

Town of Scipio May 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of the Town of Scipio Town Board, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Office, 3705 Rte. 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147, on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7 pm.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
 Jason Botsford, Councilperson Nancy Hart, Councilperson

Absent: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson

Others Present: Nolan Kokkoris, Guy Garnsey, Connie O’Hearn, Sara Nolan, Michele Westfall, Bill Hall, Rolland Dodge, Ann Robson.

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Supervisor Mutchler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion to approve the May 8, 2024 Town Board Meeting agenda was made by Councilperson Allen, second by Councilperson Botsford. All in favor. 4/0
3. Issues from town residents - None
4. Opendore Construction Permit fee – Howland Stone Store Museum Board President Guy Garnsey reviewed the plans to reconstruct the East porch of Opendore. With a 501(c) 3 status he requested the Town of Scipio Town Board to waive the Building Permit Application fee.

Resolution 2024 -46 Approve to Waiver the Building Application fee for Construction of East Porch at Opendore. The motion made by Councilperson Hart, second by Councilperson Botsford was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
 Noes 0

5. **Resolution 2024-47** Approve the April 10, 2024 Town Board Meeting minutes. Motion made by Councilperson Hart, second by Councilperson Allen was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Pitman
 Noes 0
6. Continuation of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Town of Scipio Zoning Ordinance, Local Law #1 of 2024. Supervisor Mutchler announced the continuation of the Public Hearing during the May Town Board meeting. One town resident spoke in favor of the proposed amendments to the Town of Scipio Zoning Ordinance.

7. Officers Reports
 - a. Assessor - None
 - b. CEO – Attached at end of meeting minutes.
 - c. Clerk – Disbursements from April 2024 to the Town Supervisor were \$3,614.00. The Town of Scipio will conduct a mailed Dog Enumeration starting June 1, 2024. The town residents are subscribing to the town’s website as directed to receive community news and announcements. The members of the town board were reminded to submit articles for the website.
 - d. Highway Superintendent – Acknowledgement and thanks were bestowed on Councilperson Allen for overseeing the town’s May 2024 Clean Up Day. It was suggested to get more volunteer help and to increase the number of dumpsters to six due to the amount of waste disposed of. The Highway crew have been

helping other towns with paving and taking the milled asphalt for trade in for stone. The crew will be working on the seasonal roads utilizing the grinding. There is a truck in for repair at Regional International in Geneva, NY. The superintendent attended a webinar on the NYS 2024-2025 Budget RAPID Act, which primarily addressed eviction from rental properties, and did not get into specifics on the budget. The team working on the Office Repair project has discovered a roof line leak which will need to be fixed before pointing continues.

- e. Attorney – Nolan Kokkoris was in attendance as Jeff Eaton was away. The Town Board requested the Town Attorney to continue exploring if the town may contribute municipal funds to the Southern Cayuga Sports Conference Little League (SCSCLL). Representatives Sara Nolan and Michele Westfall Nolan spoke on the local 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization serving children 4-12. One in six athletes live in Scipio, six teams call the Scipio ballfield which is located on land owned by the Scipio Fire Department “home”. A motion was made by Councilperson Hart, second by Councilperson Botsford to set up a meeting to further the discussion with the town attorney, Councilperson Botsford, and SCSCLL board officers Sara Nolan and Michele Westfall was approved. All in favor. 4/0

8. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – Clean Up Day – Recognition was given to Town Highway Superintendent Bill Halll and Brandon Swearingen who assisted during the Clean Up Day. Within the first hour 44 vehicles had dropped off loads, three families cleaned out households with a total of 132 people utilizing the town service. A note was made for next Spring to rent six dumpsters. The sale of trash stickers has been slower this year than in the past. Councilperson Allen continues to work with Casella to empty full recyclable containers on a consistent schedule.
- b. Jason Botsford – None
- c. Nancy Hart – Reported from the CWIO meeting that the Environmental Bond Act will have funding for potential capital projects to revitalize the town’s FL 26 and Ensenore Rd waterfront access. Councilperson Hart inquired about the town developing a municipal lawn waste and composting site. No discussion was had on the question. She extended an invitation to the Town Board to attend the Owasco Watershed Lake Association event with the county Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 26th at the Owasco Yacht Club starting at 5pm.
- d. Melinda Pitman – None

9. Supervisor’s Report

- a. Office Repair Project– It was reported that the Town of Scipio Office project started on May 6, 2024. A leak was discovered along the roof line that needs to be fixed.
- b. Dog Control Officer Contract – Canine Cove, LLC will begin to shelter dogs effective July 1, 2024. With board approval a new contract will be signed acknowledging this change from Country Acres to Canine Cove.

Resolution 2024 -48 Adopt New Contact with Canine Cove to shelter dogs effective July 1, 2024. The motion made by Supervisor Mutchler, seconded by Councilperson Botsford was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
Noes 0

10. Close Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Town of Scipio Zoning Ordinance, Local Law #1 of 2024. Motion made by Councilperson Hart, second by Councilperson Botsford was approved. All in favor. 4/0

11. **Resolution 2024-49** Determination of Non-Significance for Proposed Local Law Amending the Town of Scipio Zoning Law Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. Motion made by Councilperson Allen, second by Councilperson Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
Noes 0

12. Other Business - None

13. Review of 2024 Abstract 5

a. **Resolution 2024-50** General Fund – vouchers 78-94, total \$10,586.76 Motion made by Councilperson Allen, second by Councilperson Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
Noes 0

b. **Resolution 2024-51** Highway Fund – vouchers 29-33, total \$2,234.87 Motion made by Supervisor Mutchler, second by Councilperson Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
Noes 0

14. Next meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7 pm

15. Adjournment - Motion made by Councilperson Botsford at 8:43pm. All in favor. 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Scipio Clerk

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PERMITS ISSUED:

24-8 **Stephen Hartwig, 84 Fire Lane 11, accessory structure (area variance approved by ZBA and Site Plan approved by Planning Board).**

24-9 **Timothy & Kimberly Weir, 3499 Burtless Road, single-family dwelling.**

24-10 **Town of Scipio, 3705 State Route 34, town building updates and repairs.**

24-11 **Laurie Pattington, 3357 State Route 34B, 10.6 kW-DC ground-mount solar PV array.**

24-12 **Mark Johnson, 2408 Fleming Scipio Townline Road, shingle roof.**

Scipio Planning board review:

**April 24, 2024, meeting cancelled due to no new applications.
Next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2024.**

ZBA review:

May 7, 2024, meeting – presentation by Greg Snyder, 4486 State Route 38 (West Lake Road), requesting an area variance to construct a single-family dwelling. A public hearing is slated for June 4, 2024.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Respectfully submitted 05/08/2024.

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