

**Minutes
Town of Conesville
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021
7:30 PM**

Roll Call was taken with the following people present: Supervisor Federice, Carl Fancher, Robert Proudman, Kelly Smith, Laurel Mattice

Other officials: Jason Barry, Highway Superintendent, Marie Stuber, Assessor, Brenda Weaver, Town Clerk

1. The group began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.
2. There were no requests for Privilege of the floor
3. Minutes:
 - a. **Motion by Carl Fancher to approve the minutes of the December, 2020 meeting, with the request that Laurel's name be always be used, 2nd by Kelly Smith. Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Motion by Kelly Smith to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Organizational meeting, 2nd by Carl Fancher, Motion Carried.**
4. Assessor's report – Marie Stuber distributed a written report. She also made a request for a resolution to be formally adopted for allowing the assessor to not require additional documentation for seniors who received exemptions in 2020.
Motion by Laurel Mattice to adopt resolution 32-21 Senior Star Renewal Waiver, 2nd by Robert Proudman, Motion carried.
Marie also asked the board for permission to submit a voucher for mandatory training, that will be shared by another municipality. Group agreed that such a voucher would be approved.
5. Code Enforcement Officer's report – Ron Barry submitted a written report for the Month of December, and also the 2020 yearly report. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's reports, 2nd by Carl Fancher, motion carried.**
6. Tax Collector's Report – Diane Williams submitted a written report. **Motion by Carl to accept the Tax Collector's Report, 2nd by Robert Proudman, Motion Carried.**
7. **Town Clerk's Report – Brenda Weaver submitted a written report for December 2020 and also the 2020 yearly report to the Board. Motion y Robert Proudman to accept the December 2020 report, 2nd by Kelly Smith. Motion Carried.**

Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Town Clerk's report for the 2020 year, 2nd by Robert Proudman. Motion carried.

8. Highway Superintendent's report – Jason Barry submitted a written report, and went over it with the board. One highlight included a discussion of the 4 x 4's broken axle. The board agreed with Jason that the purchasing of the Rockwell axle would be the best route to take. He also discussed with the board the options for upgrading additional equipment. One suggestion was to lease with the option to buy. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Robert Proudman, motion carried.**
9. County Report – Supervisor Federice reported that COVID continues to be a very serious problem. With an increase of 10 cases for the county from October, 2020. There have been 240 immunizations distributed county-wide so far. Free COVID testing in Cooperstown and Schoharie County for Asymptomatic Individuals was announced. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Supervisor's report, 2nd by Robert Proudman, motion carried.**
10. Town Business
 - a. Supervisor's Financial report for 2020 is in progress
 - b. Sexual Harassment training – Supervisor Federice reminded everyone it is mandatory to be completed each year. Jason Barry indicated that the town road crew had scheduled a training
 - c. Former Fire House Sale update – Still on, Supervisor Federice has heard no objections so far.
 - d. Former Highway Garage lease update – Jersey barrier will be ordered, water and septic is completed. Heat is working. 2 drains need to be snaked. School and town are sharing sanding and plowing.
 - e. DEP hamlet designation renewal – no action required by the Town if no changes are requested.
 - f. Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors Nomination – Supervisor Federice nominated Gilboa Supervisor Alicia Terry to represent Schoharie County. The Board unanimously agreed to send the nomination to the Catskill Watershed Corporation
 - g. Board member input – none to report.
11. Review Bills – Board reviewed the bills and abstract 01-21 Motion to approve and pay bills as presented by Kelly Smith, 2nd by Carl Fancher, motion carried.
12. Executive Session – Motion by Kelly Smith to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, 2nd by Carl Fancher, Motion carried.

13. The Town Justice Annual report was reviewed. **Motion to approve the Annual Justice report made by William Federice, and seconded by Kelly Smith, motion carried.**
Motion to adjourn by Robert Proudman, 2nd by Laurel. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weaver

Town Clerk

Town of Conesville
Senior STAR Renewal Waiver
Resolution Number _____ - 21

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said declaration was extended to include: Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conesville is desirous in adopting such resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Conesville Town Board is authorized to pass such resolution, and that the Conesville Town Assessor is instructed to take any such necessary actions in the above-described directives.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Federice, William			
Fancher, Carl			
Mattice, Laurel			
Proudman, Robert			
Smith, Kelly			

Attested to by Conesville Town Clerk Brenda Weaver

Hello Board Members,

I am pleased to have started the 1st of the year as your new Assessor. Thank you for putting your trust in me. I am planning to come to the board meeting tonight and bring a printed out report.

My first day in the office on Jan 5 was a long one with plenty of housecleaning of papers and organizing. Sorry for the large amount of trash to be disposed of.

As it has been only a few days into my position, there is not a lot that I can report. I did spend 2 separate days in December with Mark going over some details about the ways he has been handling this position and what still needs to be completed for the rolls. He had already sent out all the renewal applications for exemptions and had received a few back. As you all are aware we are not requiring the Aged Seniors exemptions to send in the renewal forms and documentation unless there is a change in their circumstances. Thank you for quickly adopting the resolution that allows me to require documentation and remove the exemption if there is found to be changes.

There still is a law that should be considered for adopting. I had forwarded information over to Bill about this. It would allow me in the future to accept Aged Senior exemptions late if the applicant was seriously ill and could give me documentation to prove this. If this can be reviewed and decided on for next year as we don't need it for this year.

I have discussed with Bill the voucher that was submitted tonight. This is the 2nd half of the course I need to complete as part of the requirement for my certification. I am splitting this between both towns and once completed I will fill out the request forms for reimbursement for the towns. After this I have to complete an Agricultural course and am hoping they will be able to have in person courses for this in the summer this year.

thank you and all stay safe.

