

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 08, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Chris Mathews.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Supervisor Chris Mathews	PRESENT
Councilperson Keith Zanetti	PRESENT
Councilperson Nicole Gorr	PRESENT
Councilperson Scott Grey	PRESENT
Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr.	PRESENT

Other Officials

Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly	PRESENT
Town Attorney Ken Klein	PRESENT
Bookkeeper Teri Lockhart	PRESENT
Budget Officer Jessica Garigliano	PRESENT

GUESTS

Cher Woehl	Walt Zeitschel
Adele Barnard	Staci Conjura
Peter Micheletti	Alex Sienitsky
Alla Sienitsky	Brian McPhillips
Sean Boyes	Aric Boyes
Derek Kirk	Vincent Kurzrock
Larry Bracken	

- **Alex Sienitsky and Peter Micheletti** were here tonight to ask the Town Board to **replace two pickleball nets** and to **install windscreen** on the fence around the court. The estimated price for both is \$785.00. The funds are available in Parks and Rec budget. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Council person Keith Zanetti to replace two pickleball nets and install a windscreen around the courts, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

- **Adele Barnard** gave a **playground update**. The new pieces have arrived and have been installed. An additional piece will be received in January and will be installed in the Spring.
- **Cher Woehl, Parks and Rec Director**, updated the Board on her plans for the **Annual Tree Lighting** which will be on December 3rd at 5:00 to about 6:30 pm. The event will include bands, Santa with an escort and refreshments. The house decorating contest will NOT be held this year. The

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ice rink is up. Cher indicated that the rink will open the week after the tree lighting. She shared with the Board the banner she got that will be put under the ice in the center.

- **Larry Bracken** spoke to the Board about an upcoming anniversary of the Grahamsville Fair. He would like to make improvements on the grounds in anticipation of that event. He would like to be able to use the Town's name in the Grant application process through Renaissance Program. The Ag Society will be taking care of the grant paperwork.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2023 was ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED on motion by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for the month of October 2023 was ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED and filed on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK DECALS AND MONTHLY FEE REPORT

ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED for the month of October 2023 to be filed on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK MONTHLY PETTY CASH REPORT

Month of October 2023/November 2023

ORDERED RESTORED TO \$200.00 by the amount of \$9.76 for lightbulbs on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1. Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly gave the **results** on the **auction** for the **three trucks**:

- a. **2021 RAM \$33,900**
- b. **2018 RAM \$22,000**
- c. **2013 Ford \$21,000**

The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti to accept the auction bids of \$33,900 for the 2021

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RAM, \$22,000 for the 2018 RAM and \$21,000 for the 2013 Ford, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

2. Preston gave an update on the **Aden Rd. water issue**. He and Chris met with Mike Dean and discussed a few options. Preston made the decision to **install drainage pipe** along the road to address the water issue. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey to authorize the use of more than 30 feet of pipe to address the water drainage issue on Aden Rd. with an approximate cost of \$3,000, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

3. The **lime** for the **ballfield** has been delivered. Preston is waiting for the spreader so it can be applied.
4. The **waterlines** at the **fairgrounds** are in the process of being installed and should be finished soon

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Monthly Receipts Report and Mileage Log and Inspection Report for the month of October 2023 has been filed with the Town Clerk.

- 123 Miles
- \$1,428.40 Receipts
- 9 Building Permits, total 110 for year
- 0 Building Permit Renewal, total 0 for year
- 5 Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance, total 86 for year
- 0 Complaint, total 1 for year
- 2 Violations, total 3 for year
- 9 Municipal Searches, total 58 for year
- 9 Fire Inspections, total 12 for year
- 0 Junk Yard Permit, total 1 for year
- 0 Mobile Home Park Permit Renewal, total 2 for year
- 0 Operating Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 Special Use Permit, total 0 for year
- 0 Fireworks Permit, total 1 for year
- 1.5 CEO Training Hours, total 27.5 for year
- 0 FOIL Request, total 1 for year
- 0 Fire Calls, total 2 for year

PLANNING BOARD

Public Notice of Cancellation of November 1, 2023 meeting and Meeting Minutes draft for October 4, 2023 have been filed with the Town Clerk.

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FILINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

- Letter from Concerned Citizens of Neversink concerning NY Neversink I LLC Community Solar Project
 - Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for Dog Pound from NYS Ag and Markets
- Items were ORDERED LOGGED and FILED on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR

1. A Public Hearing for **Introductory Local Law 1 of 2013**, a Local Law to **override the tax levy limit** established in general municipal law section 3-c. was held and the following Resolution was presented for the Board’s consideration to adopt Local Law one of 2023:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2023**

“A local law to override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York.”

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, in said Town, on the 8th day of November, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mathews and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Chris Mathews
Councilperson Keith Zanetti
Councilperson Nicole Gorr
Councilperson Scott Grey
Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr.

ABSENT:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, to wit:

WHEREAS, Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2023 entitled “A local law to override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c

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for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, State of New York, on October 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, on November 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink published or caused to be published a public notice in the Sullivan County Democrat of such public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2023 entitled “A local law to override for fiscal year 2024 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York” be and the same hereby is enacted as Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2023 in the form annexed hereto; and be it further

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Christopher Mathews	voting	YES
Councilperson Keith Zanetti	voting	YES
Councilperson Nicole Gorr	voting	YES
Councilperson Scott Grey	voting	YES
Councilperson Richard Coombe, Jr.	voting	YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2. The Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget was held and the following Resolution was presented for the Board’s consideration to **adopt the 2024 Budget:**

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
RESOLUTION NO. 22 of 2023
ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, a Tentative Budget was submitted to the Town Board on September 28, 2023 and

WHEREAS, at the Town Board Work Meeting held on October 5, 2023 the Tentative Budget with the minor changes made, was accepted as the Preliminary Budget and was considered to be suitable and workable for the needs of the Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and

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WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on November 8, 2023 at which time any persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to was given the opportunity to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as presented on November 8, 2023 is hereby adopted as the Final Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr. and adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Chris Mathews	voting	YES
Councilperson Keith Zanetti	voting	YES
Councilperson Nicole Gorr	voting	YES
Councilperson Scott Grey	voting	YES
Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr.	voting	YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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3. The **Town Historian position** is still open beginning 2025. A letter of interest was received from Roger Edwards. The Personnel Committee will meet with him.
4. There will be a **Planning Board Alternate opening** on 1/1/2024. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for the position of Planning Board Alternate, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

5. A **Veteran's Day Flag exchange** at the Town Hall will follow the one at the cemetery. Refreshments in the Town Hall will follow.
6. The **lease on the copier** is coming up for renewal in December. Options were discussed of either doing a new lease with a new machine or purchasing the current machine. After discussion it was decided **to continue with a new lease** on a new machine with the same features as the current one. The following motion was made:

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A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr to renew the lease with a new machine with the same features as the current one, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

• Vendor Payments	\$ 3,499.48
• Abstract #11	<u>117,719.14</u>
• Total	\$ 121,218.62

Vouchers, Claims were reviewed by the Board and authorized to be paid on motion by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

ADJOURN OR RECESS

On motion by Councilperson Keith Zanetti, seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk