

The August 2, 2023, meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman
Eric A. Catricala, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney - Excused
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

PROCLAMATION: HONORING HARRY CONERTY FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF HALFMOON

Supervisor Tollisen: We are here tonight to recognize you Harry for a lifetime of service to the residents of the Town of Halfmoon. I will tell you that the research we have done does not even compare to the number of things that you have done. We are going to give you some highlights of your service to the Town of Halfmoon. I can tell you that our town staff has been truly blessed by the wealth of information you have provided. Anne Marie Zarelli, the Assessor has stated that the guidance and wisdom that you have provided over the years is beyond any words that we can say. We are going to try tonight to give due respect and tribute to you by means of this framed proclamation.

Supervisor Tollisen read the following:

RESOLUTION HONORING HARRY CONERTY AS A "HALFMOON HERO"

FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF HALFMOON

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon has received notification that Harry Conerty is officially retiring from decades of service to the residents of the Town of Halfmoon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon wishes to honor Harry Conerty for his contributions and for his passion to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Town of Halfmoon; and

WHEREAS, Harry was appointed as a member of the Town of Halfmoon Zoning Board of Appeals in February of 1975 and became one of three Halfmoon Assessors in 1976. Harry, Ed Faulkner and Ernie Lefner were often spotted driving around in Ed's station wagon collecting the data necessary to provide appropriate assessments; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Harry began working for the Assessor's Department by providing administrative services when the Town of Halfmoon changed to a sole Assessor, working for the Assessor until December of 1983, at which point he transferred to the Water Department where he served the Town as a water meter reader until September 30, 1986 and

WHEREAS, Harry also served and continues to serve as an election inspector for the Town; and

WHEREAS, Harry was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review on January 5, 1988 and has served as the Chairman of the Board, working with four different Assessors to make sure that the residents of the Town of Halfmoon receive fair and equitable assessments; and

WHEREAS, Harry has also served our community as a charter member and now a life member of the Hillcrest Volunteer Fire Department where he served as President, Treasurer,

and Assistant Chief. Harry also served as the Secretary for the Halfmoon Fire District #1. He currently serves as a Captain of the Fire Police for Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, Harry is the loving husband of Marion, together having raised their children Tammy, Chelle, and Stacey, who clearly remember painting signs for various elections and going around the Town strategically placing them with their dad. Now Harry and Marion are blessed by their granddaughter Lauren and three grandsons Matthew, Michael and Tyler; and

WHEREAS, the Halfmoon community, and the communities around us benefit greatly from Harry's choice to provide such exemplary service to our community, always serving with humor, patience, knowledge and a caring approach that make all around him at ease; and

WHEREAS, Harry has always been willing to put the needs of our community above his own by spending countless hours over many decades dedicated to the betterment of Halfmoon;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby recognizes and commends Harry Conerty for his decades of faithful service to the residents of the Town of Halfmoon.***
- 2. That Harry Conerty is hereby awarded the "Halfmoon Hero" award for his extraordinary dedication and countless years of service.***
- 3. That this date of August 2, 2023, shall be forever marked in the history books of the Town of Halfmoon as a day set aside to honor Harry Conerty and all that he has accomplished.***
- 4. That a framed copy of this Resolution be presented to Harry Conerty in grateful recognition of all of his contributions and service.***

DATED: August 2, 2023

***KEVIN J. TOLLISEN, TOWN SUPERVISOR
TOWN OF HALFMOON***

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2023

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor Tollisen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby recognizes Harry Conerty as a Halfmoon Hero and commends Harry for his willingness to serve our residents in so many capacities demonstrating his dedication to our community.

Supervisor Tollisen: Harry, thank you, thank you for your great service to the Town of Halfmoon!

Presentation of the Proclamation and many photos were taken of Harry and his family with the Town Board and Hillcrest Fire Company. Refreshments followed in the foyer.

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 Abele Memorial Park. Come visit our local farms, crafters, and vendors that will be on hand every week.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK – Friday, August 11th in the Town Park near the Parks Building starting at dusk 8-8:30. This is a FREE event! We provide popcorn and a special themed giveaway. Come and bring the kids and start the SUMMER FUN!

CHICKEN BBQ DINNER – Sons of the American Legion Squadron #1450 on Saturday 12th from 4pm – 6pm at \$15pp at the American Legion located at 275 Grooms Road. Eat in or Take Out!

CONCERT IN THE PARK – Friday, August 25th at the Stage in the Town Park from 6:30-9:00. Bring your chair and enjoy a concert under the stars!

HARVEST FESTIVAL – September 23rd from 12:00 – 4:00 at the Town Park. Family Fun for all ages!

FALL CLEANUP DATES – September 5,8,9,12,15, &16 for Town Residents.
DAYS OPEN · Tuesday 8-12 Friday 12-5 Saturday 8-3
FEES CHARGED – \$5 Carload, \$10 Truck/Trailerload, UHaul charged accordingly.

PAPER SHREDDING DAY – SEPT. 30TH from 9:30 – 11:30AM at the Highway Dept. located at 322 Route 146. Max 3 bags/boxes at no cost but residents are asked to bring canned items for the food pantry.

TOWN MEETINGS:

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

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

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

Trails & Open Space Committee: The next meeting will be held on 10/16.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

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

I would just like to remind everyone to checkout <https://www.planhalfmoon.com/> for the weekly updates on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. There is a lot of work going on so please check it out.

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.

