

TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
February 15, 2023

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP – Board Room – 6:15 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRE FIGHTERS & AMBULANCE WORKERS

PUBLIC HEARING: EGG LAYING CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AUTHORIZING WATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIGANTINE DRIVE WATER MAIN

PUBLIC HEARING: HALFMOON SELF STORAGE PDD AMENDMENT

PRESENTATION: DAWSONS SENIOR CENTER PDD

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The “BUY A BRICK” program for the Halfmoon Veterans Walk of Honor at the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial in the Town Park is now accepting orders. Create a lasting tribute for your veteran. For more information please call 371-7410 ext. 2200 or visit our website www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.

FARMER’S MARKET: Every Wednesday from 3-6 in the Town Hall Foyer. Come visit our local farms, crafters, and vendors that will be on hand every week.

WINTER CAMP: Tuesday-Friday, February 21-24 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at Halfmoon Town Hall with daily field trips. For more information contact Ross MacNeil at 518-371-7410 ext. 2274 or rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE MEETING DATES:

March 23rd – Public Workshop, 6:00pm at Town Hall

April 6th – Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting 6:00pm at Town Hall

Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update page is now live at <https://www.planhalfmoon.com/> . Visit the website to find out more about the Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update, learn about upcoming meetings, review draft documents, get added to email announcements and to share your own comments about the future of Halfmoon.

HAM DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER: March 3rd from 4:00-6:00pm. Dinner includes: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & Dessert. Tickets are \$12 and for those over 55, they are \$10.00. Tickets are available at the Senior Center & Town Clerk's Office. Have a delicious dinner and stay for a free concert, see below!

CONCERT AT THE SENIOR CENTER: March 3rd from 6:30-9:00pm. Bobby Dick will be playing all our favorite tunes! This is a FREE concert put on by the Celebrations Committee.

EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA: April 1st from 12:00-4:00pm at Halfmoon Town Hall and Justice Building. A fun filled day for the kids and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

PAPER SHREDDING DAY: APRIL 8th from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Highway Department located at 322 Route 146. Halfmoon residents can bring a maximum of 3 bags/boxes at NO COST but they are asked to bring canned good donations for the Food Pantry. Registration is not required. Please get your Transfer Station sticker at the Town Clerk's Office.

YELLOW RIBBON DAY: Monday, April 10th at 11 AM at the Veterans Memorial Park, 162 Rte. 236. Donations to the Blue Star Mothers are used to make Freedom Boxes to our deployed troops. Donation boxes are in Town Hall Foyer.

SPRING CLEANUP DATES: APRIL 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, and 22 at the Transfer Station/Highway Garage located at 322 Route 146. Hours: Tuesday 8-12, Friday 12-5 and Saturday 8-3. Fees: Carload- \$5, Truck/Van/Trailer load - \$10, UHaul vehicles will be priced accordingly. Household trash charged at normal rate.

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:45 pm

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15pm. (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

Trails & Open Space Committee: 3rd Monday of the 3rd month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise announced. (If the Holiday falls on that Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday). The proposed dates are 1/17/23, 4/17, 7/17, and 10/16.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor)

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor): (1) Chair of Personnel Committee (2) Ethics Committee, (3) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee (4) Chair of Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance) (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts, (6) Liaison to Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

John Wasielewski (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Chair of Committee of Emergency Services and Public Safety, (3) Liaison to Animal Control and related services.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Zoning Board; (2) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (3) Chair for Not-for-Profit Organizations, (4) Liaison to Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Eric Catricala: (1) Co-Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Co- Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (3) Chair for Parks and Athletic Organizations, (4) Chair for Recreation (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts, (6) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee

Lynda Bryan (Town Clerk): (1) Chair of Senior Programs, (2) Chair of Committee on Historical Archives

Dana Cunniff (Receiver of Taxes): Chair of Committee on Resident Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney)

Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney)

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

1. **Building Permits**
Total # Permits – 32 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$13,801.00
2. **Fire Inspections**
Total # Inspections – 54
Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$5,490.00
3. **Town Justice Suchocki**
Total # Cases – 404 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$17,170.00

4. **Town Justice Fodera**
Total # Cases – 155 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$21,213.50

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk’s Office) Planning Department, Building/Code Enforcement, Assessor

