

Town of Nelson – Town Board Meeting
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The February 2017 Town Board 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 was John Sevier, Jr., Highway Superintendent.

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Costello to approve the January 2017 minutes as presented. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Financials

Town Clerk - \$998.00

Revenues - \$683.61

Conservation Licenses – DECALS Commission - \$1.66

Seventeen (17) Punch Cards @ \$0.35 each - \$5.95

Planning Fees - \$350.00

Thirty-nine (39) Dog Licenses, original/renewal, spayed/ neutered @ \$6.50 each - \$253.50

Five (5) Dog Licenses, original/renewal, unsprayed/unneutered @ \$14.50 each - \$72.50

Disbursements - \$314.39

New York State DEC - \$28.34

New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Dog Licensing Fees - \$54.00

Madison County Treasurer – 17 Punch Cards @\$13.65 each - \$232.05

General Fund A Expenditures - \$28,792.31 Highway Fund DA Expenditures - \$34,500.45

General Fund A Revenues - \$4,492.26 Highway Fund DA Revenues - \$14,216.25

Erieville Lighting District Expenditures – \$353.74 Nelson Lighting District Expenditures - \$228.04

Erieville Lighting District Revenues - \$4,085.00 Nelson Lighting District Revenues - \$3,850.00

Nelson Fire Protection - Morrisville Expenditures - \$10,284.00

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Nelson Fire Protection - Cazenovia Expenditures - \$74,069.52

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CAVAC Ambulance Expenditures - \$30,950.65 Erieville Water District Expenditures - \$820.49

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Procurement Policy – 2017

A motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the Procurement Policy, with no changes, for 2017. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report

No report. Councilor Costello noted they have been plowing/sanding and the second new heavy truck should be delivered by the end of February. The old truck will be placed on Auctions International.

Correspondence- None

Old Business

Linda Sevier and John Dermody reported work is moving forward with the reorganization of the Mad Cow 5K. Work will begin on the website shortly. The Mad Cow 5K will be held August 5th at 9 a.m. at the Nelson Town Office. Bill Poglitsch will continue to assist with the race. The Town of Nelson will again supply two portajohns in addition to the one at the Nelson ballfield.

Mr. Benner asked Supervisor Bradstreet for assistance in securing help from the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Bradstreet noted he will assist with that issue.

Mr. Benner will contact Fay Lyon or Tom Davies regarding Skunk Hollow Day. Skunk Hollow Day includes ice cream, games, an old time baseball game and vintage vehicles. The Mad Cow 5K committee is hoping to have Skunk Hollow Day held the same day and after the race. The Board discussed displaying some of the highway equipment and including one of the recently purchased heavy trucks.

New Business

Five applications were received for the correction of five tax bills for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. The Board was presented with five resolutions for approval.

Resolution No. 017-2017 – Resolution for Corrected Tax Bill

A motion was made by Councilor Marti and seconded by Councilor Laubscher to approve Resolution No. 017-2017 for the correction of a 2017 tax bill for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTED TAX BILL

WHEREAS, The Town of Nelson has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Bill for property identified as Tax Map #500.-51-12, National Grid Electric Distribution Facility, known as Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company and;

WHEREAS, per Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3); Error in Essential Fact, the final Equalization rate of 98% was not used to calculate a Special Franchise and;

WHEREAS, the original Assessment was \$262,369 and the reduced assessment is \$257,122 and the original tax was \$3,238.28 and the adjusted tax is \$3,173.52

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of taxes due and owing the Town of Nelson be corrected accordingly.

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(Carried 5 Tabled 0 Rejected 0)

Resolution No. 018-2017 – Resolution for Corrected Tax Bill

A motion was made by Councilor Laubscher and seconded by Councilor Costello to approve Resolution No. 018-2017 for the correction of a 2017 tax bill for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 018-2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTED TAX BILL

WHEREAS, The Town of Nelson has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Bill for property identified as Tax Map #500.-51-11, National Grid Electric Distribution Facility, known as Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company and;

WHEREAS, per Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3); Error in Essential Fact, the final Equalization rate of 98% was not used to calculate a Special Franchise and;

WHEREAS, the original Assessment was \$879,712 and the reduced assessment is \$862,119 and the original tax was \$11,428.22 and the adjusted tax is \$11,202.23

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NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of taxes due and owing the Town of Nelson be corrected accordingly.

