

TOWN OF BROADALBIN

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 13, 2022

TOWN OFFICIALS

Supervisor – Bruce VanGenderen -present
Deputy Supervisor – Doug Kissinger -absent
Town Board Member – David Bardascini-present
Town Board Member – David Bogardus-present
Town Board Member – Junell Pasquarelli-present
Call to Order – Supervisor
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call – Town Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

-Mike Rorick questioned the status of the Solar Farm on Route 29. He questioned if the Bonding info from 2016 when the project was reviewed by the Planning Board, was available. After research by the Town Clerk it is believed that the Solar Farm in question has changed names at least three times, although on the Tax Rolls, it is still under ONYX. There is an amortization sheet where taxes are to be sent to the County yearly. The Town Clerk has questioned the County on this but still no response directly. The Town Clerk will continue to research and to report at the October 11, 2022 meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Youth Commission- Keith Buchanan requested to present first this evening due to another engagement at 7PM.

-He stated the donated scoreboard is up and they are waiting for an electrician to finish wiring it.

-Keith also stated because of the fact the Town has a well at the Park, the fields remain in good condition due to being able to water the fields, even though this has been a very dry summer.

-Keith stated this weekend BYC soccer will begin at 8:00 am. Currently the Broadalbin-Perth School District has been using the Town Park fields for their modified teams.

-David Jankowski stated the incorporation papers have been completed with a copy given to Supervisor VanGenderen. Also stating the 501C3 paperwork has been sent to the IRS and we are waiting for a response from them.

-David Jankowski stated at the last Youth Commission Meeting held this past Saturday, September 10, 2022, they passed Bylaws as a Corporation and provided the Board Members with copies of the paperwork. Their elected officers are listed and the new Bookkeeper for the BYC is Ashley Brooks. She provided the financials from January – August of 2022 and stated there were 912 participants in the BYC sports programs this year.

BYC Cont.

-Dr. Harry Brooks stated he is waiting on copies of canceled checks from NBT to finish the last part of the Grant for the Town Park Construction and then will meet with Supervisor VanGenderen to review. Travis Mitchell has agreed to provide as Built Maps to send along with the last part of the Grant of \$50,000. He hopes to have all completed by next month.

-Supervisor VanGenderen stated he has been in contact with West & Co. and agrees the 501C3 paperwork has been sent to the IRS, hoping by the end of 2022, the BYC can assume their own payroll.

Town Supervisor

-Supervisor VanGenderen stated the proposal for the new Highway Garage will be discussed at the October 11, 2022 meeting when Darrin Romeyn, the engineer, can attend.

-Supervisor VanGenderen stated Attorney Casale has prepared a Stipulation of Discontinuance of the Litigation previously conducted with the Rolling Ridge Home Park. This states that as of May 13, 2022 it is agreed that all parties have declared the litigation discontinued.

-Supervisor VanGenderen also stated the Budget Workshops have been going very well and the budget is 90% complete. Our next Workshop is scheduled for this Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Assessor -Laurie Bollock supplied a written report stating the school taxes have been sent out the first week of September with the office returning phone calls answering resident's questions. Other than that, the office has been quiet. Any questions please contact Laurie.

-Councilman Bogardus questioned the status of the Assessor's schooling, stating he agrees with no raises until it is up to date. He inquired as to if the Town Clerk can find out their status. I will contact Laurie for a list of their education requirements.

-Councilman Bardascini stated he believes most of the classes are on line but with COVID the last couple of years, one class was not administered, stating it had to be done in person.

Building and Grounds

- Councilman Doug Kissinger absent this evening. The town Clerk stated the men's room toilet that was leaking, has been replaced.

Code Enforcer

-Tom DiCaprio, present this evening, provided the Board with his permits issued for the month of August 2022 with a total of \$307.60.

-Tom also clarified that after any permits are issued, the Assessor's are notified. Some violations of lack of permits are found by Tom riding around or people reporting work being done in the area.

-Tom also stated there are blight properties that have been sighted and brought to Town Court, but believes as in other townships, stricter laws should be in place to follow through.

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-Attorney Casale stated there has been one case in Court that has been a very long problem and believes we have to continue to prosecute as a general policy.

Dog Control Officer - Dale Potts not present.

Highway Superintendent - Eric Alley not present.

Justice Court –Councilman Dave Bardascini read aloud the Court Report of total fines collected for the month of August 2022 as \$3,912, including \$904 from cases 2021 and before.

Closed tickets were 73, 55 VTL, 3 PL, 7 Civil and 1 DEC.

-Councilman Bardascini stated Governor Hochul recently passed a law where Courts can only ask for a past due fine from someone once a year. Therefore receiving past due fines will be much harder to collect.

Planning Board

-Chairman Mike Crispin stated at last month's Planning Board meeting they reviewed two (2) Site Plans, one which will be done in stages due to the cost of materials.

