

December 20, 2023

The special meeting of the Town of Hartland, County of Niagara, State of New York, was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 8942 Ridge road, Gasport convening at 10:00 AM.

Members present:

Supervisor: W. Ross Annable

Town Clerk: Judith Slabyk

Councilman: Joseph Reed

David Huntington

Clifford Grant

David Hill

Attended by: Sign in sheet attached.

Supervisor Annable opened with the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION 125-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed to accept and enter into a contract with the Village of Middleport for police protection. It is a 3 year contract with a 3% increase yearly and a 1 year buy out.

Ayes: Annable, Huntington, Hill, Grant, Reed Nays: 0 Adopted

RESOLUTION 126-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed

Whereas: The Town of Hartland has not completed a full valuation of its assessment roll since 2014: and,

Whereas: a full valuation reassessment provides a fair and equitable assessment roll for it's citizen by returning assessments to 100% of market value and provides a mechanism to ensure that property owners will pay no more than their fair share of the tax burden; and

Whereas: a full valuation reassessment also maximizes the value of all exemptions for the citizens of the town: and as the Town of Hartland and Royalton are under a shared assessment program with a CAP (Coordinated Assessment Program) that ties assessment activities in both towns currently at 62 percent market value. As the Town of Royalton has agreed to a full valuation reassessment over 2024 and 2025; and

Whereas, the Town of Hartland wishes to stabilize it's equalization rate, the Town board agrees to pay Town Assessor Michael Hartman the sum of \$24,000 for the reassessment project over the course of 2024 and 2025 at a stipend rate of \$12,000 per year having been budgeted in the 2024 budget along with a Part-time Clerk for data collection. This work is above and beyond the existing assessor duties.

Resolved, that the Town of Hartland Assessor conduct a full valuation assessment concurrent with the Town of Royalton.

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Grant, Huntington, Reed

Nays:0 Adopted

Resolution 127-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed

Authorizing the Town to enter into an agreement with the Hartland volunteer Fire Department to provide a site on fire dept property for the Veterans helicopter display. The town will provide insurance coverage and provide the fire department with an insurance binder naming the fire department as an insured party. The Town will further add a security camera to the current system and provide lighting.

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Grant, Reed Huntington

Nays: 0 Adopted

RESOLUTION 128-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed

Whereas: The position of Confidential Secretary is specific to the sitting Supervisor and each Supervisor is entitled to appoint their own Confidential Secretary.

Now therefore be it resolved: The current confidential secretary to the Supervisor is hereby terminated at the end of business day January 1st, 2024, and shall receive two weeks salary as severance and shall be afforded a payout for all accumulated time off according to town policy.

Resolved: The Town Clerk will deliver a copy of the resolution to Confidential Secretary Audrey Jones Annable

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Grant Huntington, Reed

Nays: 0 Adopted

RESOLUTION 129-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed

Amend section 1400 of the employee handbook- amount of insurance buy-out, to 20% of cost to the Town from 10%

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Grant, Huntington, Hill

Nays: 0 Adopted

RESOLUTION 130-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Clifford Grant

Resolution Recognizing Town of Hartland employees working through the covid-19 pandemic premium pay.

Whereas, in March 2020, the covid-19 pandemic caused government shutdown throughout the county and

Whereas, the Town of Hartland employees still reported to work throughout the shutdown despite heightened challenges and

Whereas, the town recognizes the employees that worked amidst the heightened challenges

Whereas, funds are available through the 2022 American Rescue Plan to respond to the needs of essential workers during the public health emergency and remunerate those employees. Therefore, be it

Resolved: The Town Supervisor and the Town Board support essential worker pay, and those eligible non-elected employees listed, current and retired between April 1, through July 31, 2020 will receive the following one-time payment compensation. Full time \$1500.00, and part-time \$750.00.

Order of the Town Board, December 20, 2023

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Huntington, Reed, Grant Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 131-2023

Motion by Councilman David Huntington, seconded by Councilman Joseph Reed that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 am.

Ayes: Annable, Hill, Grant, Huntington, Reed Nays:0

Respectfully submitted.

Judith Slabyk

Acting Town Clerk