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Resolution No. 019-2017 – Resolution for Corrected Tax Bill

A motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Marti to approve Resolution No. 019-2017 for the correction of a 2017 tax bill for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 019-2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTED TAX BILL**

WHEREAS, The Town of Nelson has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Bill for property identified as Tax Map #500.-51-20, National Grid Electric Distribution Facility, known as Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company and;

WHEREAS, per Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3); Error in Essential Fact, the final Equalization rate of 98% was not used to calculate a Special Franchise and;

WHEREAS, the original Assessment was \$339,538 and the reduced assessment is \$332,748 and the original tax was \$4,114.21 and the adjusted tax is \$4,031.93

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of taxes due and owing the Town of Nelson be corrected accordingly.

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Resolution No. 020-2017, Resolution for Corrected Tax Bill

A motion was made by Councilor Marti and seconded by Councilor Costello to approve Resolution No. 020-2017 for the correction of a 2017 tax bill for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 020-2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTED TAX BILL**

WHEREAS, The Town of Nelson has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Bill for property identified as Tax Map #500.-51-30, National Grid Electric Distribution Facility, known as Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company and;

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WHEREAS, per Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3); Error in Essential Fact, the final Equalization rate of 98% was not used to calculate a Special Franchise and;

WHEREAS, the original Assessment was \$15,435 and the reduced assessment is \$15,125 and the original tax was \$194.79 and the adjusted tax is \$190.86

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of taxes due and owing the Town of Nelson be corrected accordingly.

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Resolution No. 021-2017, Resolution for Corrected Tax Bill

A motion was made by Councilor Laubscher and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve Resolution No. 021-2017 for the correction of a 2017 tax bill for Niagara Mohawk doing business as National Grid. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 021-2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTED TAX BILL**

WHEREAS, The Town of Nelson has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Bill for property identified as Tax Map #500.-51-40, National Grid Electric Distribution Facility, known as Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company and

WHEREAS, per Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3); Error in Essential Fact, the final Equalization rate of 98% was not used to calculate a Special Franchise and;

WHEREAS, the original Assessment was \$46,308 and the reduced assessment is \$45,378 and the original tax was \$584.36 and the adjusted tax is \$572.66

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of taxes due and owing the Town of Nelson be corrected accordingly.

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Historians' Report

Historian Fay Lyon and Co-Historian Laine Gilmore presented their report for 2016. Fay and Laine attended a Region 9 meeting of the Association of Public Historians of New York State in Homer NY April 23. A meeting was held with a committee from the Tuscarora Lake Association to present

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information to allow the committee to update a new publication on the reservoir.

The historic Pomeroy sign commemorating the railroad that passed through Erieville in the late 1880's and early 1900's was unveiled. Marge and Fay Lyon attended a Council NY Library Resources Council in October. New procedures were presented on how to upload documents to the NY Heritage website.

A cemetery tour was held in October 2016. Fay, Sonia Davies and Marge gave short presentations on the Bliss Road Cemetery, the Westcott Cemetery and the Payne and Toghill Cemeteries. The Heritage Society thanked the Town of Nelson Highway Department for the neat condition of the cemeteries.

There has been some discussion with Emily Gould, NYS Historic Preservation Office, to get the Nelson United Methodist Church on the National Registry of Historic Places. Fay is hopeful that goal will be reached. Fay, Kevin Davies and Jim St. Georges continue to document burials in the Town that have illegible headstones or no headstone at all. There are over 230 such gravesites in the Erieville Cemetery.

Laine Gilmore had 7 inquiries regarding 12 different families who were settlers of Erieville and Nelson and two inquiries that required research of probate records and deeds at the county courthouse.

Laine attended the New York Family History Conference in Syracuse which ran concurrently with the Association of Public Historians of New York State Conference in September, the National Genealogical Society Conference in Fort Lauderdale in May and the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh in June.

