

Town of Scipio October 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of the Town of Scipio, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Office, 3705 Rte. 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147, on October 9, 2024.

Present: Gary Mutchler - Supervisor Susan Allen – Councilperson
Jason Botsford – Councilperson

Excused: Nancy Hart – Councilperson, Melinda Pitman - Councilperson

Others: Jeff Eaton, Rolland Dodge, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Connie O’Hearn, Bob Shea, Josh Saville, Melissa Denman, Kenny Denman, Rhonda Dellinger, Tony Dellinger, Colleen Rejman, Ty St. John, Daryl Kirk, Rachel Baran, Caleb Baran, Joanne Nombris, Jerry Marciniac, Lisa Guerrette, Edward Guerrette, Chad Wilson, Matt Calandra, Anita Dungey.

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Supervisor Mutchler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the October 2024 Town of Scipio Board Meeting agenda. Motion by Allen, second by Botsford. All in favor. 3/0
3. Issues from town residents – Twelve area residents spoke in opposition of the Agricola Wind Project. Town Attorney Eaton explained the Article VIII, formally Section 94-c, permitting process at the state level. All jurisdiction is removed from the local municipality due to the size of the industrial wind project. County Legislator Shea encouraged the residents to contact their state representatives to voice their concerns. Town Attorney Eaton asked that questions be directed to him, so he can get answers from the developer of the project.
4. **Resolution 2024 - 77** Approve September 11, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion by Allen, second by Botsford was:
Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford
Noes 0
5. **Resolution 2024-78** Support the Designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway. Motion by Botsford, second by Allen was:
Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford
Noes 0
6. Officers Reports
 - a. Assessor – No report.
 - b. CEO – Report attached to end of meeting minutes.
 - c. Clerk - \$1708 was disbursed to the town supervisor, two cases of COVID test kits were provided to the town by East Hill Family Medical. A report on MuniPay and the service to residents who want to use ACH and credit cards to pay for county/town taxes was presented. All transaction charges are paid by the resident, a \$229 card reader machine purchase fee is billed to the town.
Resolution 2024-79 Approve agreement with MuniPay to establish services to accept ACH and credit card payments for county/town tax payments. Motion made by Allen, second by Botsford was:
Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford
Noes 0

- d. Highway Superintendent – Reported highway crews are finishing up the last round of mowing. They assisted with putting the town office furniture back in place after the installation of the new flooring. Devin Sherman, from Scipioville, has been hired to fill an open position with the Highway Department. Progress is being made regarding the joint Agricola Wind project’s Road Use Agreement with the Town of Venice and the county. The Superintendent is getting price quotes for the installation of a heat pump in the Highway building, which will be paid with state grant monies.
 - e. Attorney – We are expecting an answer back regarding a settlement in the next few weeks on the Marc Sholinsky Article 7 lawsuit. Time is being put into the joint Road Use Agreement which will be one part of the town’s overall agreement for the Agricola Project by Liberty-Renewables. A letter was received today (10.10.24) from attorneys at Young/Sommer LLC regarding the Town of Scipio Zoning Ordinance. He will compose a response letter addressing the points made to the town.
7. Board Member Reports
- a. Susan Allen – Thanks was given to all the volunteers who assisted with the Fall Clean-Up Day on 10.5.2024. 102 residents who discarded items were surveyed on the event and use of the Transfer Station. The majority preferred having two Clean-Up events annually. A suggestion was to change the Spring Clean-up Day from May to June so more lake residents could participate. When asked about paying for an annual Transfer Station permit versus paying with trash stickers per bag to dispose of garbage; 39 preferred the permit and 42 preferred the trash stickers.
 - b. Jason Botsford – No report
 - c. Nancy Hart – No report
 - d. Melinda Pitman – It was reported that on 10.20.24, four fire departments will be practicing moving water from the quarry pond behind the highway garage. There is a chicken BBQ on the 19th to benefit the Southern Cayuga FFA and the Scipio firefighters. The department is planning a Halloween trick and treat event at fire station.
8. Supervisor’s Report
- a. Discussion of Budget – Council members asked their questions on the tentative budget. Several minor adjustments were made. The preliminary budget will be posted on the town’s website. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2024, during the Town Board meeting.
9. Other Business
- a. It was announced that the annual Association of Towns conference will be in NYC in February 2025. Registration information will be forthcoming.
 - b. A letter from town resident, Randy Lawrence was shared. He acknowledged the positive changes being made at the town office and highway garage.

c. **Resolution 2024-80** Approve the 2025 Mowing Contract with Alvin Penird.

Motion by Mutchler, second by Botsford was:

Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford

 Noes 0

10. Review of Abstract 10

a. **Resolution 2024-81** Approve General Fund – vouchers 173-189, Total \$9,998.52.

Motion by Allen, second by Botsford was:

Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford

 Noes 0

b. **Resolution 2024 82** Approve Highway Fund – vouchers 62-69, Total \$3,395.98.

Motion by Botsford, second by Mutchler was:

Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford

 Noes 0

11. Next meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 7 pm with Public Hearing on the 2025 Town of Scipio Preliminary budget.

12. Adjournment at 9:55 pm. Motion by Botsford, second by Mutchler. All in favor. 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson

Town of Scipio Clerk

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PERMITS ISSUED:

24-23 Michael J. Poole, 3327 State Route 38, single-family dwelling with attached shop.

24-24 Greg Snyder, 4486 State Route 38, single-family dwelling. (Note: Area Variance approved by Town of Scipio Zoning Board of Appeals on July 8, 2024. Site Plan approved by Town of Scipio Planning Board on July 24, 2024.)

Scipio Planning board review:

September 25, 2024, meeting: Reviewed and approved site plan from Hazard Library and Opendore, 2978 State Route 34B, for an addition to an existing building. Reviewed and approved site plan from The Finger Lakes Mennonite Church, Inc. for a cemetery on Center Road.

Next meeting scheduled for October 23, 2024.

ZBA review:

October 1, 2024, meeting: Approved minutes from August 6, 2024 meeting. No new business.

Next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2024.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Respectfully submitted 10/09/2024.

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