

The April 19, 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

HALFMOON HEROS PRESENTATION: RONALD JONES, AMY JONES, AND MICHAEL BURGESS

Supervisor Tollisen: This evening we are all here for a special reason and that is to honor three individuals who we are calling Halfmoon Hero's this evening. A couple of years ago, the Town Board made a special presentation for Halfmoon Hero's and made a program for it. There are so many people who are so giving and do so much in our community. This program is designed for those who go even a step further. We have given out the Halfmoon Hero Award a number of different times but in a limited manner. We are proud that tonight we have three Halfmoon Hero Awards for three extraordinary individuals. The Halfmoon Hero Award is something that we as a Town Board think is very special and unique. It is not just given out on a regular basis but given out for extraordinary service to the community. This evening, I would like to ask Chief Cournoyer to come up as he is going to also speak this evening.

A few weeks back there was a fire in the Town of Halfmoon. Thankfully, we do not have a lot of structural fires that are a big risk to our population. But a few weeks ago, we did on Lower Pruyn Hill Road. Karen is here this evening, and it is good to see you! There was a fire on Lower Pruyn Hill and three firefighters risked their own safety, not wearing fire safety equipment. Yes, they did have some fire safety training, they went into one of the most difficult of circumstances to save someone. We have plaques that we would like to give out this evening. One is for Amy Jones, one is for Ronald Jones and one for Michael Burgess. I would like to read the following:

"Amy Jones has been recognized as a Halfmoon Hero by the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon in grateful recognition and sincere appreciation for your dedication and service. Your community involvement, your care and concern for others and your extraordinary effort to help those in need was displayed on March the 18th, 2023 by responding to a structure fire with residents inside. Arriving to find smoke coming from the house, you risked your own safety to rescue the resident in need, bringing her to safety and administering First Aid. You have made a lasting difference in making Halfmoon a better place for all. This day of April is dedicated to you Amy Jones, to you Ronald Jones and to you Michael Burgess as you are worthy of the highest distinction and recognition as a Halfmoon Hero."

Supervisor Tollisen: As I think about it, there is only one thing that comes to mind, "There hath no greater love than one to lay down his life for another". You guys risked it all for others. Thank you all so very much. I do need a motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor Tollisen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board honors Amy Jones, Ronald Jones and Michael Burgess as they are worthy of the highest distinction and recognition as a "Halfmoon Hero."

Chief Cournoyer: So, to that point, no training in the world can ever prepare a First Responder to respond to an incident with the information that we were given that day. Just nerve wrenching, heart sinking, not knowing what to expect pulling up. I know that my Deputy Chief and I were tail and tail heading down there and talking to Amy afterwards she said where are you guys? For us, we thought we were there quick, but for her it was forever. There was no better feeling for me pulling up and although the house was on fire, Mike Burgess came over to me right away and said that she's out of the house, we have her at the driveway, they are administering First Aid. Suddenly, I said that although things were still bad, the worst was over and she was safe. I thank them for helping us out. We are grateful for Mechanicville Firemen: Hillcrest Firefighter's and we appreciate everything that they do. A couple of days later when it all sank in and we able to process the whole event, I called my friend Paul and I said that we need to do something and hence why we are here tonight. I appreciate everyone showing up as this is certainly something worthy. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Tollisen: Karen, I know that you are here. If you and your family would like to come up. (Supervisor asked the firefighters and friends to come up to take pictures of the presentations)

Karen Russo: First, I want to thank everyone for coming tonight. I can't thank Amy, Ron and Mike enough. I keep saying this over and over again. I was laying on the floor by my front door and I saw my sister Patty who was able to ajar the door a little. I was laying there not knowing if I couldn't breathe. I had a sense of calm because of the first person that I saw, and that was Mike. The next thing that I knew, I was being carried out. I saw Amy holding Patty's dog Cash and I'm thinking, who is she? I didn't know why she was holding Cash. When I go to bed at night, I am thankful for you three because it was one of those serious things that my sister and I are alive because of you, there will never be any words to express. We have unbelievable loss and it's just another thing that my parent's always taught us, that we are resilient no matter what happens, we rise above because we have all of our family and friends and an outpouring amount of love. I want to mention two people and I won't mention their names but you know who you are, thank you for welcoming us in your home. I feel at home there. Thank you, thank you. Thank you all for coming.

Supervisor Tollisen: We are indeed grateful for our community, are we not? Thank you. Truly, we live in a great community. Now is all of your chances to get out before the meeting starts. We do have some cookies and water in the Lobby for you. Thank you so very much to our firefighters and fire departments. Thank you for your great service to our community. These guys are hero's today. This day is dedicated in your honor. Congratulations and thank you for what you did.

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.

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.

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, U Haul vehicles will be priced accordingly. Household trash charged at normal rate.

CANAL CLEAN SWEEP – Saturday, April 22nd. Help keep the Erie Canal area clean & beautiful. Meet at Terminal Road at 10:00 AM.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE – Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come see new displays from days gone by.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION – Summer Camp will take place June 26th – August 4th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Online Registration starts April 24th and in office by appointment starts May 8th. For more information, contact Ross MacNeill at (518) 371-7410 ext. 2272.

SPRING FLING - VENDOR SHOPPING. Saturday, May 6th at Town Hall from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Perfect for Mother's Day Gift Ideas. Vendor spaces available, email Halfmoon Celebrations.

SENIOR CENTER SPRING BAZAAR – Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Quilters, Crafters, Grandma's Treasures, and the Best Baked Goods in Town

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: 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 7/17, and 10/16.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor)

That was a great way to start our meeting! Please look at the Community Events. This Saturday is the Canal Clean Sweep for the Erie Canal. Meet at Terminal Road at 10:00am if you would like to help us with that.