Jeff Palmer assisted Laine in making some changes to the Historian's menu on the Town of Nelson website. Also created was a way for people to contact the Historians through the website which resulted in two inquiries. Work continues on listing family files on the website. Laine is working on abstracting early (beginning with 1806) probate records for anyone living in the Town of Nelson. She is hoping to complete that project this year. Many images have been added to scanning projects including railroad maps.

Cazenovia Public Library archivist Elisha Davies hosted a "Kids Genealogy Workshop." Fay, Laine and volunteers from the Erieville Nelson Heritage Society assisted. Children were able to look up records that related to their ancestors. The event was a big success. Another workshop is planned in 2017.

Cazenovia/Nelson Water Extension

Two billion dollars are available under the Fresh Water Act. Water is scarce and contaminated at the Industrial Park. The Health Department has documented the contaminated water. There is a need for more water and clean safe water. The Town of Nelson will need the assistance of Lauren Lines to assist in the grant writing process. John Dunkle completed a Map, Plan & Report; a report well done.

Council Updates

Councilor Michael Costello; Highway Liaison, Erieville Water District and Madison County Sewer:

The Erieville Water District has a healthy fund balance. The Madison County Sewer District is waiting the Intermunicipal Agreements, between the Town of Cazenovia, Village of Cazenovia and Town of Nelson, to be drafted. A total of 21.8 million gallons of sewage was treated in the month of January 2017.

Councilor Jennifer Marti; Buildings & Grounds and Councilor John Laubscher; Planning:

Councilor Marti attended a Youth Recreation meeting February 15. A Smart Growth meeting was held and the Smart Growth audit tools were worked on. One section remains to be completed. A survey, to help see what improvements people are interested in, is planned for Nelson and Erieville. The survey will cover different areas, what we have and what should be focused on. The Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed.

It was pointed out that any changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations will be presented to the Town Board for review and recommendations. There was a brief discussion regarding an interest from a property owner to open a new venue to hold weddings. This property is located on the Erieville Road. This would mean some discussion about the current allowed uses in the Rural Zone and the possibility of changing or adding to the current allowed uses and or those with a Special Use Permit. Councilor Laubscher will speak to the Town Attorney regarding this proposal.

Councilor Laubscher noted that over the last 15-20 years the Zoning Regulations seem to have become more restrictive and the hope is to bring in new businesses and people to move into the area. Councilor Marti noted a new business or businesses would draw people from other places and bring them through the heart of Nelson.

The quote from Hogan Engineering was discussed. Councilor Laubscher is waiting for one more referral. Hogan Engineering submitted a quote for work on Chaphe Hill Road.

Councilor Tammy Hayes; Economic Development: Councilor Hayes reported an interest in creating a Town of Nelson Garden Club. A prototype of a garden box has been created and will be discussed at a meeting not yet scheduled. Councilor Hayes reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market is held the first Saturday at Spruce Ridge.

Dick Benner, Erieville Road, noted the parking situation had improved from the first Farmer's Market held at Spruce Ridge. Those who attended parked on the Erieville Road and weren't aware of parking at the rear of the building. That has changed and the parking situation has improved.

Laurie Omans, Tuscarora Lake Association representative, asked if there was anything new regarding the trailer situation on Tuscarora Lake. Supervisor Bradstreet noted there was nothing new.

The next Town of Nelson Town Board meeting will be held March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the

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Nelson Town Office located at 4085 Nelson Road in the Hamlet of Nelson.

Bills were prepaid from the following accounts for the period of January 19, 2017 through February 8, 2017:

General Fund A	\$10,235.71
Highway Fund DA	3,493.74
Erieville Lighting District SL	86.01
Nelson Lighting District SL	61.86
Erieville Water District SW	136.99
Nelson Fire – Morrisville	10,284.00
Nelson Fire – Cazenovia	74,069.52
CAVAC Ambulance	30,950.65
Georgetown Ambulance District	4,600.00
Trust & Agency	<u>687.86</u>
Total	\$134,606.34

Bills were approved and paid from the following accounts for the period of January 19, 2017 through February 8, 2017:

General Fund A	\$ 2,690.65
Highway Fund DA	7,034.39
Erieville Lighting District SL	267.73
Nelson Lighting District SL	<u>166.18</u>
Total	\$10,158.95

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 further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Costello, Town Clerk
Town Board
Town of Nelson

