GENESEE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Eashoo.

All present gave Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Eashoo, Bates, Sorensen, Gerace, Duplanty and Witte(arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Absent: Sutton

Also present: 23 guests

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve the amended agenda by adding an item under New Business. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular board meeting without corrections. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Eashoo reminded all present that public comments are limited to 3 minutes on agenda items only. No comments at this time.

**CLERK**

Moved by Sorensen supported by Gerace to approve **Resolution 23-11** – Kearsley Homecoming Parade on October 6, 2023 at 5 p.m. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Duplanty to approve **Resolution 23-12** – Kearsley Band Boosters as a non-profit. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 23-13** – A resolution to exceed maintenance authorizing the Drain Commissioner to exceed the statutory limits. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 23-14** – Genesee Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Gerace to approve opening bids for the Police Department Car Port using A.R.P.A. Funds. No discussion. Bid from State Builders $63,250. Bid from Barn Pro LLC $82,148. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates with no support to approve accepting bid from State Building for constructing Police Department Car Port in the amount of $63,250 using A.R.P.A Funds. Motion failed because of no support.

Moved by Bates with no support to approve accepting bid from Barn Pro LLC for constructing the Police Department Car Port in the amount of $82,148 using A.R.P.A Funds. Motion failed because of no support.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve accepting bids for seal coating the Johnson Memorial Library parking lot. Bid from Metro Sealcoating in the amount of $2,159.92. Bid from Asphalt Management Inc. in the amount of $3,150.00. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that this is already in the Library budget.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve accepting bid from Metro Sealcoating in the amount of $2,159.92 to seal coat the Johnson Memorial Library parking lot. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Witte arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve Peddler’s Permit for Ryan Johnson’s food truck located at 5272 N. Genesee Rd. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried. Good for one year.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve Peddler’s Permit for Brian Rice’s food truck “Good BBQ” located at 7070 N. Saginaw St. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried. Good for one year.

Moved by Bates supported by Duplanty to approve used car license renewal for JMB Auto Sports LLC located at 3100 N. Genesee Rd. expiring September 2024. Discussion held. Sorensen stated that the personal property tax has not been paid. Bates and Duplanty withdrew motion and support.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to table approval of used car license for JMB Auto Sports LLC located at 3100 N. Genesee Rd. until personal property taxes are paid. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve used car license for Skidmore Auto Center Inc. located at 7293 N. Dort Hwy. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Good for one year.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve rescinding $500 fine to Kevin Riendeau for the unauthorized burn at 1077 Morris Hills Pkwy. On July 21, 2023. Discussion held. Sorensen stated the he was burning in the ditch and Eashoo pointed out that it states right on the burning permit that no burning is allowed in the right of way. Roll call vote taken. All no. Motion failed.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to rescind Tracy Cudd as Deputy Clerk effective September 1, 2023. Discussion held. Bates stated the Ms. Cudd started a new full time job and will not be able to fulfill the duties of Deputy Clerk. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve appointing Kristina Blossom as Deputy Clerk effective September 1, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Gerace to approve Entertainment License for Jacobsen’s Mountain Inn located at 8078 N. Dort Hwy. good for one year. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR**

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve rear transfer case repair to Tanker 12 fire truck at Station #1 in the amount of $4,167.09 from Front Line Services. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve purchase of Wall Mounted Quick Dry Red Racks, 24 sections for fire Station #1 in the amount of $6,638.00. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve rescinding the hiring of Timothy Inglot as a Genesee Township Firefighter effective September 12, 2023. Discussion held. Chief Fremd stated that Tim has a new job and will not be able to make the commitment to the fire department. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve termination of James Cox III as a Genesee Township Firefighter at Station #3 effective August 9, 2023. Discussion held. Bates asked what the reason was for termination? Chief Fremd stated just not a good fit. Roll call vote taken. Yes -5 No – 0 Abstain -1 Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve termination of Jerin Herriman as a Genesee Township Firefighter at Station #2 effective May 11, 2023. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. Yes -5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve accepting resignation of Mike Herriman as a Genesee Township Firefighter at Station #2 effective June 13, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. Yes – 5 No - 0 Abstain - 1 Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve hiring of Chuck Helms as a Genesee Township Firefighter at station #3 effective September 12, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve revision to the Genesee Township Fire Department Policies section 202 – Disciplinary Policy. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve appointment of Tod Sorensen to the 911 General Membership Board as an alternate. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve catch basin repair located near 7424 Roger Thomas Dr. in the amount of $6,000.00. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that this repair is in the road budget. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve replacement of light fixtures and bulbs at Johnson Memorial Library in the amount of $2,350.52. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that this is in the Library Budget for the year. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve first reading of Ordinance #631 – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #603 by adding under Section 1502 – Accessory Buildings, Item 12 – Automobiles, buses, mobile homes, semi-tractor trailers, tents, truck bodies or similar portable units shall not be used as accessory buildings. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve first reading of Ordinance #632 – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #603 by adding crematorium to the following zoning districts under permitted uses by right: C-2 Highway Commercial, I-1 Light Industrial and I-2 Heavy Industrial. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

Sorensen presented bill list for September 2023.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve September bill list and Financial Statement. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

**FIRE** – Duplanty presented report

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Sorensen presented report.

**DPW** – No report given

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Eashoo presented letter of resignation from Genesee Township Trustee – Kathy Sutton with an effective date of October 1, 2023. Bates stated that the position will need to be filled within 45 days of effective date.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor Eashoo reminded all present that public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Richard Thick – Indian Hills resident – complained about the grass not being mowed and the rats chewed his cable wires.

Diane Peeke – Indian Hills resident - complained about the rats in the trailer park and wanted to know where she could dispose of them. She also stated that Management and the owner of the park are not willing to clean it up. Sorensen stated that the Township currently has an open court case with the trailer park and are doing everything we can to help the residents. Eashoo stated that we hear you and are trying our best to help the residents out. Bates suggested that they hire an attorney.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Sorensen thanked Kathy Sutton and Bates thanked John Crocker for their years of service.

Moved by Bates supported by Duplanty to adjourn meeting. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

\*3 minutes, agenda items

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Wayne Bates, Clerk Daniel Eashoo, Supervisor