

## **Town of Stark March 4, 2025 meeting minutes**

Reviewed and Approved April 8, 2025)

The town board meeting was held on March 4, 2025 at the Town Justice Court building.

Councilman Gerhardt led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call as follows:

Supervisor Bronner - present

Councilman Gerhardt - present

Councilman Grescheck - present

Councilman Hubiak - present

Councilman Voght - present

Superintendent Hajczewski - present

Town Clerk Smith - present

Also attending the meeting: Special Guest Matt Donahue, Nick and Sue Jordan, Kay Moyer, Deb Bronner, Ken Richards

The town clerk read the minutes from February 11, 2025 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked if any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes as read. Councilman Hubiak made motion to accept and Councilman Grescheck seconded. All approved.

Supervisor Bronner then introduced Matt Donahue from Eagle Construction to inform the town board the cost of building a salt, sand barn. The quote was given for the Magnum but also a quote for an Apex building was presented. The Apex building is comparable to the Hybrid bid that was given to the town board. The price is for a 72' x 160' salt, sand barn approximately \$86,000.00 less cost. Many questions were asked and responses were very detailed and informative given to the town.

Supervisor Bronner then followed with the public portion of the meeting. There was more discussion amongst the town board and the residents regarding the salt, sand barn and if the land had been bought and the location. Supervisor advised the land had not been bought but that he had talked with the landowner. Price for the 2 ½ to 3 acres of land is \$12,500.00 per acre. Nothing has been finalized and will meet with the landowner the end of March. A question was asked about the expenditure being outside of the discretionary spending and do we need a referendum by the voters of the town of how we do it or whether we do it. Supervisor Bronner advised the three biddings of the buildings the town board looked at was bid by New York State Sourcewell and was already approved for that price tag, so to have a referendum whether to spend it or not, didn't know if it was required. Supervisor would look into asking the state about funding for the land acquisition cost and potential engineering requirements. Also statement was made that maybe the town board should have DEC involved before committing to buying the parcel. Supervisor Bronner will have to find out that information.

Supervisor Bronner talked with Wheelock about a dumpster being placed in the community and was advised the town is responsible and liable for where the dumpster is located and what goes into it. The Community Corp would have to obtain their own dumpster and it would be a separate event from the town dumpster day.

Supervisor Bronner proceeded with the regular meeting and passed informational paperwork to the town board regarding the first two payments from Herkimer County for the county roads, a letter sent out for the state emergency, a bill from Quadsimia (the annual fee for the website) for \$512.00, the bill for the DEF replacement pump, harness, and coolant pipe assembly for the amount of \$3,983.96, a report on the Boces drug and alcohol testing, and a copy of the permit for T-Mobile which Supervisor Bronner received a check for the amount of \$4,000.00.

The town board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Voght made motion to approve and Councilman Grescheck seconded. All approved.

The town clerk's report was reviewed for the month of February 2025 consisting of 6 copies of a death certificate for the amount of \$60.00. Councilman Gerhardt made motion to approve and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway fund vouchers. Councilman Grescheck made motion to pay the bills and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

There will be a planning and town board meeting on March 31, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the town barn and the next town board meeting will be held on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm also at the town barn.

Councilman Grescheck made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.