I want to ask the Board to do a Proclamation/Resolution honoring Under Sheriff Castle. He is retiring from the Sheriff's Department after decades of service with the Sheriff's Department. He is a Halfmoon resident himself and he has served his county well and we are indeed grateful for his service to our town and county. I

would like to make a motion to do a proclamation honoring him on his Friday Walk Out

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Town Supervisor Tollisen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board honors Under Sheriff Castle, a Halfmoon resident as he retires after decades of service in the County Sheriff's Department.

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

I arrived at the Shredding Day a couple of weeks ago with the Halfmoon Highway crew. The cars waiting to get in lined right up Route 146. There were a lot of hands taking care of our residents. The Spring Cleanup brought another line up Saturday. The Highway Department is out paving. Hats off to the Highway crew, great job. Park's Department already have things looking great and the Water Department is doing many improvements to the lines and will start flushing the fire hydrants soon. Please be aware of our guys out there working. Thank you.

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 nothing this evening, thank you 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
Thank you. Just a few things this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. I just have a few things this evening. It is Highway Safety Awareness Week, but let's not just make it a week but all of the time. The crews are working diligently on the roads maintaining them. In fact, paving many miles of road this year is the plan of our Highway Superintendent Mr. Bryans. Give our Highway Department and folks a brake and slow down in the work zones and be vigilant of the signage.

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee have the On-Line Survey that they are asking residents to fill out so that your opinion can be heard for the future of this great town. This will be a living document for planning for the future of Halfmoon. That is all I have 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 nothing this evening.

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

Yesterday at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's Meeting, the Halfmoon Senior Quilters presented the Board with a "COVID QUILT"! During Covid when the seniors were not able to get together, they individually made squares pertaining to Covid from home. The Halfmoon Quilters put these squares together and made a beautiful quilt to commemorate that part of our lives.

Speaking of quilts...The Historical Society will be open this Saturday from 10-1. One of our displays is called "The Hidden Language of Quilts & the importance to the Underground Railroad" The different patterns on quilts aided the slaves to safe travel to freedom. It is an amazing TRUE story. If you want to learn more, stop over, and see us Saturday! Thank you.

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

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

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 Justice Fodera

Total 3 Cases – 158 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$18,329.25

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Recreation Department Receiver of Taxes, Assessor's Office, Building/Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approved at the meeting of April 10, 2023, meeting: Sign Application for Laser Tattoo Removal, 1602 Route 9, and for McRobert's Development, 15-17 Liebich Lane, for Change of Use/Tenant Applications for A+ Beverage Systems, 9 Morris Lane, Unit 7N, for Aftermath Restoration, Farm To Market Storage Center, Bldg 7D, 40 Farm To Market Road, for Change of Use/Tenant & Sign Applications for Comprebr Brazilian Market, 217 Guideboard Road, for Site Plan Approval of the King PDD Retail Building, 5 Halfmoon Crossing, for Approval of a Commercial Site Plan and Change of Use/Tenant Application for Town Auto Inc., 441 Route 146 and for Approval of a Minor Subdivision for Bridgewater Solar 2, Brookwood Road/Hudson River Road.
Received & Filed

2. Received from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals Resolution Approved at the April 3, 2023, meeting: for an Area Variance for Hickok Duplex, 4 & 6 Lansing Lane, and a Denial for Tang Duplex, 20 Stone Quarry Road.
Received & Filed

3. Received from the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services, the Certification of School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemptions for the 2023-2024 School Levy.
Received & Filed

4. Received from the Mohawk Scenic Byway, their 2022 Annual Report.

Received & Filed

5. Received from Amsure, a copy of the Governmental Insurance Disclosure Statement which has been filed for the 2022 calendar year.

Received & Filed

6. Received from Ivan Zdrahal Professional Engineering PLCC, their Application, Full Environmental Assessment Form, Narrative and Site Plan for the Norwood Terrace PDD, 268 Grooms Road.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2023

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: 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 April 5, 2023, as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Maiello

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby hires Michael Pelc as a full time Parks Laborer at Grade 1, Base Pay \$19.91/hr., effective April 24, 2023, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment testing.

Supervisor Tollisen: Michael is with us this evening. Congratulations and welcome aboard!

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Comptroller's Report for the month of February 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Comptroller's Report for the month of March 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Director of Water Tironi

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Water Department to purchase a subsurface locator Z-Corr 3 logger system in the not to exceed amount of \$11,040.00 which includes the equipment and full training and support and to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate the purchase, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Highway Superintendent Bryans

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints William Montague as a seasonal, Highway Laborer at a rate of pay of \$19.32/hr.

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2023

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

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Maiello

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved the construction of an outdoor recreation pavilion; and

WHEREAS, to complete the Project, the Town is seeking a contractor to construct the outdoor recreation pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Halfmoon is hereby letting the bids and will be accepting sealed bids until 3:00 pm on May 10th, 2023, for the above 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 3:00 pm on May 10th, 2023.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to solicit bids for the construction of an outdoor recreation pavilion project previously approved by the Town Board, to be received by 3:00 pm on May 10th, 2023, the sealed bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 pm the same day.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Darlene McGraw: Thanked the Town of Halfmoon for recognizing those responded to the fire on Pruyn Hill Road. She stated that Highway Safety Awareness Week

should be every day. She also requested that the Board take a look at the safety issues at the Crossings and Sitterly Road.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Hotaling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk