

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Mayfield Municipal Complex at 28N. Main St. Mayfield NY 12117. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger at 6:33 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger  
Councilman Vincent Coletti  
Councilman Jack Putman  
Councilman Thomas Ruliffson

ABSENT: Councilwoman Roberta Ricciari

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Angus, Robert Carter, Edward Cosselman, Opal Bogden, Renate VanNostrand, Michele Johnsen, Deborah Dingman, Christopher Warner, Carl Avery, Jeff Martin

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Cosselman spoke about snow melt problems at his residence at the corner of Vandenburg Point Rd and Mariners Rd. States sometimes the snow melt runs into his garage and freezes which requires him to chop his car out of the ice to move it. Questioned the Board as to what can be done to remedy the problem, suggested culverts.

Renate VanNostrand stated she appreciates the work the Highway Department workers did on Yates Rd to make the shoulders better and expressed concern about their safety due to speeding cars. She also stated that the position of Highway Superintendent may be better as an appointed position rather than elected due to current circumstances. Also discussed concerns with loose dogs that are chasing people that are riding bikes or jogging on the road.

CEO/BI Damon Curley entered the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Deborah Dingman expressed her continued concern about box trailers being used for storage, and numerous campers on a neighborhood property. She stated that she is concerned that there will be another propane explosion or fire due to improper leads and uninspected structures.

Michele Johnsen spoke in favor of appointed Highway Superintendent. Supervisor Argotsinger explained the process to change the position from elected to appointed requires the passage of a local law as a referendum to be voted on by the general public.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CEO Damon Curley submitted his report with 12 permits issued in August and the Planning Board is having a Public Hearing for a storage facility on Riceville Rd., also following up on zoning violations. Draft of proposed Box Trailer Law was read and discussed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Absent-no report.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger stated that the Dog Control Officer Ag and Markets inspection was listed as "satisfactory". The Budget Workshop was also discussed and is taking place on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:00 PM. While this meeting is open to the public, Public Comments are not accepted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

ASSESSOR- Assessor terms are up statewide on September 30, 2019. The current Assessor Melissa Mazzarelli will be retiring at that time. Interviews have been completed.

RES# 128 On motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 3 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Ruliffson) Putman-Abstained.

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will appoint Justin Kramer as the Acting Assessor for a trial period of 6 months starting October 1, 2019.

RES# 129 On motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will appoint Melissa Mazzarelli as an Assessor Administrator from October 2 2019 to November 30 2019.

CREDIT CARD- The Mayfield Town Board has read the copy of the proposed credit card policy.

RES# 130 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will move forward with the credit card application process.

Jeff Martin entered the meeting at 6:58 PM

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY- Discussion for a Town of Mayfield Facebook page continued, with questions on how the page will operate, administrators, etc. Decisions for a Facebook page is tabled until more information is presented.

## NEW BUSINESS

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RES# 131 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the transfer of funds from A1990.4 Contingent to A1940.4 in the amount of \$18,250.00 for the purchase of land between Lathrop Rd and Griffis Rd for the purpose of road reconfiguration.

YEAR END BEACH REPORT- Beach director Parris Beach submitted the year end report stating that 998 day passes were sold at the gate, which is 79 more than in 2018.

13 Non-resident passes were sold for \$650.00; 174 Resident passes were sold for \$4350.00. Total attendance was 6490, which is 227 more than in 2018. Total Beach fees collected were \$ 15,608.50 which includes summer recreation programs from Perth and St Marys. There were 0 rescues, 0 injuries and 3 assists.

SENIOR PICNIC- The Mayfield Senior group requested use of the Mayfield Town Beach for the Senior Picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

RES# 132 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the use of the Mayfield Town Beach for the Senior Picnic.

BEACH GATES- NYS Dept. of Health requires the gates to the beach be closed during "Beach Season" unless there is a lifeguard on duty. The Mayfield Fire Dept. has requested the gates be left open for Water Rescue Training.

RES# 133 On motion by Councilman Ruliffson, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves opening the Beach Gates until Beach Season of 2020.

ADK ACTION- Supervisor Argotsinger stated he received a letter from the group "ADK ACTION" which is proposing decreasing/eliminating salt use in the winter in the Adirondacks.

RED BUNCH LOOP- Discussion about Red Bunch Loop. In 1999 "Red Bunch Loop" was called "Church Loop". NYS Dept. of Transportation is requesting a resolution stating the road will be officially called "Red Bunch Loop".

RES# 134 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Council Putman the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves Red Bunch Loop as the official road name.

INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2019 – A local law Opting Out of Section 487 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions for Solar Energy System, Wind Energy System and Farm Waste Energy System Projects.

Fulton County has already opted out at the County level due to the Solar Companies unwillingness to participate in PILOT programs. These projects will now be assessed and taxed accordingly.

RES# 135 On motion by Councilman Ruliffson, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that a Public Hearing will be held on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM to Introduce Local Law # 6 of the year 2019:

A Local Law Opting Out of Section 487 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions For Solar Energy System, Wind Energy System and Farm Waste Energy System Projects.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mayfield as follows:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this local law is to opt out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487 to capture tax revenues from the development of solar energy facilities and to

ensure that such facilities are treated equally with other commercial properties within the Town.

SECTION 2. A. No shall be applicable to exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 shall be applicable to Town of Mayfield taxes with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system.

B. No exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 shall be applicable to Town of Mayfield taxes with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel electric generating system micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, or electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system.

SECTION 3. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision or phrase of the aforementioned sections, as declared

by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. To the extent that this local law is inconsistent with Real Property Tax Law Section 487 it shall supersede those laws.

SECTION 5. Any and all prior Resolutions, Local Laws, rules and regulations of the Town which may be inconsistent or conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 6. A. This law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

B. In accordance with RPTL 487 (8) A., the Tow shall file this local law with the commissioner of the New York State Department of Tax and Finance and with the president of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

APPROVAL OF MINUTESS FROM AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> AND AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

RES# 136 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> meetings.

#### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

RES# 137 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the payment of vouchers in the following accounts for Abstract # 9 of 2019

A.	GENERAL TOWNWIDE	\$14,227.61
B.	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$1,800.37
DA.	HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$8,209.67
DB.	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$1,828.20

#### CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerks report was submitted with fees collected in the A account of \$3735.00 and the B account of \$825.00

A letter was received from the NYS Town Clerks Association stating the in August of 2019 the governor signed legislation waiving the State fee for marriage licenses for Active Duty Military members and spouses. The legislation also gives local governments the freedom to waive fees. The current marriage license fee is \$30.00 with \$22.50 going to the State and \$7.50 to the Town. The Town Clerk requested that the Mayfield Town Board waive the Town fees for Active Duty Military Members.

RES# 138 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will waive the Town fees for marriage licenses for Active Duty Military members.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Cosselman spoke again of his spring flooding issues, Michele Johnsen questioned the purchase of the Griffis Rd/Lathrop Rd property and how the new road would look.

#### REMINDERS:

VOUCHERS DUE OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2019

WORKSHOP MEETING SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2019 AT 6:30 PM

On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Parker  
Town Clerk/RMO