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The September 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 John Laubscher and Deborah J. Costello, Town Clerk. Absent were Councilor Tammy Hayes and Highway Superintendent Jack Sevier.

**Minutes**

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

**Financials**

Town Clerk - \$1,913.50

**August Revenues - \$1,390.52**

Conservation Licenses – DECALS Commission - \$15.87

Two (2) Marriage Licenses - \$35.00

Nine (9) Punch Cards @ \$0.35 each - \$3.15

Zoning Fees - \$50.00

Planning Fees - \$300.00

Twenty-one (21) Dog Licenses, original/renewal, spayed/ neutered @ \$6.50 each - \$136.50

One (1) purebred License - \$25.00

One Replacement Tag - \$3.00

Dog Redemption Fee - \$80.00

Eight (8) Building Permits - \$707.75

137 Photocopies at \$0.25 each - \$34.25

**August Disbursements - \$522.98**

Conservation Licenses - \$324.13

New York State Department of Health - \$45.00

New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Dog Licensing Fees - \$31.00

Madison County Treasurer – 9 Punch Cards @\$13.65 each - \$122.85

**Operating Statement - period ending August 31, 2017**

General Fund A Expenditures - \$21,383.03

Highway Fund DA Expenditures - \$210,220.29

General Fund A Revenues - \$(1,535.98)

Highway Fund DA Revenues - \$74.69

Erieville Lighting District Expenditures – \$281.07

Nelson Lighting District Expenditures - \$177.39

Erieville Lighting District Revenues - \$0

Nelson Lighting District Revenues - \$0

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Erieville Water District Expenditures - \$841.89  
Erieville Water District Revenues - \$2,292.08

Supervisor Bradstreet noted monies can be moved from the General Fund to the Highway Fund but not from the Highway Fund to the General Fund. The roller has been purchased.

**Highway Superintendent Report - No Report**

**Correspondence -None**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Resolution #36-2017 – Resolution Requesting Speed Limit Reduction on Funk Road**

A motion was made by Councilor Costello and seconded by Councilor Marti to approve Resolution No. 36-2017 requesting a speed limit reduction from 55 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Funk Road and to allow the Town Clerk to file the necessary paperwork to the proper authorities.

Supervisor Bradstreet noted several of these requests have been made but the Department of Transportation ultimately will come to their own conclusions and make the final decision. Supervisor Bradstreet noted that we are very close to getting a decision on two speed limit reduction requests submitted last year and once the DOT has determined the speed limit, the municipality has the responsibility to install signage.

There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-2017  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF NELSON**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON FUNK ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Nelson has had a request from the residents of Funk Road to reduce the speed limit on Funk Road from an unposted speed limit of 55 miles per hour to 20 miles per,

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Funk Road have cited children playing, cars parked on both sides of the road as well as children and adults walking along the roadside,

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Funk Road have presented a petition to the Town Board of the Town of Nelson citing those specific reasons for the reduced speed limit,

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**NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Nelson at the September 14, 2017 Town Board meeting approved to proceed with this request to reduce the speed limit on Funk Road and to have the Town Clerk submit the required paperwork.

Dated: September 14, 2017

Councilor Michael Costello  
First

Councilor Jennifer Marti  
Second

(Carried 4 Tabled 0 Rejected 0)

Resolution No. 37-2017, Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider a Local Law Authorizing a property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law section 3-c in the 2018 Fiscal Year and schedule a Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilor John Laubscher and seconded by Councilor Michael Costello to approve Resolution No. 37-2017, a Resolution to exceed a property tax levy if need be and schedule a Public Hearing October 12, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Bradstreet explained the Town Board has been financially responsible and has done a good job keeping taxes down and buying new equipment to replace an aging highway fleet.

There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-2017  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF NELSON**

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Town Supervisor, the attorney for the Town has prepared and presented a proposed local law entitled, “A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2018 fiscal year”, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed local law is intended to authorize the Town of Nelson to exceed the tax levy cap otherwise provided under New York State law for the Town’s 2018 budget and fiscal year.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Nelson will hold a public hearing October 12, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. at the Town of Nelson Town Hall, to consider the

proposed local law entitled, “A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2018 fiscal year.”

