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A Town Board Emergency Meeting on the 284 Agreement
was held May 3, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight

Attending: Councilmen Humphries, Councilwoman Martin, Councilmen Simpson, and members of the public.

Open Public Hearing at 6:00

1. Opening Statement by Supervisor McKnight

- Supervisor McKnight received an email from questioning why Highway Law §284 Agreement had not been completed. The Supervisor noted that any discussion regarding the Highway Superintendent having to layoff highway staff due to the 284 not being completed is erroneous. The Highway Superintendent does not have the authority to hire or fire employees. That function lies with the Town Board.
- Highway Superintendent initially submitted project costs for General Repairs at \$381,200.00 for general road maintenance and \$300,000.00 for permanent improvements, specifically paving.
- Town Board members recommended that depth be included in a revised agreement.
- Highway Superintendent submitted by email on 5/3/23 a revised The General Repairs to \$135,000.00

2. Board Discussion

- Supervisor McKnight asked what direction the Board would like to take. Two options were presented, (1) step away from paving and concentrate on drainage, which is most problematic at present, or (2) keep the current agreement for General Repairs costs at \$135,000.00 and Permanent improvements at \$300,000.00.
- Supervisor McKnight noted that it is common for towns to amend the 284 Agreement should the need arise.
- Supervisor McKnight stressed the need to consider the on-going drainage issues that need to be resolved.

Councilman Humphries motioned to make a public comment. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

All in favor

- Councilman Humphries reiterated the fact that the Highway Superintendent does not have the legal right to lay employees off, as confirmed by the town attorney and the Union Representative. He stated further that the Town Board will not lay anyone off.
- Supervisor McKnight stated that the Board needed to pass a resolution to sign one of the two agreements presented
- Councilman Simpson stated that he is more comfortable with pausing the permanent improvements for now with the understanding that the issue can be revisited at a later date and signing the agreement for General Repairs only.
- Councilwoman Martin noted that General Repairs covers drainage, culverts, bridges, sidewalks.
- Supervisor McKnight noted that drainage issue calls are constant and that there are questions that need to be answered regarding paving such as underlayment, depth, etc.

Councilman Simpson motioned to accept the Resolution to Authorize the Town Supervisor to Sign Agreement with Town Superintendent of Highways Pursuant to Highway Law §284. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

- Supervisor McKnight asked if there was any discussion
- Councilwoman Martin suggested that an addition be added regarding revisiting paving at a later date.
- Councilman Simpson offered the addition to the Agreement as a resolution,
 - Be it further resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Hurley and the Superintendent

of Highways pursuant to Highway Law agree to revisit paving projects to the 284 Agreement and address as needed.

- Seconded by Councilwoman Martin, *all in favor*.
- Supervisor McKnight read the 284 Agreement and passed it to the Board Members to sign in triplicate.

Councilwoman Martin motioned to adjourn, Councilman Simpson seconded the motion.

All in favor