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Products, thanking the town for their assistance & cooperation during the Dam Safety Inspection in Mechanicville. They found no significant dam safety deficiencies that would require immediate action.
2. **Received** from the Building, Planning & Development Department, notification that they are in receipt of a Special Use Permit application for A Products USA, LLC, 430 Hudson River Road, Change of Use/Tenant, Sign & Special Use Permit (23.012, 23.014 & 23.021) and Lands of Tang Subdivision & Duplex, 20 Stone Quarry Rd – Minor Subdivision & Special Use Permit (23.012 & 23.008)
3. **Received** from Bryen Sousie, a letter asking for the number of chickens for an acre of land to be reconsidered for more than 4 chickens.
4. **Received** from James Williams, his letter of resignation as part-time cleaner, effective February 15, 2023.
5. **Received** from Ginny Charbonneau, a thank you card and generous donation for service she receives from the Senior Express.
6. **Received** from CAPTAIN, their Winter News & Notes, Looking Ahead to 2023.
7. **Received** from Ludmilla Schon, a generous donation for the service she receives from the Senior Express.
8. **Received** from Zoning Board of Appeals, a resolution approving the Area Variance application from New Country Toyota, 202 Route 146 and a denial of an Area Variance for Chan Deck, 27 Bradley Circle.
9. **Received** from 3 residents: Charlie Petteys, Harry Connerty, & Joe Maiello, a letter with their observations & concerns about the Halfmoon Self Storage PDD Amendment. Their concern is that none of the barrier plantings shown on the PDD drawings have been implemented.

10. **Received** from Patricia Bloomhower, a letter with her thoughts regarding the proposed Halfmoon Town Code amendment to allow egg laying chickens on residential property under 80,000 SF in size.

11. **Received** from the Building, Planning & Development Department, notification that they are in receipt of a Special Use Permit application for Pearl Landscaping, LLC, 556 Hudson River Road (23.026 & 23,027).

NEW BUSINESS

77. **Resolution** that the Town Board approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting of February 1, 2023, as presented.

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

78. **Resolution** that the Town Board appoints James Williams as part-time Senior Bus Chauffeur, Grade 3 Base Pay, \$20.47/hr. effective immediately subject to successfully passing all pre-employment testing, in the not to exceed amount of 19.5 hours per week.

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

79. **Resolution** that the Town Board appoints Tara Atanasio as a part time Clerk to the Town Court at Grade 1 Base Pay \$18.43/hr. effective March 6, 2023, subject to successfully passing all pre-employment testing, in the not to exceed amount of 19.5 hours per week.

Resolution Introduced by Town Justices Suchocki & Fodera

80. **Resolution** that the Town Board appoints Dana Gores as a part time Clerk to the Town Court at Grade 1 Base Pay \$18.43/hr. effective February 27, 2023, subject to successfully passing all pre-employment testing, in the not to exceed amount of 19.5 hours per week.

Resolution Introduced by Town Justices Suchocki & Fodera

81. **Resolution** that the Town Board approves an increase to the cost of Memorial Benches to \$450.00 due to the increased costs associated with purchasing/preparing the benches, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds Maiello

82. **Resolution** that the Town Board acknowledges that the required audit was conducted by the Comptroller's office in compliance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act for the Justice Court records for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

83. Resolution that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign Change Order #2 to replace the steel structure and light gauge framing with a pre-engineered metal building at a reduced cost of \$21,135.00, from Gallo Construction Corp. subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans

84. Resolution that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon, pursuant to NYS DOT requirements for road dedication, amends Resolution #317-2022 which was presented and passed by the Town of Halfmoon Town Board on November 2, 2022: Resolution that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon accepts for Road Dedication Empire Court and related easements in Phase 2 (Construction Phase 3) of the Plant Road Estates Subdivision (a/k/a Orchard Pointe). Empire Court is a public road and is open to the public 24 hours a day. The road begins at the intersection of the easterly line of Plant Road and ends at the cul-de-sac; the road being a length of +/- 0.18 miles, width of 60'. The Town of Halfmoon accepts the legal responsibility and The Town of Halfmoon Highway Department will be responsible for all maintenance and repair of Empire Court.

Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans

85. Resolution that the Town Board hereby appoints Stephanie Cournoyer as a member of the Ethics Board for the term expiring 12/31/2024.

Resolution Introduced by Deputy Supervisor Hotaling

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

ADJOURN

