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The June meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Roger D. Bradstreet, Councilor Jennifer Marti, Councilor Michael Costello, Councilor Tammy Hayes, Councilor John Laubscher and Deborah J. Costello, Town Clerk.
Absent: John Sevier, Jr., Highway Superintendent.

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Supervisor Bradstreet to approve the May 2016 minutes as written. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Budget Transfer – Resolution #006-2016

A motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve Resolution No. 006-2016, a Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustment. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 006-2016
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NELSON**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

General Fund A

Increase budget for Historian CE for purchase of historical railroad marker sign as per Pomeroy Foundation gift for same received as A2705 Gifts and Donations revenue in May.

To: A7510.4 Historian CE \$1,000.00

Dated: June 9, 2016

Councilor Michael Costello
First

Councilor Tammy Hayes
Second

(Carried 5 Tabled 0 Rejected 0)

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Financials

Town Clerk - \$1,161.00

Revenues - \$939.21

DECALS Commission - \$7.46

Five (5) Punch Cards @ \$0.35 each - \$1.75

Zoning Fees - \$50.00

Planning Zones - \$50.00

Twenty-three (23) Dog Licenses Spayed/Neutered @ \$6.50 each - \$149.50

One (1) Dog License Not Spayed/Not Neutered @\$14.50 each - \$14.50

Eight (8) Building Permits - \$666.00

Disbursements - \$221.79

DEC – License Sales - \$127.54

NYS Agriculture & Markets for Dog Licensing Fees - \$26.00

Madison County Treasurer – Five (5) Punch Cards @ \$13.65 each - \$68.25

Operating Statement – period ending May 31, 2016

General Fund A Expenditures - \$22,577.21 Highway Fund DA Expenditures - \$40,756.51

General Fund A Revenues - \$6,548.65 Highway Fund DA Revenues - \$12,627.50

Erieville Lighting District Expenditures - \$277.28 Nelson Lighting District Expenditures - \$170.25

Erieville Lighting District Revenues - \$0 Nelson Lighting District Revenues - \$0

Erieville Water District Expenditures - \$779.62

Erieville Water District Revenues - \$2,219.85

Wanderers Rest Humane Association – Linda Demura, Executive Director

Ms. Demura joined Wanderers Rest Humane Association 2 ½ years ago. The shelter has about 150 animals and has an open door policy. The amount of services and programs has been increased. The shelter has a staff of 15 and 2 Humane Educators.

Madison County has no Animal Control Officer (ACO) but the need is there. The shelter has 3 therapy dogs that work with individuals at the Madison County Health Clinic. When the Sheriff's department identifies an animal in Madison County as being abused or neglected, the shelter works with the Sheriff's department to bring in preventative services. Ms. Demura will accompany the Sheriffs if there are red flags. A resource manual is being created and an emergency response team is being created to help in situations; I. E. barn fires, accidents involving animals (not only dogs or cats).

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The shelter works with Clear Path for Veterans and with a note from a doctor indicating a service dog is needed, the fee is waived. If adopting, a military discount is offered.

Each Town receives a fee, set by each Town, for each dog brought to the shelter. The fees vary for each municipality. Ms. Demura noted it would be nice to have a standard fee across Madison County. The Board will review the fee for the Town of Nelson.

Blue Canoe Zone Change Request

Trish Bookbinder, owner of the Blue Canoe, is under contract to purchase 6.29 ± acres on North Lake Road from Jennifer and Michael Whalen, Tax Map #121.-1-6.14. A parking lot for the Blue Canoe is being proposed. The Blue Canoe property is in the Waterfront Zone. The 6.29 ± acre vacant parcel is currently in the Rural Zone. Stand-alone parking lots and restaurants are not allowed in the Rural Zone under the current zoning regulations. No new structures are proposed. Ms. Bookbinder is asking for a zone change for the vacant parcel from Rural Zone to Waterfront Zone.

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Marti to open the Public Hearing.

The SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) was received during the meeting and contained several unanswered questions. The Board was not comfortable approving the zone change until the Town Attorney had time to review the SEQRA. However, the Board informed Ms. Bookbinder they were in agreement with the proposed zone change. The Board will meet June 15th at 7:30 p.m., a special meeting, to approve the zone change for the Whalen property on North Lake Road.

There were no public comments. A motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Laubscher to close the Public Hearing. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Highway Superintendent's Report

No report.

Correspondence

Mercy Flight has again asked for a donation from the Town of Nelson.

The Department of Transportation completed their study with the following conclusions:

- Between Thomas Road and the existing speed zone on Route 20, on the westerly limits of the Hamlet of Nelson, the 45 mph speed limit is extended 0.30 tenths of a mile

- A 35 mph speed limit is suitable for Nelson Road, between Route 20 to a point of 0.25 tenths of a mile north of Route 20 for a total distance of 0.25 tenths of a mile
- 35 mph is suitable on Erieville Road, between Route 20 to a point of 0.40 tenths of a mile south of Route 20 in the Town of Nelson for a total distance of 0.40 tenths of a mile

The pedestrian walkway has been marked with another pedestrian walkway possible. Linda Lubey, Regional Traffic Engineer with the DOT attended several Street Scape meetings.

