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A REGULAR MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Day, County of Saratoga, State of New York, was held in the Day Town Hall, 1650 North Shore Road, Hadley NY 12835 on May 09, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Diana Edwards at 7:00pm with the following answering roll call: Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, Councilman George Lembo and Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr., Attorney Matt Fuller and liaison to the Hudson River – Black River Regulating District Dave Cox.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion, made by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, seconded by Councilman Curt Schreiner, to **approve** the minutes from the April 11 Regular Meeting.
Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, to **approve** the audited abstracts as follows:

#194-203,210-224	General Fund	\$22,989.992
#189-193,206-209,211	Highway Fund	7,078.26
#183,187	Pre-Audit Trust & Agency	2,074.55
#177-180,182,184,186,188	Pre-Audit General Fund	6,470.35
#176,181,185	Pre-Audit Highway Fund	8,917.93

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman George Lembo, Councilman Jeff Gray and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Motion, made by Councilman Curt Schreiner, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, to **approve** the April reports as follows: Town Justice, Town Clerk, Assessor, Dog Control Officer and Supervisor.

Bank reconciliations for Genl., H/W, Payroll/A/P and Town Clerk/Tax Col.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

Liaison to the Hudson River – Black River Regulating District Dave Cox has submitted a complete report to the Board prior to the meeting. The automation of two piezometers was approved at the April 21st meeting. District funding requests were approved in the

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passed state budget. The State will be paying the property taxes for the District, in the 3 year District budget that begins on July 01, 2024 the five county assessment will be reduced.

The lake level as of May 06th was about 3' above target. Next meeting will be from the Sacandaga Field office, the Albany office and in Old Forge on June 14th at 10:00am at the Sacandaga Field office. The HR-BR Regulating District Board approved six temporary laborer positions for the Hudson River area. With the State budget being passed this means that the five county assessments will be reduced.

Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr. reports that his crew has finished clean-up from the April 16th storm. The highway crew and building/grounds crew worked together to get things cleaned up.

A new employee for highway is coming on board with an MEO light designation on May 16th.

Councilman Curt Schreiner talked to Pastor Phil Allen. Will get us a schedule for Conklingville Church.

CORRESPONDENCE –

NYS department OF Environmental Conservation letter dated 5/2/22.

OLD BUSINESS –

Supervisor Diana Edwards informed those present that Planning /Zoning clerk will be working with the Assessor when he needs assistance.

Supervisor Diana Edwards has provided the Town Board with information regarding regarding the rules of having a dog park. They include running water, different sections fenced approp. for size of dogs, runoff mitigation and visual screening among other items. Insurance costs would be another item. Really cannot have a dog park in the Day Community Park.

Supervisor Diana Edwards pointed out that there are houses right behind where it would be located. Councilwoman Lorraine Newton does not feel it would be a good idea. Councilman George Lembo would like a vote to “to put it to bed”

Motion, made by Councilman George Lembo, seconded by Councilman Curt Schreiner, to not have a dog park.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilwoman Lorraine Newton and Councilman George Lembo.

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ARPA funds are being used to update the Town of Day park with the playground area, basketball, pickleball and tennis court etc. located near the Town Hall, Town Hall landscaping and museum landscaping and painting etc.

Highway, garbage/maintenance worker uniforms have arrived and are being used.

Supervisor Diana Edwards reports that she is working to get food trucks and bands for the annual “Day in the Park” event. Fireworks have already been arranged and there will be other tables set up with information from the Town of Day museum etc.

NEW BUSINESS –

Supervisor Diana Edwards distributed proofs of different pictures for the new Town of Day signs to be placed at the three main entrances into Town. These are located on North Shore Road, South Shore Road and County Rte. 10. The current signs have been in place for many years and are faded and the wood is deteriorating. These are being purchased with the use of ARPA funding.

Supervisor Diana Edwards, Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen Jr. and Code Enforcement Officer Terry Anthony met at the end of Min Allen Road to look at a situation concerning illegal dumping of garbage. It was determined that the issue is on private property and cannot be cleaned up the Town’s highway department. CEO Terry Anthony said he would send a letter to the land owner alerting them of the issue.

The Town Board did discuss the garbage law that is in force and one or two suggestions for changes. The Board did not make any changes at this time.

