

# Town of Broadalbin

## 2021 REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting

**October 12, 2021**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Town of Broadalbin Town Board for the month of October was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday October 12, 2021 at the Municipal Complex, 201 Union Mills Rd, Broadalbin, NY

**Sheila Perry, Town Supervisor**, presided.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

The pledge was said in unison.

### **Roll Call**

Councilman Dave Bogardus-present  
Councilwoman Junell Pasquarelli-present  
Supervisor Sheila Perry-present  
Councilman Dave Bardascini-present  
Councilman Doug Kissinger-present

### **Present**

Carmel Greco, Attorney  
Planning Board Chairman Mike Crispin  
Planning Board Member Mike Rorick  
Dog Control/Planning Board Member Dale Potts

### **-Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and a second by Councilman Bardascini

### **RESOLUTION #2021-111 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meeting for the month of September 14, 2021 as submitted.

No further discussion

VOTE: Bogardus – aye Pasquarelli – aye Perry – aye Bardascini – aye Kissinger – aye

### **Communications**

#### **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk stated last Friday, October 8, 2021, she received 4 complaints from residents on Stevers Mills Rd. complaining about the poor air quality from Empire Paving. The Clerk contacted Mike Crispin, Planning Board Chairman, to look into the complaints. He will report back to us at the next meeting.

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#### **Supervisor Communications – County News**

-Supervisor Perry stated she recently attended a meeting with the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Board in which they discussed possible toilet facilities to be placed on Sand Island. The Regulating District along with a committee to be formed, will be responsible on deciding the best solution.

-Also discussed was the use of the ARPA Funds by officially announcing the Northampton Sacandaga Lake History Museum which will be constructed on Route 30 across from the Northville Bridge area. This will consist of @40 acres and will display the history of the Great Sacandaga Lake area, to promote tourism in Fulton County. Another use of ARPA Funds will be the construction of Parker's Baseball Field to be reconfigured at the A J & G Ball Field in Gloversville.

-Supervisor Perry stated the County would like to see all residents participate with the Green Light Program by lighting green lights on front porches to honor Veterans.

### **Bookkeeper**

-Theresa Butkevitch provided written financial reports for the month of September 2021 to all Board Members.

-Supervisor Perry stated for all department heads to look at their current budgets for any surplus, which could be used for upgrades needed, before the end of 2021.

### **Assessing Department**

-Laurie Bollock gave her monthly report to her, Liaison Councilwoman Pasquarelli who read it aloud stating the office is quiet. The Assessors are working on sales, splits, address changes and collecting data from the permits provided by the Code Enforcer. Any questions, please call her, as she checks her messages daily.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Doug Kissinger

-Stated the trimming around the Town Hall is completed and looks very nice.

-Councilman Kissinger inquired if the County had any success in extending the Rail Trail in the area. Supervisor Perry stated there are still a few hold outs that do not want it near their residence.

### **Code Enforcer**

Tom DiCaprio (not present) provided the board with his monthly report. In the month of September he processed 14 permits for a total of \$1,568.40.

### **Dog Control Officer**

-Dale Potts stated there were 2 dog bites, 3 barking complaints, 3 missing dogs which were found, 1 call on peacocks, 1 call on chickens and no animals taken to the shelter.

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### **Highway**

Eric Alley, Highway Superintendent, not present this evening.

### **Justice Court**

-Councilman Bardascini, Court Liaison, read the monthly report stating total fines and fees for the past month collected were \$3,753, including old fines of \$275. He also stated all training has been completed by both Judges and Court Clerks and provided copies of their certificates.

### **Planning Board**

-Chairman Mike Crispin stated they provided the Board with a letter of their opinions on the Cannabis Local Law that needs to be completed by the end of 2021. The Planning Board officially requests the Town Board to opt out of the NYS Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act signed by former Gov. Cuomo. The Planning Board agrees with the Town to hold a Public Hearing.

-Also discussed at the last meeting, was the Comprehensive Plan they hope to complete in 2022.

## Town Attorney

-Attorney Greco provided the Town Board with Local Law #2021-01, a Local Law to opt out of allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as Authorized Under Cannabis Law Article 4, and read aloud its contents.

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bogardus  
**RESOLUTION #2021-112 A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW # 2021-01 TO OPT OUT OF THE NYS MARIJUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT SIGNED BY FORMER GOV. ANDREW CUOMO AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND SEQR REVIEW FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.**

Discussion: Legal Notice will be sent to The Leader Herald along with notifications to the Town of Broadalbin Website and Town and Village Fan pages, on Facebook.

VOTE: Perry-aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -aye Bogardus -aye Pasquarelli –aye

-Further discussion took place stating most Towns around us are doing nothing at this time.

-Attorney Greco stated by opting out, you can opt in at any time, reminding the Board Members that they can not advocate for or against this Law. The residents must say yes or no.

-Councilman Bardascini stated if the Town opts out, we will not get any of the revenue sharing.

-Councilwoman Pasquarelli stated it is all around us already, but would like to see how the public feels.

-Councilman Bogardus inquired as to if this would exclude the Village, which is a part of the Town.

Attorney Greco stated the Village will share in the revenues as regular sales tax income by opting to do nothing at this time.

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**Old Business** - none at this time.

**New Business** - approval to pay vouchers.

Pre paid	\$11,372.87
General	32,440.29
Highway	10,398.78
Total	54,211.94

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded Councilman Kissinger

**RESOLUTION #2021-113 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED VOUCHERS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted vouchers for the month of September 2021. No further discussion.

VOTE: Perry - aye Bardascini –aye Kissinger –aye Bogardus –aye Pasquarelli -aye

## Public Comment

Jason Ambrosino, a retired Army Serviceman, CEO and Founder of the Veterans Hemp Market in the Town of Mayfield, explained the benefits of Cannabis. He stated since he began using Cannabis it has improved his lung function. He also stated with the use of Cannabis in areas, there has been a reduction in crime and the use of opiates go down when there is a dispensary in their town. Jason stated there are 900 Consumption Lounges to be put in New York State but he believes there probably won't be one placed in Broadalbin. The other benefits he sees is sales tax and tourism revenues. He closed in stating if there are any questions he can be contacted and believes all residents should Google information and come out for this Public Hearing to voice their opinions.

- Attorney Greco reminded the Town Board they can't advocate for or against this Local Law. Citizens must say yes or no by having the Public Hearing.
- Councilwoman Pasquarelli stated there is no stopping it, it is all around us, and many people are already using Cannabis.
- Supervisor Perry stated it is easier to do nothing but believes the Town Board should see how the public feels. She thanked Jason for his information.
- Councilman Bardascini stated big pharma changed the stat with politicians. Years ago Cannabis was more common.
- The Public Hearing for Local Law #2021-01 will be scheduled for November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM and will be advertised in The Leader Herald, the website, and the Fan Pages on Facebook.

**Adjournment 7:16 PM**

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bardascini the October 12, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

VOTE: Perry -aye Bardascini -aye Kissinger -aye Bogardus -aye Pasquarelli -aye