

Town of Stark Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

(Reviewed and approved May 13, 2025)

The town board meeting was held on April 8, 2025 at the town justice building.

Councilman Grescheck 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 - not present, later present

Town Clerk Smith - present

Also attending the meeting: **Mike** Shedd, Steve Hawkes, Father Nekataros, Connie and Ken Richards, Butch Woodruff

The town clerk read the minutes from March 4, 2025 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked if any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes as read. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

Supervisor Bronner then opened the meeting to the public. The Community Corp has been conducting a survey in an effort to obtain feedback regarding what the residents would like or not like to see in the community. They will have two luncheon events - one at the firehouse and another at the bowling alley to engage residents in conversation regarding what had been proposed on the surveys. Rather than a dumpster being located in the town, the Community Corp will have an e-waste disposal at the feed mill for anyone with electronics that they would like to get rid of. The Community Corp has recruited help from the green team at the school for those residents who are unable to dispose of waste on their own. It was explained the purpose of the community survey is when applying for grant money, the town would qualify for greater sums if: 1.) to get community input 2.) have a comprehensive plan for the entire community. Looking into the information for grants, it was learned that the town planning board is not in compliance with the state law. Question was asked when people volunteer to be on the planning board how the vetting process and decision is made. Supervisor Bronner advised, as a board, it's based on longevity of a resident in town, or long enough to be considered a full time resident. This is what has always been used. Advised that this is one of the topics that is being discussed in the moratorium and combining the planning and zoning board. Also was advised that the board is in compliance with the three member planning board. Request was made again for a calendar of events and Supervisor Bronner had a conversation with his web person and was suggested single lateral information for the website each month. Next was discussed if any progress in the junkyard issue on Travis Road. Supervisor Bronner advised he could not give any updated information as still trying to make contact with the resident. Councilman Grescheck had called the county and was told it is up to the individual's jurisdiction to get hold of the DEC and the health department involved. Connie Young advised as part of the community clean up day, the Community Corp is distributing flyers advising if any residents have any dead cars they would like hauled away, the contact information is on the flyer. There

was much discussion of this problem as resident needs to find a solution. Supervisor Bronner advised to look into and obtaining information from other townships and to create a law for the town regarding junkyards. Also would contact Cheryl Reese at the town of Minden. The open portion of the meeting was closed at 7:52 pm. Supervisor proceeded with the regular town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner advised that he needed the amount of salt supply to submit order and that he received the credit card for the town of Stark. Also spoke with the landowner for the salt, sand barn and was promised a meeting for this week. Supervisor also received notification from Sourcewell that the Mac truck is in the neighborhood of being built 4/21- 4/22/25. Supervisor Bronner then advised the town board needs to create a resolution for the town clerk and tax collector to be adopted 150 days prior to the next election as Town Clerk Smith cannot run for the two positions. Needs a motion to abolish the position of the tax collector and assign all duties and records of the tax collector to the town of Stark town clerk.

Councilman Grescheck made the motion and there was a roll call vote. All approved. Boces is requiring a municipal agreement between them and the town of Stark to enroll into a drug and alcohol program which is required. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. Other major issue was the payroll. Supervisor received a bill for \$2379.22 to do payroll and keep Quickbooks or change to Paychecks. Councilman Hubiak suggested to contact Shelly VanAlstrom from Johnstown, N.Y. who does payroll on her own. Supervisor advised he would call her tomorrow and obtain the cost and if it would be possible for her to do, otherwise asking for permission from the town board to go with Paychecks. Councilman Voght suggested voting on which salt, sand barn for the town. Much discussion and town board decided to go with the dealer Eagle Assoc., the Magnum building for \$516,699.00. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept the Britespan Builder Systems from Eagle Assoc. Roll call vote all ayes, except for Supervisor Bronner naye. Motion approved.

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

The town clerk's report for the month of March 2025 consisted of a duplicate certificate of marriage and a dog license for the total amount of \$15.00. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept 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 April 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm and the next town board meeting will be held on May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm, both at the town barn.

Councilman Grescheck made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.