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

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

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

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

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

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

I also have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

Dana Cunniff (Receiver of Taxes): (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney) I have nothing this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney) Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics) No one came forward

Supervisor Tollisen: Department Reports and the monthly Department Manager Reports are listed and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. We do ask our Department Managers to provide monthly reports in addition to having Department Manager monthly meetings that we all discuss the important things that go on in each of the offices.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

1. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$9,140.84
2. Senior Express Total # Rides - 457 Total # Meals - 440

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Water Department, Highway Department, Receiver of Taxes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approved at the meeting of July 24, 2023.

Received & Filed

2. Received from Charles Huyck, one of the Senior Express riders, a very generous donation with gratitude for helping him out when he couldn't drive.

Received & Filed

3. Received from residents via letters, emails, and a petition about their concerns for the proposed Norwood Terrace PDD, 268 Grooms Road.

Received & Filed

4. Received from the Trails and Open Space Committee the minutes to their April 17, 2023, meeting.

Received & Filed

5. Received from James N. Tedesco, Senator, 44th District, a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to veto legislation on local elections held outside of New York City to be held on an even-numbered year.

Received & Filed

6. Received from CDTA, their Annual Report for 2022-2023.

Received & Filed

7. Received from New York State Department of Transportation, their letter stating that the Town of Halfmoon application for the Replacement of the Button Road Culvert has been approved for funding through the 2022 BRIDGE NY Program.

Received & Filed

8. Received from Cellco Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless, their Notice of Application for Special Use Permit with the Town of Colonie.

Received & Filed

9. Received from NYMIR, their 2022 Annual Report.

Received & Filed

10. Received from CAPTAIN, a thank you letter to the Town of Halfmoon for their donation of bags of food for Karyl's Kupboard, their Food Pantry.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2023

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board Meeting of July 19, 2023, as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2023

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Catricala: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala
Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Andrew Castle as a Highway Department MEO at Grade 5 Base Pay \$24.24/hr., effective August 21, 2023, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment testing.

RESOLUTION NO. 222-2023

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala
Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Department to hire Total Tool, Ltd. to repair the 50,000 lb. truck lift in the highway garage originally purchased from Total Tool, Ltd. in the not to exceed amount of \$11,852.18 per quote number 40239 and authorize the Highway Superintendent to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate the repair, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 223-2023

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Water Tironi

WHEREAS the Town Board has approved a project to improve potable water delivery to the residents of the Town of Halfmoon; and

WHEREAS to complete the Project, the Town is seeking a company to furnish and deliver to the Town of Halfmoon water distribution valves and hydrants; and

WHEREAS the Town of Halfmoon is hereby letting the bids and will be accepting sealed bids until 1:00 pm on August 23, 2023, for the project in accordance with the bid package available in the Office of the Town Clerk, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon, New York in the Town of Halfmoon and on BidNet operated through SourceSuite; and

WHEREAS, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on or about 1:00 pm on August 23, 2023;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to solicit bids for the furnishing and delivery of water distribution valves and hydrants needed for the projects previously approved by the Town Board, to be received by 1:00 pm on August 23, 2023, the sealed bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 pm the same day.

Supervisor Tollisen: Before we get to Public Comment, I would like to tell you about Sam Thayer who is an Eagle Scout candidate. Sam chose to do his project in the Town of Halfmoon at the Clubhouse in the Town Park. He built a GaGa Pit for our youth which is used everyday for our Summer Rec Program. He raised his own money by holding a Bake Sale and a Pancake Breakfast. He was able to pay for all material for the pit, bought a bench and today he took the balance of the money he earned in the amount of \$341.02 and donated it to the Town of Halfmoon's Character Counts program to help families in need. Congratulations to Sam. I told him that as soon as he earns his last badge to become an Eagle Scout that we would want to honor him here at the town. He is an incredible and respectable young man. He has done a lot of great things has a bright future. Again, congratulations! I just wanted to have this on record.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Kathy Dabney, 33 Shelbourne Drive, Timberwyck: (there is a lot of feedback in the recording & difficult to hear her)

Kathy stated her concerns and inconsistencies about the proposed Norwood Terrace PDD on Grooms Road (the old Ben's Greenhouse property) that backs up to her and her neighbor's high-end homes in Timberwick.

- She has read all 161 pages of the FOIL's and has noticed many inconsistencies to bring to the Board's attention.
- She is concerned about their property values decreasing.
- Traffic study (pg. 43) that was conducted at the request of the developer was done during the Shen February winter break, not being a legitimate traffic study as there weren't any busses or additional traffic that school in session brings. They are concerned about the already heavy traffic and noted that the kids on the school busses are getting to school late as the busses have a difficult time turning onto Grooms Road. The weather should also be considered when doing the study.
- She also noted that in the presentation, they classified the 30 high-end professional apartments ranging in rental price of \$1,700 - \$2,100 for 1,000 sq. ft.
- She looked up in Apartment Finder and compared the proposed project to the Twin Lakes complex which is not considered luxury and have a higher rent and up to \$2012 for a one bedroom.

- Twin Lakes also has many more amenities than the proposed Norwood Terrace such as tennis courts, a Clubhouse, a swimming pool, state of the art Fitness Center Conference Room, etc. that Norwood will not have as there is not a lot of space there.
- She hopes that the Town Board will take these concerns and inconsistencies into consideration. Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: Ma'am, this is currently before the Planning Board right now and would eventually come here. We will make sure the minutes of this be transferred to the Planning Board for their consideration while they're reviewing the project. We will make sure it is part of the public record with the Planning Board as well, ok? (Could not hear Kathy's question) We are making sure that we acknowledge each one because we want to make sure that everyone's comments are provided and part of the public record. We will make sure that your comments here tonight get relayed to the Planning Board as well, ok? Thank you very much for coming in.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve on a motion by Councilman Wasielewski and seconded by Councilman Catricala, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk