

Town of Throop  
Town Board Meeting  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Ridley  
Councilman Ryan  
Councilman Paczkowski  
Councilman McNabb  
Councilwoman Adams

Other Town Officials Present:

Attorney Chirco  
Jay Moose / Codes  
Kathy Magill / Clerk  
Steve Helzer / planning

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 beginning with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes to the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed for omissions or errors. Councilman Paczkowski made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilwoman Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meetings will be held March 20 and April 17  
Supervisor Ridley discussed the status of the investments.

The following reports were read:

Highway Dept

Clerks Report  
Codes and Zoning

Supervisor Ridley discussed the Grad-all that was for sale in Westchester County. Highway Superintendent McBride said if they can secure this machine it would make it much easier for them to clear the ditches and hopefully help the flooding problems some of the roads have been having.

Old Business

Councilman McNabb said he had Debbie Dennis from the County reach out to him about summer programs for youths. He would like to pass the information on to Emily Hermann, the current Rec Director for the Town.

New Business

Supervisor Ridley stated the building is settling and the door to the Judge's chambers is not opening. There are blocks that are separating from each other creating large gaps which are responsible for a problem with bees and flies in the court offices. There are also several repairs that need to be addressed in the Town hall and some upgrades. Supervisor Ridley was going to see about appointing someone to oversee the project and start getting some bids.

Supervisor Ridley stated he has received the restitution check in the amount of \$10,873.00 from former Supervisor William Tarby's attorney, as ordered by the Honorable Judge Leone.

Supervisor Ridley discussed the actions of the former Town Supervisor. He stated there are cash withdrawal transactions that are still being discovered in the years prior to 2017 from hidden bank accounts that were unknown to the Town Board, Clerk and Bookkeeper. Supervisor Ridley looked to the Town Board to determine whether they would like to pursue action on this discovery or not.

Councilman Paczkowski stated he felt strongly that the Board had an obligation to pursue every penny that was unaccounted for.

Councilman Ryan stated he feels this discovery warrants professional advice and guidance from outside sources.

Councilman McNabb stated he feels the Board has a duty to uphold the promise made to the residents of this Town to serve and protect their interests, and he is in agreement of Councilman Ryan and Councilman Paczkowski, these findings should be escalated to the next phase.

Councilwoman Adams agreed with the consensus of the other Board Members.

Supervisor Ridley stated the options are hiring a forensic accountant, turn it over to the District Attorney, or pursue a civil suit.

Councilman Paczkowski made a motion to allow Attorney Chirco and Supervisor Ridley to refer the gathered information that falls outside the previous adjudicated issue... so prior to 2017, to the proper authorities. Councilman Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Supervisor Ridley abstained.

#### Public Comment

John Schillace asked how much water was used to put out a fire on Powers Road. Supervisor Ridley stated it was more than 300,000 gallons.

There was a short discussion about Solar Farms.

Supervisor Ridley made a motion to pay the claims in the General fund, Highway fund, Water fund and Water ext. fund in the amount of \$9481.09, \$12,920.47, \$8364.76, \$2806.22 respectively. Councilman Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business at hand, Supervisor Ridley made a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Magill  
Town Clerk

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Eric Ridley

Paul Ryan

Tom McNabb

Tom Paczkowski

Donna Adams