Dated: September 14, 2017

Councilor John Laubscher  
First

Carried 4 Tabled 0 Rejected 0)

Councilor Michael Costello  
Second

### Citizen of the Year Award

Supervisor Bradstreet was advised by Town Historian Fay Lyon that a Board member needs to be selected to be on the committee responsible for selecting the citizen of the year. Councilor Costello has done so before and accepted the invitation to do so again this year. Supervisor Bradstreet reminded everyone the third edition of the Historical Society’s newsletter is now available. The Town of Nelson is fortunate to have both Fay Lyon and Laine Gilmore as co-historians.

### In Your Pace Running Club – Mad Cow 5K

A thank you note and donation were received from the In Your Pace Running Club thanking the Town Board, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent for their support of this year’s Mad Cow 5K and for allowing them the use of the office facilities. The Mad Cow 5K takes place in the morning and Skunk Hollow Day follows in the afternoon.

### Council Updates

Councilor Michael Costello; Highway Liaison, Erieville Water District and Madison County Sewer:  
Everything is running smoothly in within the Erieville Water District.

Councilor Costello reminded everyone the Industrial Park is in the Madison County Sewer District. The Madison County Sewer District processed 22 million gallons of sewage in July. Councilor Marti asked what the peak flow is in one day. Councilor Costello noted that during the July rainstorm 4 million gallons passed through. The Department of Environmental Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency permit requirements were met and bills were paid.

Bids are being sought for new aerators or paddle wheels. The current aerators are the originals. Madison County will bid these out.

In Jack’s absence Councilor Costello noted that Tinsley and Chaphe Hill had been paved. Joe Deyo, highway employee, added they are getting the dirt roads ready for winter and the new heavy truck has been repaired and is ready for pickup. Supervisor Bradstreet commended Pete Spaulding, highway

employee, for his good work mowing roadsides. Councilor Costello suggested the Board consider buying another heavy truck and discuss at budget time.

Councilor Tammy Hayes; Economic Development: No report.

Councilor John Laubscher; Planning: Councilor Laubscher noted a resolution should be drafted and approved by the Board giving the Smart Growth Committee the authority to work on and produce a Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Laubscher will forward to the Town Clerk and Town Attorney James Stokes for review. The Board will consider approving at the October meeting.

Councilor Jennifer Marti; Buildings & Grounds: The survey is ready and available until October 31, 2017. Every resident in Nelson and Erieville received a postcard with the information necessary to access the survey website. The survey will guide the direction of the Town and tell the committee what people want and don't want. Paper copies of the survey are acceptable.

Councilor Marti and Councilor Costello walked the woods at the Erieville Ball Field September 1<sup>st</sup> with the Paul Romanenko of the Department of Conservation. Mr. Romanenko will walk the woods several more times, do the mapping and then discuss a forestry plan and determine if logging can be done. He reviewed the plan from 20 years ago and compared it to how the woods look today and how they have progressed. The woods are very healthy.

He did stress that logging is just not about cutting anything but to preserve what the Town has. He suggested the money received from logging should be used to reinvest in the 40 plus acres to make it more of something the Town could rely on 20 years from now and possibly invest in a forest management program. The DEC will prepare the plans. If the Town wants to sell some of the logs the Town will need a forester to do that. The DEC could recommend foresters they have worked with in the past. Councilor Costello noted any harvesting wouldn't take place until late next year.

Supervisor Bradstreet reminded everyone the next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>. Work will begin on the budget and a work session will be scheduled.

Bills were prepaid from the following accounts for the period of August 16<sup>th</sup> through September 8, 2017:

General Fund A	\$24,726.00
Highway Fund DA	32,332.20
Erieville Lighting District SL	224.85
Nelson Lighting District SL	136.86
Erieville Water District SW	680.33
Trust & Agency Fund TA	<u>687.86</u>
Total	\$58,788.10

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Bills were approved and paid from the following accounts for the period of August 16 through September 14, 2017:

General Fund A	\$ 7,916.47
Highway Fund DA	148,151.16
Erieville Water District SW	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$156,092.63

As there was no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Councilor Laubscher 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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Costello, Town Clerk  
Town of Nelson