like the gas compressor station coming to their Village in the future. Mr. Husar suggested they lift the weight limit to one year subject to reapprove annually. **Mr. Husar made a motion to raise the water rates in the Village of Port Dickinson a significant sum unless they work out the weight limit on the Service Road.** With no second to the motion, Mr. Husar withdrew his motion. Mr. Husar may ask Atty. Millus to contact the Attorney for Port Dickinson to find out where we stand on this issue.

**Children's Home Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting** – Mr. Moss and Mr. Husar attended the Children's Home Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting. Several items were discussed about what is happening at the Children's Home, including the Annual Ice Cream Social, special programs and events, and the installation of the new generator. One item that was not brought up was the use of Dorothy Street for bus traffic that services the campus, so

Mr. Moss asked about it. Children's Home C.E.O. George Dermody did not seem to want to discuss the topic in that particular forum; however, it was briefly discussed. There still is uncertainty as to whether Dorothy Street will be used for bus traffic.

**Chenango Valley Crossing Guard** – Atty. Millus put a draft contract together for the Chenango Valley Crossing Guard; Atty. Cheryl Sacco sent it back to the Town. Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Moss are uncertain about the indemnification details and prefer to have Atty. Millus in attendance to discuss it further. There is an understanding that the Town would place the Crossing Guard on the Town of Fenton Payroll, but the School would be responsible for the hiring, training, attendance, and management of the position. (New York State does not allow schools to hire Crossing Guards.) The Board will address the contract at the Town Board Meeting next week.

**Budget Meeting** – The first Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Noon.

**NYS Route 79 Over the Chenango River Bridge Replacement Meeting** – Mr. Gunster and Highway Superintendent Randy Ritter attended the NYS Route 79 Over the Chenango River Bridge Replacement Meeting. The plan is to begin the replacement in 2021 and complete it in 2023. Thirteen homeowners will be affected from a land perspective and two homes will be removed.

**New Highway Pickup Truck** – The new Highway Pickup Truck arrived but it is not on the road yet.

**Phelps Creek** – The Phelps Creek Committee has come up with an idea that will require a small expense without any engineering costs. Eventually the project may be able to be replicated further upstream. A meeting will be held in September with the Committee and a few of the Residents. Carl Schwartz from the US Fish and Wildlife Service will design and manage the project. Randy Ritter has contacted a contractor who has experience in this type of work. The Town will assist with some of the supplies; the Madisons and Miselnickys will pay for the labor.

**Chenango Street Sidewalk Repairs** – Delta Engineers sent a letter to Chenango Street Residents regarding the sidewalk project that the County is initiating. The County will be rehabilitating existing and/or constructing new sidewalks and curb ramps along Chenango Street from the Village of Port Dickinson boundary to the vicinity of Cornish Avenue. A Resident told Mr. Moss that after a phone call to Delta, he was told that only the odd side of Chenango Street is currently being repaired. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2021.

**At 6:45 PM, Mr. Gunster made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Mr. Husar. Motion carried.**

**VOTE:** Ayes 3 Gunster, Husar, Moss  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Holcomb, Pray

Melodie Bowersox, Town Clerk