

CHILI TOWN BOARD
March 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Chili Town Board was held on March 13, 2024 at the Chili Town Hall, 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, New York 14624 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Dunning.

PRESENT: Councilman DeCory; Councilman Slattery, Councilman Valerio and Supervisor David Dunning.

ALSO PRESENT: Dawn Forte, Supervisor's Secretary; Sandra Hewlett, Stenographer; Jared Hirt, Counsel for the Town; Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; Daniel Knapp, Director of Finance; David Lindsay, Commissioner of Public Works/Highway Superintendent; Councilman Slattery, Deputy Town Supervisor; Scott Bonnewell, Insurance Counselor.

The invocation was given by Virginia Ignatowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. The fire safety exits were identified for those present.

At this point, a Public Forum was conducted to allow public speakers to address the Town Board. No speakers addressed the Town Board. The Public Forum concluded at 7:02 p.m.

MATTERS OF THE SUPERVISOR:

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Couple things. I would like to say for folks there that catch this on the video -- I have already spoken to some of the Town Board, but I spoke with a representative from the American Legion today in regards to Memorial Day. It looks like we are going to be doing a service only at the Community Center. There probably will not be a parade this year. You know, it's understandable how things -- the logistics of that kind of don't work out too well sometimes.

So just mark that and get that on your calendar and we hope people will come out and attend the service that we hold out there.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Supervisor, just for clarification, that's gonna be outside at the monument that was moved from the old Town Hall and then the improvements that we're looking to do because of the bid, they won't be completed in time or started until after?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: That's correct. That's correct. Yeah. And -- if it rains, we will be inside. The Community Center is closed that day, but we will open it up for the service. So we'll hold the service inside.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Thank you.

1. Solar Eclipse - Monday, April 8, 2024.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: The other thing coming up -- we don't have another meeting before this happens, so I just wanted to bring up and talk a little briefly about the solar eclipse on April 8th.

It is expected -- I have been on the Solar Eclipse Task Force for a little over a year now, talking about the -- what we expect to see in Monroe County. And they do expect quite a few people here. They do expect that there will be quite a bit of gridlock on the roads and this could be anywhere from all day to starting the night before.

We -- we have discussed it here locally in the Town as far as precautions we're taking with our parks, our parking lots and how we're going to try to maintain some order. And especially overnight, trying to do our best to prevent any overnight guests in our parks. So we are working with that. And hope to get some control over that.

But also, there has been things as much as cellular service may be interrupted or spotty during this because of the amount of people that will be here and likely on their cell phones.

Also, working with the Sheriff's Department on the road -- we will be dedicating some of our folks to help with traffic control, crowd control to a certain extent maybe. There are quite a few activities also going on over at the Community Center that day.

The inside events start at 1 o'clock and they go right up to 3 o'clock. So residents who wish to go to the Community Center and would like to get -- there will be -- solar eclipse -- the glasses will be available for people.

But people need to get a parking pass ahead of time. It is only Chili residents. There is no charge for the pass whatsoever. But only Chili residents will be permitted in that parking lot that day. And that is for the entire day. So just want to let people know that please -- if you haven't, get your parking pass so that you can come and -- and park in there.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Supervisor, I know Kids Out and About -- there is a website -- they have a lot of different activities.

I know Sweden was talking about the -- restricting the on-street parking and so forth. And then I saw today that Brighton is going to have a half day of school that day.

Do we know if our four school districts --

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I understand they're closed.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: All four?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I believe so. That's my understanding, that our school districts are all closed.

Quite frankly, that's the safest thing that can happen. If we really get the people that they say we're going to have, then to have buses and little kids running around -- or children of any ages getting on and off school buses and the gridlock that could -- that is expected, we'll be -- could be -- it could be -- could be devastating.

And also just to let people know for the Board's information and the new information, our Town Clerk, too, we are going to let our staff go out -- basically kind of close the doors. We don't expect a lot of traffic coming in and out of this building during this thing. So we'll let them go out ahead of the totality and then come back into work after. We are not closing down, but we'll allow people to go out and see it.

And we -- we will get eclipse glasses for the staff so that they have them here.

But other than that, like I said, just -- for timing of the things -- the whole solar eclipse goes from 2:07 to 4:33, to be precise, I guess. I don't know how they figure this stuff out. But totality is between 3:20 and 3:23. So you have got three minutes of complete darkness.