Councilman George Lembo stated that he was volunteering to be the Town’s Emergency Management Coordinator.

Councilman Lembo also thanked Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen Jr. for his and his crews cleanup efforts after the April snowstorm did so much damage in Town.

Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr. explained our communication system to those present. It can reach across the lake to communicate with are drivers who are working on the other side of the lake. Maybe update to digital or stay with the two ways. Carl Zielman suggested an emergency plan for the Town Hall. He offered to let someone from the Sheriffs department come to Town Hall. The Town could also look into satellite phones.

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Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, to **appoint** Councilman George Lembo as the Town Emergency Management Coordinator.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

The Day Museum is getting painted inside and out, re-hanging shutters, landscaping etc. The Town of Day Historian is also planning on rearranging the exhibits inside. Councilman George Lembo would like to form a new historical society. The Town did have one in the past as Supervisor Diana Edwards explained. The museum used to be open on Saturdays but seems to be visited more during the week when people are looking for something to do. There are a lot of other things going on during the weekends. Wednesdays seem to get more visitors.

Supervisor Diana Edwards explained that the buildings and grounds workers have been very busy working on the playground and the ground around the museum and the Town Hall. Our grounds person, Dave Baker, was doing a lot of the work alone but we have now found another worker.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC REGARDING PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS –

None

Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Gray, seconded by Councilman Curt Schreiner, to approve the following Resolutions:

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman George Lembo, Councilman Jeff Gray and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Resolution #2022-42: Approving transfer of funds in the amount of \$950.00 from General fund/ARPA to Day Community playground (A7180.2).

Resolution #2022-43: Approving the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,250.00 from General fund/ARPA to Employee Benefits/Safety Apparel (A9089.8)

Resolution #2022-44: Resolution to update the Town of Day Employee Manual to reflect the exact language used by New York State (NYS) with regard to the wait period for healthcare benefits.

Resolution #2022-42: Approving transfer of funds in the amount of \$950.00 from General fund/ARPA to Day Community playground (A7180.2).

WHEREAS, the Day Town Board has reviewed the paperwork received concerning the re-stripping of the basketball/pickleball court and the cost associated with that job, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the amount of \$950.00 shall be transferred to the A7180.2 account to cover the cost of the work by the vendor selected by the Town Board.

Resolution #2022-43: Approving the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,250.00 from General fund/ARPA to Employee Benefits/Safety Apparel (A9089.8).

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the paperwork concerning the costs of obtaining the services of a uniform service for the Highway Department and Garbage/Building/Grounds Department, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$3,250.00 shall be transferred to the A9089.8 account.

Resolution #2022-44 Resolution to update the Town of Day Employee Manual to reflect the exact language used by New York State (NYS) with regard to the wait period for healthcare benefits.

WHEREAS, New York State notes it as 90 days and our Town employee manual has it as 3 months. therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our employee manual will be revised to accurately reflect the accurate amount of time which is (90) ninety days.

Resolution #2022-45: Authorizing the immediate increase in the hourly pay for part-time Building and Grounds employees.

WHEREAS, The Town Board, after discussion, has decided to raise the hourly rate of pay for part-time Building and Grounds employees, therefore be

RESOLVED, that the Building and Grounds employees pay will be changed as follows: from \$15.15/hr. to 16.25/hr. for new hires, and \$17.50 for current experienced senior employee. Current rate of \$15.15 is not competitive in today's environment and significantly below Highway Department pay rates.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Town resident Mary Ann Johnson had a question for the Town's Attorney regarding docks that might be added to a lake access permit near her home. Attorney Matt Fuller explained that he would have to review rules regarding this type of situation.

Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Grey, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton to move to Executive Session was made at 7:39 pm to discuss personnel issue for buildings and grounds.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

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Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Grey, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton to exit out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Town Board meeting was made at 7:48 pm.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Motion, made by Councilman Jeff Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, to change the pay rates of the Buildings and Grounds employees.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Decision made by Town Board regarding the pay rates of the Buildings and Grounds employees can be found under Resolution #2022-45.

Motion, made by Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, seconded by Councilman Jeff Gray to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the Day Town Board was made at 7:55 pm.

Ayes: Supervisor Diana Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Jeff Gray, Councilman George Lembo and Councilwoman Lorraine Newton.

Carried 5 – 0

Carol Vaillancourt
Town Clerk