

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the Providence Town Board on August 20, 2020.

The following officials were present:

Supervisor: Sandra Winney
Councilman: William Hartman
Councilwoman: Ann Morris
Councilwoman: Audrey Lahoff
Highway Superintendent: George Whitney
Town Attorney: James Craig
Town Clerk: Susan Wemple

Absent:

Councilwoman: Christine DeCristofaro

Supervisor Winney opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Chepulis recently attended a meeting with the Board of Appeals: her neighbor recently was granted a variance for setbacks for a shed and she felt the decision was against the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Patricia Keller stated that she had submitted a FOIL request for complaints on mines and asked the Town Board for their justification on adopting of a local law banning mines when she only received two written complaints, written by the same person, complaining about truck traffic. Councilwoman Lahoff stated that many complaints were received orally and Supervisor Winney added that the Town Board has to consider the residents of the entire town. Amber Hill asked why the Town Board was not acting on the suggestion of David Bogardus in completing SEQRA to determine any economic impacts of this proposed local law. Karin Bombard added that the adopting of the local law banning of mines was against the Comprehensive Plan and read the following from the Comprehensive Plan: Continue the Town's participation in the Tri Town Gravel Pit facility. Look into and acquire new sources for gravel within 15 years.

08202020-56 Councilwoman Morris made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lahoff to approve the July 16, 2020 minutes. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried.

**TOWN OF PROVIDENCE
RESOLUTION NO 17 of 2020
ENACTING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2020,
ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW BANNING NEW MINES AND MINING OPERATIONS
WITHIN THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE"**

WHEREAS, after review and due consideration of the number of mines within the Town of Providence, and the wear and tear on Town infrastructure, noise, dust, and aesthetics associated therewith, and in order to better preserve the natural beauty and rural country setting of the Town, the Town Board of the Town of Providence has determined it to be in the best interest of the Town and the health and safety of the Town residents to place a permanent moratorium and ban on all new mines and mining operations while at the same time allowing those currently existing to continue to operate; and

WHEREAS, the Board had caused to be drafted a Local Law banning all new mining operations within the Town, and had set a Public Hearing for the matter, and official notice of said public hearing was duly and properly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Providence, and on July 16, 2020, a public hearing was held as is required by law, and all those interested were invited to attend and be heard on the subject; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considered the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and found the local law to be a moratorium, and thus a Type II action under SEQR, requiring no further environmental review, and further found the local law to be a non-action, in that no project was actually being considered or contemplated that would have any effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Providence hereby approves and enacts Local Law #2, 2020, entitled "A Local Law Banning New Mines and Mining Operations Within the Town of Providence, a full copy of said Local Law #2, 2020, is attached hereto; banning all new mines and mining operations within the Town, while allowing those currently existing as listed in said local law to remain and continue unaffected by said local law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and the Local Law Book for the Town of Providence, and file same with the Secretary of State of the State of the New York and give due and proper notice of the adoption of same as is otherwise provided by law.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Lahoff
SECONED BY: Councilwoman Morris

Voting: Councilman Hartman: NO
Councilwoman Morris: AYE
Councilwoman DeCristofaro: ABSENT
Councilwoman Lahoff: AYE
Supervisor Winney: AYE

Opened quote from Duffy's Electric for the installation of two 120V circuits at the Providence Town Hall and the Providence Fire Department in Hagedorn Mills for the LED signs: \$2,600. Highway Department will be responsible for the digging of trenches at both locations.

08202020-57 Councilman Hartman made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lahoff to award Duffy's Electric the work of installation of two 120V circuits at the Providence Town Hall and the Providence Fire Department in Hagedorn Mills for the LED signs at a cost of \$2,600. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried

08202020-58 Councilman Hartman made motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Morris to pay One Day Signs \$490 for sign toppers on the LED signs at the Providence Town Hall and the Providence Fire Department in Hagedorn Mills. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried

08202020-59 Councilman Hartman made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Lahoff to give permission for Supervisor Winney to sign the necessary paperwork directing Saratoga County to pay sales tax revenues directly to the Town of Providence, in cash. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried

**TOWN OF PROVIDENCE
RESOLUTION NO 18 of 2020
TO ADOPT THE RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR NEW YORK LOCAL
GOVERNMENT RECORDS OR LGS-1**

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of Town of Providence that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: • only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein. • (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Lahoff

BY: Councilman Hartman

Voting: Councilman Hartman: AYE SECONDED

Councilwoman Morris: AYE

Councilwoman DeCristofaro: ABSENT

Councilwoman Lahoff: AYE

Supervisor Winney: AYE

08202020-60 Councilwoman Lahoff made motion, seconded by Councilman Hartman to schedule Bulk Waste Drop Off at the Transfer Station for the last two Saturdays in September 2020. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried

08202020-61 Councilman Hartman made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Morris to give permission for Supervisor Winney to sign the 2020-2021 Snowmobile Trail Landowner contract with Saratoga Snowmobile Association Inc (formerly known as Mulleyville Snowmobile Club) to ride on Fox Hill Road and Lake Desolation Road. The town is being named as additional insured on their insurance policy (certificate of insurance has been received) and holds the town harmless by written contract as well. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried.

DASNY Grant (project id #13215) Update: Received reimbursement totaling \$6,795.66 for the purchase of the LED Signs and carpeting of the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Board agreed at the 8/13/2020 workshop meeting to purchase motion sensor flood security lights for the back of town hall, projector screen for the board room and a gate for the stairs going down to the cellar in rear of town hall. The Town Board is still looking into security cameras for rear of town hall, court room, town garage and microphones, speakers to used in the board room.

Highway Superintendent Whitney reviewed his monthly report and added that couple of trees will be taken down on Prokop and Lampman Road before it is ground up on August 28, 2020.

Supervisor Winney reviewed her correspondence.

08202020-62 Councilman Hartman made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Morris to:

- pay Highway bills (warrant #8, vouchers nos. 71-86, in the amount of \$10,952.84)
- pay General bills (warrant #8, voucher nos. 155-178, in the amount of \$12,760.43)
- accept July 2020 payroll, as paid

• accept the following reports, as submitted: Town Clerk July 2020, Town Justice Lahoff July 2020, Supervisor July 2020, Code Enforcement July 2020, Animal Control February 21, 2020 – August 17, 2020 and Highway Superintendent Whitney July 13, 2020 – August 16, 2020

Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman Lahoff; absent: Councilwoman DeCristofaro – motion carried

08202020-63 Councilman Hartman made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Morris to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Councilwoman Morris, Councilman Hartman, Supervisor Winney and Councilwoman