There has been a lot of talk about behaviors of wild animals and dogs and cats.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: The zoo.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Well, you think -- not -- not just there, but we have got a population of deer and coyotes and beavers and ducks and geese and nobody really seems to know how this will affect them. But there's likely to be some effect on their behavior. So if you see anything strange, I -- I don't -- I don't know what you do.

But don't expect to call 911. If people are parking on your street illegally and they shouldn't be, 911 will not respond to those calls. We hope that people will be respectful of other people's property and not park on other people's property, but there -- there is going to be very little ability to enforce anything there.

But there is a very, very large group of people that are working on this and it seems right now very well prepared to handle whatever may happen here. But you don't know until it happens.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Is EOC going to be in operation?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I don't know if they're going to be in full operation or not.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I know the Sheriff's Department are going to 12-hour shifts.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: They're all-hands-on-deck for the Sheriff's Department is my understanding. Local police departments.

For us, we'll have our people out. I'm sure the other towns will have their staff, their highway DPW staff out.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: What will be our role, the Town DPW? What will be our role?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Traffic control, crowd control for the most part. We know that there's -- from our parking lots -- especially coming out of the Community Center, coming in and out of there, there is only that one entrance.

Actually, we're going -- we do have permission to use the old entrance for that day. So we will do traffic and crowd control in and out of that facility that day.

We are also having -- we're going -- the seniors that go to the Senior Center will be over -- at the Senior Center for the activities and other things, they will actually be parking over here and we are going to be shuttling them from here to there. And then back. So we're going to provide those services.

But mostly, it's traffic control.

Railroad crossing, I believe -- we have some railroad crossings we'll monitor because again --

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: You don't know.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Again, you don't know.

We will be -- I believe we talked this morning about some of our parks may be gated off and not opened. If there is nothing happening at Union Station Park, we are going to gate that lot because the lot is not paved. It's probably not a good place to --

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Not safe.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: -- to have a lot of people there.

And -- and we're going to block off the Archer Road property. That time of year, you don't know what that field is going to be like. It could get muddy and you could be stuck trying to pull people out of there. So we'll probably block that off so people can't get in there.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Again?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yes. Again.

But there has been a lot of preparation on that.

We do have handicapped parking available over at -- for the Community Center. So -- but you have to have -- to provide documentation that you're actually handicapped ahead of time.

So please, please, again, I can't emphasize this enough. If you want to come over to the Community Center that day and watch it from there and participate in the activities, get a parking pass. It's free. And it is only Chili residents. You will not be let in the parking lot if you do not have a pass. They will -- they will turn you around. So doing the best we can to get that message

out there for people.

Other than that, Matters of the Counsel?

MATTERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL:

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Thanks for the update.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: You're welcome. We have to do our best to get that information out there.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Absolutely.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Sometimes people actually do pay attention.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: What's that?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Nothing. (Laughter).

The 2/14/24 Town Board meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS SUBMITTED:

Advanced Payment of Claims – February 2024

Building Department Report – February 2024

Conservation Board – 2/5/2024

Dog Control Reports – February 2024

Library Board Minutes – 1/23/2024

Planning Board – 1/9/2024

Recreation/Senior Center Report – February 2024

Town Clerk Report – February 2024

Traffic & Safety Minutes – 1/4/2024

Zoning Board Minutes – 1/23/2024

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk has received notification from REV IT UP Bar & Grill, LLC; located at 25 Old Scottsville Chili Road, Rochester, NY 14624 that they have applied for a liquor license.

RESOLUTION #104 RE: Use of Workers Compensation Reserve

OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio

SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory

WHEREAS, the Workers Compensation Reserve was established in 2004 in accordance with General Municipal Law §6-j; and

WHEREAS, the Upstate New York Municipal Workers' Compensation Program (UNYMWCP) has completed its 2023 claims deficit/surplus analysis and it has been determined that the Town of Chili has a deficit in the program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to increase budget A.9040.8000.0090 (Workers' Compensation - Reserve) in the amount of \$18,215.00 to pay for the Workers' Compensation deficit due in the current year.

