

**TOWN OF CARROLLTON**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**October 19, 2021 5:00PM**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**640 MAIN STREET**

**LIMESTONE, NY 14753**

**Present:** Supervisor Bob Rinfrette, Councilman James Rounsville, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman Dan Newbury, Bookkeeper Keli Rounsville, CWO/S1&2 Maintenance Ricky Dixon, CEO Lance Jobe, Town Attorney Eric Firkel. PB Chair Wendy Johnston, Zoning Chair: Bob Burkett, Hwy Superintendent Mike Fox, Limestone Winter Soccer Board: Samantha Hayes, Stephanie Parsons, Michelle Kicior, Realtor Tom Fenner.  
**Not in Attendance:** Councilman Jay Little, Julie Carlson, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Rinfrette called the Meeting to order at 5:00PM directly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, seconded by Councilman Bottone to accept September Minutes as written. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, seconded by Councilman Bottone pay bills presented. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**2021 Bills Presented**

- General \$8,546.95 v#180-203
- Highway \$9,253.74 v#114-123
- Sewer 1 \$ 94.40 v#13
- Sewer 2 \$4,888.84 v#78-90
- Water \$2,844.14 v#74-85
- Capital \$-0-
- Total \$25,628.07**

**Checks Received:**

\$ 1,282.63 Town Clerk's Acct-September Sales  
11,605.00 Justice Michael Soper-Fines Collected for September  
8,103.00 Justice Joseph Crowley-Fines Collected for September  
2,875.00 Rental Income (deposit 10/18/2021)  
16.50 Refund from Austin Security -overpayment on Sept invoice

**Total \$23,882.13**

Councilman Bottone stated that Supervisor Rinfrette is going to dissect the bill from the Auto Repair place in Limestone, He has possession of the bill and has not submitted it to be paid due to questions as to parts put on the vehicle needed, and then it was taken to another repair place to get repaired and running. Supervisor Rinfrette said he would like for himself and another board member to meet with them to discuss the bill.

**Monthly Reports:** The Town Clerk, Rentals Report, Hwy Report, Justice Reports, Supervisor's Financial Report.

**Limestone Winter Soccer** addressed the Board on the upcoming Soccer Season for 2022. They saw the listing for the rentals of Gym that Councilman Newbury gave them and they are having issues with the scheduling made by the Rentals Clerk Julie Carlson. Stated they let her know in August they wanted to start up again. Said they didn't hear back from her so they requested a meeting because they heard that BYBL wanted to rent the gym also. It was questioned how much time they would be using the gym. They stated it is 6 days a week, and if it is a money issue, they will discuss it. Rounsville stated he didn't know anything about it. (hadn't look at the rentals report)

Soccer stated season starting time will be January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>. Monday-Friday and Saturdays they use the Gym. M-W-F 5-9pm, Tues & Thurs 5-7:30pm. But then said they did get done earlier last year on Tues & Thurs, Saturdays 8a-6:30pm.

Councilman Bottone stated it is a Long-Standing program and is priority. Bottone said if Tara's volleyball is in the way, then she just won't be able to have it here. Bottone suggests Julie contact others and rentals and see what prices she is getting from the other rentals. Soccer stated that they pay \$1300.00 2 years ago. Stated they didn't like the fact that they were moved from room to room when we had a tenant. Wanted to know why the room was even shown. Newbury stated we had the opportunity to rent and the room they were in was the one the tenant wanted and paid a monthly rent. Bottone said he's not going to have people that don't pay taxes use the gym. Discussion of Soccer and how to use the gym went into length. Bottone said in dollar amount we are broke so it is about the money. Soccer Board went over the schedule of what Julie booked. Stated that she did not respond to the message in August saying that they wanted the gym for soccer this year again if the Town will hold the program. Discussion of how many years Soccer has been in the Town for the Town. Keli Rounsville spoke up and told the Board that Julie is in charge of rentals. Keli asked the Board if they are in all the decisions that Julie makes for each room. Keli expressed the concern of the greatest revenue. And the Board agreed they need to discuss with Julie where she stands with the contracts and the income. Soccer discussed concessions and Covid protocols, idea of setting up a food truck outside.

### **Correspondence:**

- 1)Email received from Christine Urf Development Specialist for Cattaraugus County. Inviting Board to participate in a meeting to share perceptions, concerns, and hopes of Catt. County socio-economic future.
- 2)NYS Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund-One-Time Funding of HRA Accounts for Eligible Participants. Highlights outlined of interest for Town of Carrollton Hwy Department: The Trustees are announced a one-time contribution to a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for eligible participants, effective January 1, 2022. Information pertaining to our employees: All full-time active eligible participants in the fund as of July 1, 2021 will receive a one-time contribution of \$5,000. It States that an Individual must, however, remain as participants in the Fund as of January 1, 2022 to receive an HRA contribution. The Fund will be mailing additional information concerning the HRA benefit during the month of December.
- 3)NYS Redistricting Commission announced the dates of Public Hearing and draft Maps. List of date and regions.
- 4)NYS Dept of Public Service – the commission's staff arm, has hired ECC Technologies for consulting services – information which provides access to online survey for elected officials for internet service experience, and tell area of greater need for internet service within New York State. Link is provided.

**Hwy Superintendent-** Mike Fox gave monthly report for September. Pipe is done on Spittler Lane at the sewer plant, He has talked to Union Concrete may help to do finishing touches.

