

Town of Harmony  
Date: January 3, 2018  
Time: 7:30 pm Regular meeting

Place: Town Building  
1001 Blockville - Watts Flats Rd  
Ashville, NY 14710

Members Present:	John Brown	Supervisor
	Tim Card	Highway Superintendent
	Peter Radka	Councilman
	Cheryl Wares	Councilman
	David Hinderer	Councilman
	Jeff Jordan	Councilman
	Shelly Johnson	Town Clerk

Absent:

Visitors: Carrie Finnerty Tax Collector

7:20 pm Deputy Supervisor Jeff Jordan administered the oath of office for the following officials for 2018

John Brown	Supervisor
Tim Card	Highway Superintendent
Peter Radka	Councilman
David Hinderer	Councilman
Shelly Johnson	Town Clerk
Carrie Finnerty	Tax Collector

Supervisor Brown opened the regular meeting of the Town of Harmony at 7:30 pm at the above time and place.

### **Approval of minutes**

Resolution 1 -18

On a motion by Councilman Jordan , seconded by Councilman Hinderer the following resolution was

ADOPTED 4 ayes Brown, Radka, Jordan, Hinderer

0 nays

Resolved that the minutes of December 13, 2017 be approved.

### **CEO's Report:**

- As read by the town clerk
- 3 permits issued

### **Planning Board Update:**

- No report
- Town Clerk Johnson will get the most current list of people that were last on all boards for the Town.

#### **Animal Control Officers Report:**

- No Report
- Supervisor Brown will contact Aaron Constantino about reporting dog incidents to the Town Board

#### **Court Report**

- Reports for July and August were submitted by Justice Scolton. September through December are still missing.
- Supervisor Brown noted that we have received the notice for the court annual audit from the Unified Court System. Justice Scolton will need to turn over his books for audit.
- Supervisor Brown presented the Board with a hand out concerning the court and what the Board has control over.

#### **Highway Superintendents Report:**

- Superintendent Card reported that all equipment is up and running and the highway employees are handling the recent snows well.
- Superintendent Card reported that he has received a street lighting inventory from National Grid. They will be possibility of upgrading the street lights this spring.

#### **Town Clerk Report:**

- Financial report of the Town Clerk's office was given
- Library Contract for 2018 was presented for signatures

#### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Supervisor Brown attended the November meeting of the Mayors and Supervisors on November 30<sup>th</sup> as a guest of North Harmony Supervisor Sally Carlson. The speaker was Andrew Nixon from the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau. He provided visitor insights to our county. The main dialog of the meeting was the on-going cleanup of Chautauqua Lake. It was decided that the municipalities bordering the lake would meet separate to talk about their issues. The Mayors and Supervisors group focuses discussion on topics of common concern. We plan to invite the new County Executive, George Borello, to our next meeting. One topic we would like to bring to his attention is property tax incentive directed by the county that local municipalities have to comply with but have no input.
- Supervisor Brown is very happy that Melanie's continued efforts with the owners of *Metalico*-Jamestown to hone their commitment to our community by installing a privacy fence. Great job, Melanie!
- Tim Card and the Building Committee have worked diligently to secure financing for the much-needed garage addition to the Highway department. The key phrase here is NEEDED not just wanted. Supervisor Brown encourage the board to continue its

support. He will be taking on a very active role in this endeavor. Thank you, Tim, Pete and anyone else that worked toward this goal for your time.

- In the Post Journal dated 12/21/17, there is an article summarizing Governor Cuomo's activity regarding local property taxes in 2018. The paper outlines topics like shared services for health insurance to create a bigger pool to save money. He also wants to work with local municipalities to examine legal and policy impediments that may hinder shared services in other areas.
- Supervisor Brown is a firm believer in transparency, that is why he would recommend redundancy of signators on all town bank accounts. Supervisor Brown also recommending one e-mail address for the Town with Shelly as the receiver who will review items and forward to appropriate person. We will do this on a trial basis.
- Supervisor scheduled a meeting with Dan Laurito on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss our budget patterns over the past 5 years.
- Supervisor Brown has plans to meet with Senator Young's office and Assemblyman Goodell's office in January to discuss funding and Cemetery legislation.
- Supervisor Brown talked with Richard Zink, Executive Director of Southern Tier West (we are members) to find out more about STW's services. They discussed broadband availability for the town and website support. STW offers a website maintenance service for an annual fee of \$150.00. This involves sending our information to their website administrator to upload on our website. Shelly does this now and has done well, but we might want to consider an update of the website and how it disseminates information. Supervisor Brown would appreciate your thoughts and direction. Please review our present site before the meeting

**Old Business:**

- SAM Grant administered by DASNY. Supervisor Brown has been in contact with the state concerning our grant application concerning funds for a highway building addition. There are 5 stages to the grant process. Unfortunately we have many steps to complete before any monies will be awarded. Supervisor Brown will be pursuing this grant with proper documentation that is required. Supervisor Brown stressed that this will happen. This building is a need of the highway department not a want.

**New Business:**

- 2018 Re-organizational meeting (see attached)

**Town Clerk presents bills for payment:**

On a Motion of Councilman Jordan and Seconded by Councilman Hinderer the following resolution was

ADOPTED 4 ayes Brown, Radka, Jordan, Hinderer  
0 nays

Resolved that the bill be paid on Abstract #1 in the following amounts

General \$3,613.48

Voucher #'s 1-11

Highway \$5,900.34

Voucher #'s 1-9

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Hinderer, seconded by Councilman Radka the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm. Carried Unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Shelly Johnson, Town Clerk**

**Please Note: The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2018 @ 7:30 PM.**