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #105 RE: Outdoor Fitness Court Installation – Public Bid

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery

SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory

WHEREAS, on or about January 15, 2024, the Town of Chili issued bid documents for installation of the Outdoor Fitness Court; and

WHEREAS, the bid submission deadline date was February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, one bid was submitted for this public bid project whose sealed bids were opened and read aloud in public on February 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, there was only a sole bid and said bid was above the budgeted funding appropriation for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the bids submitted in response to the

request for bids for the installation of the Outdoor Fitness Court be and hereby are rejected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the professionals for the Town of Chili shall review the bid documents and make any revisions necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to revise, as necessary, and issue new bid documents and general requirements for a rebid of the installation of the Outdoor Fitness Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice shall be provided to the contractor that all bids were rejected and that this project will be rebid.

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #106 RE: Authorization to Sign Intrastate Mutual Program (IMAP) Reimbursement Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation

OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Valerio

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2022, the Office of the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order Number 26, declaring that a disaster was imminent for which the affected local governments were unable to respond adequately and declared a State Disaster Emergency effective on December 23, 2022, and directed the implementation of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and authorized State agencies to take appropriate action to protect State property and assist affected local governments and individuals in responding to and recovering from the disaster, and to provide "such other assistance as necessary" to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2022, the Department submitted a Mutual Aid request to the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DSHES), pursuant to Executive Law Section 24, requesting assistance for Erie County and local municipalities with snow removal operations focusing on the City of Buffalo where many locations within the City were inaccessible and without power; and

WHEREAS, upon request, the Town of Chili rendered Mutual Aid to Erie County and local municipalities with snow removal operations focusing on the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT is required under Executive Law Section 29-h(8)(c) to reimburse the Assisting Local Jurisdiction for any moneys paid for salaries or other compensation and traveling and maintenance expenses incurred from activities performed while rendering assistance; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT is authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT pursuant to its general functions, powers and duties set forth in the New York State Transportation Law, Article II, Section 14 and do all things necessary and convenient to carry out the functions, powers and duties of NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to reimburse the Town of Chili as required by Executive Law Section 29-h; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to review and approval of the Counsel for the Town that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Intrastate Mutual Program (IMAP) Reimbursement Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for provided mutual aid.

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #107 RE: 2024 Budget Amendments

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman Valerio

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$4,000.00 from A1990.4 (Contingency) to A7550.4 (Celebrations - Contractual).

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

TOWN BOARD DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Can you sing any of the songs that he -- thank you.
SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I do -- you know, you say that, but I do understand you might be able to request that over at the American Legion Saturday night. They have karaoke over there and you might be able to go to that if you prefer.
Any other questions or comments?
COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Is there a guest in the audience that might do that?
SUPERVISOR DUNNING: He has a good voice.
COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: He does, but he is retiring from it, I heard.

RESOLUTION #108 RE: Entertainment Chil-E-Fest

OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery

BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Dunning is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Kevin Roberts Entertainment Agency, Agent for Vegas McGraw to provide musical entertainment (Vegas McGraw) at the 2024 Chil-E Festival not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be paid from account A7550.4. (Celebrations); pending Town Attorney approval.

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #109 RE: February 21, 2024 Abstract

OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory

WHEREAS, January 2, 2024 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid February 21, 2024, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

WHEREAS, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers 45421-45423, 45646, 45692-45699, 45702-45741, 45744-45796 totaling \$2,783,995.46 to be paid from the Distribution Account as presented by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to note for the record the above listed vouchers were paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 68,248.48
Highway Fund	57,389.17
Library Fund	3,574.63
Drainage District	77.18
Fire Protection Districts	2,504,706.00
Ambulance District	150,000.00
Total Abstract	\$ 2,783,995.46

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #110 RE: March 6, 2024 Abstract

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman Valerio

WHEREAS, January 2, 2024 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid March 6, 2024, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

WHEREAS, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers 45667, 45797, 45821-45827,

45830, 45834-45878, 45880-45881, 45884-45898 totaling \$236,280.82 to be paid from the Distribution Account as presented by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to note for the record the above listed vouchers were paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 154,940.75
Highway Fund	60,684.52
Library Fund	3,509.03
Drainage District	63.30
Street Lighting Districts	<u>17,083.22</u>
Total Abstract	\$ 236,280.82

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

The next meeting of the Chili Town Board will be on April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Town of Chili, Town Hall Main Meeting Room 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk
(Steno by Sandra Hewlett)