-Mike stated at this month's meeting there will be two (2) Public Hearings, one for a site on Hatzenbuhler Rd., for Glamping. He will recuses himself on voting due to being a neighbor of this property. Mike explained the Glamping area will consist of eight (8) sites with water being provided by a small house in the area.

-Mike will research questions brought up by Councilman Bardascini and Councilman Bogardus if the State Health Dept. is needed to conduct water tests and capacity issues on this site, stating the APA has OK'd the project so far.

-Mike stated at the September 28, 2022 meeting they also will be reviewing a lot line adjustment and begin to discuss Solar Farm Laws.

Town Attorney

- Anthony Casale explained the Rolling Ridge Home Park Stipulation of Discontinuance he prepared this evening, is a formality stating all litigation is complete at this time.

-Attorney Casale also stated this evening he prepared a Resolution for the Court JCAP Application, which is submitted by our Court yearly, to be reviewed by the Board during the Legislation portion of the meeting.

-Attorney Casale stated the Solar Farm and Energy Moratorium in place for the next twelve (12) months, should be discussed by the Planning Board and Town Board on how to proceed, such as possible zoning in the Town. In the October 11, 2022 meeting he will provide more information.

-Councilman Bogardus stated The Leader Herald should do a report on the Town of Broadalbin and this status so all residents are aware.

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-Mike Crispin stated it was mentioned in The Leader Herald recently that our Town did pass a twelve month Moratorium on Solar Farms and the Public Hearing was advertised, along with it being on the Website and Fan Page of Facebook, and with a notice at the Post Office.

-Supervisor VanGenderen stated he will contact Jason Subik at The Leader Herald to make sure a report has been or will be done.

Town Clerk – Cheryl Briggs nothing at this time.

LEGISLATION

-Resolution for the Justice Court JCAP Application.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Bogardus
RESOLUTION # 80-2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING PURSUANT TO 22 NYCRR 138

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Title 22, Part of 138 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, known as the Justice Court Assistance Program, funding is available that may be used for any purpose having as its end enhancement of the Justice Court’s ability to provide suitable and sufficient services to their respective communities. These purposes may include, but shall not be limited to, automation of court operations; provision of appropriate means for the recording of court proceedings; provision of law books, treatises and related materials; provision of appropriate training for justices and for nonjudicial court staff; and the improvement or expansion of court facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Broadalbin is in receipt of communication from Broadalbin Town Court requesting it pursue funding in the amount of \$3,000 for Broadalbin Town Court for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town of Broadalbin is hereby authorized and directed to submit application with the Broadalbin Town Court for funding in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

No further discussion:

VOTE: Supervisor VanGenderen	aye
Councilman Bardascini	aye
Councilman Bogardus	aye
Councilwoman Pasquarelli	aye
Councilman Kissinger	absent

OLD BUSINESS

- Supervisor VanGenderen stated the Highway Committee will be at the October Meeting.
- Councilman Bardascini inquired as to if we should discuss a new mower for the Town Hall due to the fact that we just had to put close to \$1,000 in parts to the one in use now.
- It was decided that this will be discussed at the next Budget Workshop when Councilman Kissinger is present.
- Councilman Bogardus stated he received a blue card from the Charlton Snow Mobile Club for use of his land this season. The Town has not heard from Aaron Dyer, the Trail Master of the Club. Supervisor VanGenderen will contact him tomorrow for further information.

-Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Supervisor VanGenderen

RESOLUTION #2022-81 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FORM PREVIOUS MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meeting August 9, 2022 as submitted.

No further discussion;

VOTE: VanGenderen-aye Kissinger-absent Bogardus-aye Bardascini –aye Pasquarelli-aye

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay vouchers (claim)

Prepaid	\$ 46,827.60
General	12,978.28
Gen OV	23.01
Highway	13,956.08
Total	73,784.97

On a motion made by Supervisor VanGenderen and seconded by Councilman Bardascini

RESOLUTION #2022-82 APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS (CLAIMS)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board authorizes the payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$73,784.97.

No further discussion;

VOTE: VanGenderen-aye Kissinger-absent Bogardus-aye Bardascini-aye Pasquarelli-aye

Public Session (3 minutes)

- Mike Rorick stated he wanted to thank the BYC members for attending tonight’s meeting.
- Mike also inquired as to if the Town is getting compensated for the Solar Farm on Route 29, stating he believes the Town should be very careful with regulations in the future with Solar Farms that can lead to a decrease in property values. Blight properties are also a problem in Town, in his opinion.

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-Supervisor VanGenderen agreed with Mike stating he never thought Solar Farms in the Town was a good idea. He stated he was against them from the beginning, along with the Pilot Program.

-More discussion of Solar Farms between the Town Board and Planning Board will continue at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 7:32 P.M.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Pasquarelli and seconded by Councilman Bogardus The September 13, 2022 Town of Broadalbin Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Briggs