Marie Stuber
Assessor
Town of Conesville
1-607-588-7211
1-607-588-6832 Fax

Town Copy

Town of Conesville
Building Code Report

Jan-1-2020 To Dec-31-2020

RON L. BARRY SR.
117 Maple Ln.
Gilboa N.Y. 12076
607-588-9491
N.Y.S Building Code Officer

INSP. - 12

New Permits - 1

Certificate of
Completion - 3



TOWN OF CONESVILLE
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE
1306 STATE ROUTE 990V
GILBOA, NEW YORK 12076

Renovations - 13

Break Down
of New Permits

2020

Decks - 2

Add. - 2

Greenhouse - 1

Manufactured Homes - 4

New stick Built
Homes - 3

Swimming Pools - 1

New Garages - 4

Seeds - 1

Chimneys and
or Heating Sys } - 3

Wells - 2

Wast water
treatment } - 1

Food Plain
change } - 1

TOWN OF CONESVILLE
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Tax Collection Totals

Town of Conesville
 Tax Year: 2021
 Sun, Jan 10, 2021, 03:00 PM

28 Zero amount tax bills
 1093 Unpaid tax bills
 0 Partially paid tax bills
 208 Fully paid tax bills

 1329 Total number of tax bills

208 payments collected by collector, 0 by Co Treasurer

Total to be collected this year: \$1,866,343.12

Tax Collector(s) Paid Amounts

Total base paid: \$222,184.92
 Total penalty: \$0.00
 Total late notice: \$0.00

 Sub total paid: \$222,184.92

Total refunds: \$0.00

 Net Collected \$222,184.92

Treasurer Collect: \$0.00

Treasurer LateFees Col: \$0.00

Total unpaid: \$1,644,158.20

Breakdown of totals by Swis Code

# Bills	Tax Due	Base Pd	Collected(*)	Treas Collect(*)	Owed
432800	-Town of Conesville				
1301	\$1,866,343.12	\$222,184.92	\$222,184.92	\$0.00	\$1,644,158.20

* - Totals Collected represents the base amount paid plus penalties and late notice fees minus any refunds issued.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF CONESVILLE, NEW YORK

DECEMBER, 2020

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A2544	<u>1</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>5.00</u>	
		TOTAL A2544		5.00
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A2590	<u>6</u>	BUILDING PERMITS	<u>260.00</u>	
		TOTAL A2590		260.00
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First thing- I want to address and clear up the email conversation about the last salt order. We had a full 35 ton load of salt in the barn left from last season. I used about half of it to mix some sand before we started this year. That, with the usage of the ice and small storms we'd had to that point was enough to dwindle that pile. With a large storm in sight, I wanted more on hand. There was about 15 ton left. Bill and I spoke prior to the budget planning and planned to up the salt order totals for this year a small amount as the zero tolerance of the public increase's each year. We were at 315 for the season and bumped that number to 350.

Just this week I had carver bring us in 300 ton of sanding material. This is the first sand we have had to buy since last year January. Once the county reimburses us for our usage that will cover 2/3's of that order.

So, while we are here I need to order salt.

The 4x4 single axle truck is broke. We discussed selling this and getting a different truck. Unfortunately, time did not allow that. I spent countless hours looking at them and driving around wasting my time to see junk. I was not going to sell this and start a season with no truck. It was a gamble either way and we lost. Now the truck is broke and we have no truck.

The hopeful side is, I spoke to gage international in Albany. The parts guy there told me they are 2 axle options for this truck. The one is better than the other. He suggested finding one in a junk yard, rebuilding it, and it should be better.

He also told me, and I looked it up, that Rockwell axle is now building center sections for this axle we have, its an upgrade and helps with some of the old design issues. We can set up a Rockwell for \$5000.00 plus the labor at gage and It's got a warranty. To get a scrap yard housing and rebuild it its about the same money but of course no guarantee on a junk yard part. In my opinion we should try the upgrade to what we have. It may better the life of this truck for us so at least we can use it and maybe get some of our money back out of it.

Storm Damage- we lost a bunch of road shoulders and driveways from the rain and melting snow. Bush rd, Hughes rd, Brand rd, Upper haner rd, shale pit rd, Bates church rd, South mtn rd and our worst was shusler rd.

If you have not heard by now, I sent a text message to Bill smith and he took time away from his family Christmas to load his dozer for us and my Dad and I went and picked it up. We had this road passable for the people there by 3 pm so they were not stranded for the weekend. We have since put in about \$10,000 worth of stone and road item to repair that and the hill on bates church rd.

These 2 roads are always last on the list and have had little to no attention in the last 15 years. So yes we spent some money there and it was the wrong time of year but, that material is there now and hopefully we can just shape it up this summer and get it rolled in to hold for the future. Also, for the record, the only water issues there were that the ditch line just couldn't take any more water and once it broke down the road that old sandy gravel was not going to stop it.

Equipment planning.

I have been researching how to go about getting some of our equipment upgraded as best we can in our budget situation.

One idea I got from a Highway super who offered what they do was this. We have a running equipment line of \$60,000. What if we get a bond, or a note or a loan, whatever you want to call it. We set it up and a percentage of our \$60,000, say we agree a payment of 35,000 per year be used to pay the bond, we still have roughly half of that for smaller items we may need like maybe an attachment or a pick up or whatever. If we don't use the remaining money we can opt to add it to our \$60,000 next year and increase our ability for improvements. He said he bought a loader out right and rolled it over every 3-4 years this way. They actually made money on the loader the second time they did it by auctioning it off for more than balance of note. We are at a point where we are running out of time and options.

Anyone else have any ideas?

That's enough for now.