A letter was received from Dick Benner regarding the recently installed traffic signs. Mr. Benner noted 28 signs in the first mile of Erieville Road south of Route 20. Sixteen of those signs are located in the first half mile. Mr. Benner asked for an explanation as to the number of signs and the placement of those signs. Mr. Benner also noted the recently enacted 35 mph speed limit extends a quarter of a mile on Nelson Road although residences are located beyond that. Mr. Benner pointed out that a majority of traffic making a right hand turn onto Erieville Road will not see the 35 mph speed limit sign on the right side of Erieville Road.

Mr. Benner was aware the signs were installed by the Madison County Highway Department and will be sending the letter to the County Highway Department and the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Benner believes the Town Board should have some say in this matter and if the Board does not or chooses to not step up, *"why do we have a Town Board as our first line of representation?"*

Councilor Costello noted that if the Town Board were not here to listen to the complaints of the people that signed the petition to have the speed limit reduced, the signs would not be there and it seems that every time the Board does something Mr. Benner has a complaint. Supervisor Bradstreet noted these changes came about after three Street Scape meetings and were done for safety reasons. The Department of Transportation acted on our wishes.

Mr. Benner noted the signs cost \$100.00 each and took time to install. The speed limit signs took 2 days to install and the State 4 hours to install the pedestrian crossing sign. Mr. Benner was fine with the signs and the speed limits, knows the Town didn't install them and is aware of regulations. Mr. Benner is aware the Board doesn't have a say but thinks there should be some avenue the Board can pursue and say exactly what Mr. Benner stated in his letter.

New Business

The Erieville Fire Department is again asking permission to use the Ball Field located on Damon Road for the annual Chicken BBQ and Car Show on August 7, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilor Marti and seconded by Councilor Laubscher to allow the Erieville Fire Department to use the Erieville Ball Field located on Damon Road for their annual Chicken BBQ and Car Show on August 7th, 2016. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Several months ago the Erieville Nelson Historical Society asked the Town Board to apply to the Pomeroy Foundation for a Historical Marker to mark the location of the railroad in Erieville. The Pomeroy Foundation would not accept the Historical Society's application because it is not a non-profit organization. Mr. Georges thanked the Board for applying on their behalf. The marker cost \$1,000.00 and has been received. An unveiling ceremony will be held June 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the site of the Eagle Scout project located on Dugway Road. A representative from the Pomeroy Foundation will speak and explain the program for historical markers.

Street Scape Committee Meeting

The committee met June 3rd and will meet on June 24th. The committee is trying to put together a defined plan. Jamie Kowalczyk, Madison County Planning, has had success in getting a grant for other Towns and will help the Town of Nelson apply for the same grant. The amount of the grant will depend on what the Town decides to do. The Town will have to match the grant and that amount will be determined once the amount of the grant is determined. The Town Board will need to submit a letter of support. The project would be done in three (3) phases and a request for the grant would be submitted at the different phases. The Town will need to do some things before a request for the grant is submitted. The first priority would be the crosswalks.

Council Updates

Councilor Michael Costello; Highway, Madison County Sewer Board and Erieville Water District: No report for the Erieville Water District. The Madison County Sewer Board had a regular meeting May 17th and bills were paid. The EPA and DEC permits have been achieved. Parts of the plant are being updated and bids are being requested for a sludge pump. The Sewer Board is looking into purchasing a generator that will power the plant in the event of a power outage and handle increased future capacity.

The paperwork required for the Madison County Sewer District to be turned over to the Town of Cazenovia has been submitted from the Village and Town of Cazenovia and Town of Nelson.

Councilor John Laubscher; Planning: Councilor Laubscher noted the tools are in place for the Smart Growth Committee.

Councilor Jennifer Marti; Buildings & Grounds, Parks: A Youth Recreation meeting was held recently and everything is ready for the summer of 2016. They are over budget this year so the cost could go up next year. The Village Parks Commissioner is Fritz Koennecke and the Program Director is Elizabeth Digiacomio.

A Swamp Trail Meeting was held recently. It was the general consensus that it would be difficult to create a trail all through the swamp. It's not all connected and there are species of flowers that are protected and can't be trampled. One idea is to create a series of smaller trails that offer something to see but won't cause harm to the environment. A trail behind the Town of Nelson Office Building was

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well received.

Councilor Marti has yet to receive a quote for the proposed pavilion. It was suggested the Board wait until it has a better idea of what will happen with the trail to help determine an appropriate pavilion that will get the most use.

Councilor Tammy Hayes; Economic Development: The Madison County Fair is July 7th-10th. The Town of Nelson has a 10' x 10' booth. The entry has been submitted. The display has been planned. T-shirts identifying area businesses will be displayed and some businesses will have product or wares to display as well. Councilor Hayes will also display pictures of places within the Town of Nelson.

The next Town Board meeting is July 14th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Review and Approval of Bills

Bills were prepaid from the following accounts for the period of May 18th, 2016 through June 7, 2016:

General Fund A	\$ 9,998.30
Highway Fund DA	3,790.06
Erieville Water District SW	91.22
Trust & Agency	<u>985.35</u>
Total	\$14,864.93

Bills were approved and paid from the following accounts for the period of May 18, 2016 through June 8, 2016:

General Fund A	\$ 2,949.41
Highway Fund DA	24,291.15
Erieville Lighting District SL	277.28
Nelson Lighting District SL	170.25
Erieville Water District SW	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$27,713.09

As there was no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Marti to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Costello, Town Clerk
Town of Nelson

