

# Minutes of the Town of Caton Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting August 11, 2021

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## TOWN BOARD PRESENT

Don Haussener, Deputy Supervisor  
Ed Rose, Councilman  
Tim Scott, Councilman  
Jeff Wheaton, Councilman

## ABSENT

Wayne Phenes, Supervisor  
Hank Bentley, Councilman

## OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Ferratella, Legislator  
Don MacNaughton, Plan Bd Chair  
Peggy MacNaughton, Park Chair  
Avonne Dickerson, Town Clerk  
Several attendees

At 6 pm Deputy Supervisor Haussener brought the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

## MINUTES-

On motion of Councilman Scott seconded by Councilman Rose the following resolution ADOPTED VOICE VOTE-AYES 3 (Scott, Rose, Wheaton) NAYS-0 to approve the minutes (noting two typo corrections) from the July 14, 2021, Town Board Meeting.

## BILLS-

On motion of Councilman Scott seconded by Councilman Wheaton the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 3 (Scott, Rose, Wheaton) NAYS-0 to approve the monthly bills as follows:

General Fund-vouchers # 0801 to 0823-\$43,345.32  
Highway Fund-vouchers # 0801 to 0815-\$37,568.09  
Street Lighting-voucher # 0008-\$93.80

## LEGISLATOR FERRATELLA-

Carol stated that the annual County tax foreclosure auction will be held in October of 2021 and that it will be an online auction only. There will be a two-week window for bidding, but as of yet no date has been set.

She also said that several Towns are having a difficult time deciding how to spend the Government recovery money and that broadband seems the primary area to go with.

Carol mentioned that she enjoyed the Town picnic that was held at the Caton Park on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Elected and Appointed Officials July 2021 Monthly Report

- **Highway Superintendent** Ray Riesbeck-viewed and filed.
- **Code Enforcer** Al Buckland-viewed and filed.
- **Constable** Mike Smith-month of June viewed and filed.
- **Dog Control Officer** Bruce Akins Jr-not available.
- **Court Justice** Russell Diederich-not available.
- **Assessor Muscarella**-not available.
- **Councilman Scott**-continuing his Rural Metro Ambulance contract study.
- **Councilman Rose**-discussion pertaining to Rural Metro Ambulance charging system and he feels it is a fleecing of the taxpayer.
- **Deputy Supervisor** Haussener-as follows.

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<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Capital Reserves</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Imma	\$ 617,597	Highway Equipment	\$ 94,951
Highway Imma	\$ 486,624	Highway Repair	\$112,203
General Checking	\$3,519.82	General Building	\$ 18,626
Highway Checking	\$9,672.70	General Office	\$ 2,347
Payroll Checking	\$ 2.99	General Park	\$ 6,690
Light District	\$ 2,286.39	General Insurance	\$ 30,000
Capital Project	Closed	General Retirement	\$ 0

**NEW BUSINESS-**

- Teamster Union Contract meeting is set up for Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm. Town Board will meet on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm to review Union paperwork ahead of time.
- Waiting to receive quotes for upgrade of the heating and air conditioning system
- Town received \$107,918 in recovery package. It is in the General Imma until decision is made as to what it can be spent on. Need to find out who is managing this at state level.
- 2022 Budget worksheets have been delivered to all employees. Must be returned to Supervisor or Bookkeeper by 09/08/2021.
- Received information from the Steuben County Dept. of Social Services Employment Unit regarding the opportunity for the Town to take advantage of the Client Work Experience Program or the Mobile Work Program from the County.
- Budget adjustments-on motion of Councilman Scott seconded by Councilman Wheaton the following resolution ADOPTED ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES 3 (Scott, Rose, Wheaton) NAYS-0 to approve the following 2021 budget adjustments:

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
\$ 230.48	A1410.2	A1410.4
\$ 500.00	A1620.4	A1620.1
\$1,000.00	A1990.4	A1420.4

- Don MacNaughton, Planning Board Co-chair mentioned that the current ZBA only has 3 members out of a required 5-member board. Town Clerk had received a request from resident Kathy Mack to be appointed to that Board. Also, another resident, Jesse Dowdell, that was at this meeting, offered to join.  
After discussion the and on motion of Councilman Rose seconded by Councilman Scott the following resolution ADOPTED VOICE VOTE-AYES 3 (Scott, Rose, Wheaton) NAYS-0 to appoint Kathy Mack to fill a ZBA vacancy expiring in 2025 and Jesse Dowdell to fill another ZBA vacancy expiring in 2022.
- Peggy Ann MacNaughton, Park Committee Chair also asked to be on tonight’s agenda. She would like the following residents to be on the Caton Park Committee:  
Peggy MacNaughton, Richard Nurse, Joni Kehoe, Dorothy Eldred, Tony Handley and Kathy Mack. Richard Nurse would like to fix the north side of the park driveway by putting in drainage.

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## OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT-

Nancy Kirby-resides on the Harris Road and is honored to be nominated by the Republican Committee and voted for at the 2021 Caton Democrat Caucus to run for the Town Supervisor position in November. She is a CPA by profession and has been previously employed by several local towns in that position as well as grant writing and consulting.

Frank Muccini-discussed the way the Town Board receives their paperwork prior to the Town Meeting.

Gary Jelliff-where is Ray with the roads? Who watches the fire department & when are their meetings? Are we going to put a flag up at the park? Did they borrow money from the town to purchase a truck for \$163k?

Peggy MacNaughton-the fire department is looking for members. To see what is going on in the Town residents need to get involved and meetings and other town functions.

Dick Nurse-working with Peggy Ann at the park and is working on a list of things that need to be done and will get a copy to the Town Board. Also, stated that the town park is on the same parcel as the highway department and feels it should be separated.

Jan Glover-Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Hoping to complete the final document and have it available by the end of this year. She will put a draft copy of the map out on the white board in the foyer for public view.

Meeting brought to a close at 7 pm.

**Caton Town Clerk, Avonne Dickerson**