Councilman Bottone stated he wanted to start repairing the old Municipal Building across the Street. Hwy Supervisor Mike Fox and CWO/Sewer Maintenance reported the chimney has been removed as requested by the Board and there will be no leaks on roof from it.

The Board discussed what needs to be addressed: Roof replacement, Asbestos Abatement.

Attorney Eric Firkel stated possibilities for roof as far as hiring out, partnerships.

There is a Roof Fund/Building Fund to use to start repairs. Between Ricky Dixon and Mike Fox and they agreed they could work on the building when available. Jerry Peterson, Maintenance will also be included in helping with working on this project.

**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, seconded by Councilman Bottone to form a committee and appoint CEO Lance Jobe, CWO/Sewer Maintenance Ricky Dixon, Councilman Bottone, Councilman Newbury and Hwy Superintendent Mike Fox to the committee. This committee will work together to start the repair of the building located at 641 Main Street. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, seconded by Councilman Bottone that anything under \$5,000.00 for Asbestos Abatement will not need an additional meeting for approval. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**CWO/Sewer 1 & 2 Maintenance Rick Dixon-** gave report up to date. Made Board aware that he was told to use Jerry Peterson for help on water leaks and sewer so there will charges from Jerry Peterson to water and sewer departments as directed.

Ricky reported the boilers were started at the Complex on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>, by Tuesday they were low. Possibly a leak. Added water to it, will keep checking it. Discussed hot water tank.

Update on Covid ARPA Funds being spent. Proposed spending of it. Book Keeper Keli Rounsville questioned his spending and time frame. Ricky informed her he had received extension notice forward from Town Clerk Julie Carlson. So, the time line has changed. Keli stated need plan to spend the money or we could lose the money? The amount we receive is \$60,000 per year. Ricky stated the pumps will run \$40,000-\$50,000. Keli stated time needs to be factored in for approvals.

### **Open Forum:**

**Hand and Hand** -Sister and Cheryl representatives and interested buyers of the Municipal Complex.

Discussion of the Complex and their intentions if they purchased it. They explained their program and it has been going for 15 years-helping the poor, expanding their area. Possibilities for this building would be a max of 80 people, including 26 chaperones. (Families)Ages of children would be 5 months and up. 20 students at elementary level would go to Allegany Limestone School. Residency would be at the building. They would abide by all New York State Laws. They stated this is their 5<sup>th</sup> trip to the Town and it takes 7 hours to get here. Attorney Firkel was not present but available by phone. The Board stated the Complex was taken off the market the week before. Questions were asked of Tax Structure on the building, would it be rate of reimbursement per student? Tuition? Its in the school district. Visa? Humanitarian? 91r) temp or parole. SS cards-kids, work permits-adults. Get Green card? 5 years citizenship? These were all discussed at length by guests and Town Board.

The building would be Tax Exempt for this type of organization, but would still be paying water/sewer and Fire department fees. It was stated that the final sale of building would be a process and a Board decision.

They stated 4 unrelated people in 1 room as residence. CEO Lance Jobe stated it is legal to live in the building. Supervisor Rinfrette stated the Town still needs offices and needs to relook at the plan of where to put the Town Offices and have that ready before they can put the building on Market again.

Hand and Hand guests stated they would allow the Town to have their offices for 6 months of use of 1<sup>st</sup> floor for Town and Renters. They stated they have a staff of 26, cooks, management of the "Community". Exiting the discussion, they informed the Board they are willing to wait 6 months to hear from the Town. They have put in an offer of above asking price. Attorney Firkel stated that if there is a decision to sell there is a process which would entail a Public Hearing, to allow Public to voice concerns, and Community can sign/enact a referendum. All in all right now the Board has decided not to sell the Building at this time. Sister stated wants 1<sup>st</sup> offer if the building is going back on the Market. The Town Board made it clear the building will be sold as is, and is costly to maintain. A review of the utility fees was reviewed, and the fact there is also an elevator contract, inspection that needs to be kept up to date as well.

**Keli Rounsville-Bookkeeper:** presented the finalized Preliminary Budget to the Board. Reviewing the 3.2% increase, and the need to file a local law to file to override the 2% Tax Cap.

### **Resolution– 07-2021: Local Law 1 to Override the 2021 Tax Cap Limit**

**Whereas**, according to the New York State's Property Tax Cap legislation, if a town government decides to adopt a budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, the town government must pass a local law to override that cap, and;

**Whereas**, adopting said local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will provide the Carrollton Town Board flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary, and to ensure that any State recalculation of the applicable limit will not make the Town inadvertently out of compliance, and;

**Resolved**, a public hearing will be held before the Carrollton Town Board on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30PM to hear all persons interested in proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021,

**AYES:** Town Supervisor Robert Rinfrette, Councilman Dan Newbury, Councilman Ralph Bottone, Councilman James Rounsville. **Not Present:** Councilman Jay Little. The foregoing resolution was approved and declared by Supervisor Rinfrette to be duly adopted.

**Resolution 08-2021: Set Public Hearing for 2022 Preliminary Budget:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Rounsville, seconded by Councilman Bottone to set the Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Carrollton on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4:30PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Resolution 09-2021: Financial Transfer of Funds for Budget Year 2021:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Newbury, seconded by Councilman Rounsville to transfer County Sales Tax Revenue from General Fund A\$178,999.00 to Highway DA Fund. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilman Bottone, seconded by Councilman Newbury to adjourn the Meeting at 7:00PM. All voting yes, Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Julie Carlson-Town Clerk*