

Town of Schroepfel
Town Board Meeting
May 23rd 2023

Present: Town Supervisor Cary Redhead, Town Board Members Zachary Gelling, Lewis Hoyt, Nicklaus Hoyt, and Town Clerk Darlene Owens. Absent JoAnn Nazarian

At 6:00 p.m. Redhead called the meeting to order with the Pledge Allegiance.

SEQR Motion:

Gelling made a **Motion** that all actions taken tonight are excluded, exempt or Type II actions for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Law unless otherwise stated, seconded by L. Hoyt. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

Cary Redhead: Parking Spaces

Redhead said she spoke with Highway Superintendent yesterday a couple of sport entries Little league, Pop Warner and cheer have asked if the other side of the dog shelter if we could put in park spaces over there with a couple of additional handicap because it ion the lower level and easier for them to walk to the park at that end. Hoyt has no objection to doing that he said at one point of time it was filled in but has faded. Redhead made a **Motion** for the parking spaces seconded by Gelling. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

6:05 Public Hearing –Local Law # 1 2023 Fireman’s Tax Exemption

.Gelling said just for the record the Town plans on following the County with their legislation and the County just tabled theirs because they had a public hearing and people commented on the 5 years to switch it to 2 years that way it helps retain people easier and that is the whole goal is to get more volunteer fireman to sign up and join. Gelling said so if you sign up with the fire department and the town passes the tax exemption after 2 years of services and meet other requirements you can get up to 10% exemption on your property taxes.

At 6:08 Redhead closed the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 2023.

Gelling made the **Motion** to pass Local Law # 1 Fireman’s Tax Exemption for the Town of Schroepfel with the condition that the requirement to get it from 5 years to 2 or any other slight minor changes that the County makes seconded by N. Hoyt. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

6:10 Public Hearing Town Line Road

Redhead opened the Town Line Road Public Hearing. Bowering said he heard that the town was putting the dump land up for sale on Town Line Road. Bowering said they have gotten information from DEC it is illegal to sell it without their permission. Bowering said they have a petition from neighbors in that area and they rather see it not developed because the possibility of polluting the water system they feel if someone ends up buying it, it should be a neighbor that is not going to develop it and add on too their land and that way the town would still get tax money from it. Bowering asked if the Town had approached DEC yet? Gelling said we are waiting on DEC response so this will not get voted on tonight and they are waiting till June 11th. The Town Clerk said July 11th.Bowering said they talked to DEC and they had nothing about it yet. Gelling said maybe it is their radar now. Someone in the audience said it was on DEC watch list. Bowering said if you put it up for sale all that will have to come out and he can’t imagine anyone wanted to buy it to develop it with that in the past. Bowering handed the petition to Redhead. L. Hoyt said it was tested about 5 years ago. Someone in the audience said not everywhere on the property and it really needs to be tested. Bowering said you can’t put it out to bid until you here from DEC correct. Gelling said yes. Gelling said they are going to wait until the Town hears something from DEC

At 6:16 Redhead closed the Public Hearing regarding Town Line Road.

Town Line Road

Gelling said he makes a **Motion** for a 30 day permissive referendum for the property on Town line Road where the Town of Schroepfel tax map ID 255.00-01-17.2 where the Town has determined that the property has no

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longer any useful use to the Town be sold. Where the Town Board believes that it is the best interest of the residents of the Town to sell the parcel whereas the sale of this property by the Town is subject to a 30 permissive referendum seconded Redhead. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

Zachary Gelling: Center Road Bids

Gelling said we only received one bid for Center Road and was Shawn Fahey in the amount .21,777.00 Gelling made the **Motion** to accept the bid seconded by Redhead. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

Speed Limit Request

Gelling said that the State has change the Law on speed reduction and does not have to come through the Town any longer just has to go to the County. Gelling made the **Motion** to accept the petition for the speed reducing on County Route 54 / Godfrey corner of Peter Scott Road seconded by N. Hoyt. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

Zone Change 264 – Cianfarano

Gelling said that the Town has not heard anything from the DEC as of yet so we are going to wait until the June 13th meeting.

Cary Redhead - Little League

Redhead said the Friday at the park there was an incident on the Little League Field the President of Little League said there was a dog off the leash loose inside the field. The President asked them to vacate the field because it belongs to Little League only and this is not the first time the dog has been there and the dog left a care package on the field. Redhead said Little League takes very good care of the field a lot of volunteers and hours. Redhead said that Little League will be locking their gates when the fields are not in use. Keys will be provided to Coaches, members of the board and to the Towns B&G.

Comptroller's Office

Redhead said with the movement and relocation of things within the building we are getting complaints. The Comptroller's Office the employees are requesting that the mail unit, photo copier and all additional items be removed and moved into the codes Office or another location because the Comptroller's Office is opened 24 7 with all employee's, Justice Department, probation member, evening meeting members wondering residents all other shaving an opportunity at any given time to take a crow bar or any other tool to break into the locked filing system and excess any personal files. The files are not locked in a fire proof vault. N. Hoyt said who is complaining is it all employees? Redhead said Highway Department went to the Superintendent and he came to her. Gelling said what they complained about. Gelling said if we put it in the codes office like you are suggesting Gelling said we are in a transition period. N. Hoyt said it was temporary. Redhead said temporary or not they should be locked. N Hoyt said you just said they are locked that they have to take a crowbar to open them. Redhead said I will let the Highway Department know how serious you are taking this. Gelling said this let them know we are in a transition period and that soon it will be moved once the Tax Receiver moves.

Nick Hoyt: Tully Pastore

Hoyt said he had been in contact with Tully Pastore he is with Potentia Energy and he is the one that did the LED lighting for the building in Highway a couple of years ago. He has provided a Community Solar savings agreement and everybody has it for at least 6 weeks now. If we were to sign up for a saving there is no risk and a zero fee for the subscriber and there is no fee cancellation provision. Hoyt said there is a projected savings of \$3,400.00 annually. N. Hoyt made the **Motion** to have the Town Supervisor sign the Community Solar Savings Agreement seconded by Gelling. All ayes: Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead. Absent Nazarian

Zachary Gelling: Minutes

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Gelling said the last Board Meetings not just last board meeting there have been many discussion about the meeting minutes and not being transcribe with every single word. Gelling said out of the Town Clerk Manual and it says the Town Clerk is in charge of her minutes and right in the Town Clerk manual it says the minutes need not be verbatim transcript and then in (recording every word spoken) Gelling said it goes on to say that the Town Clerk can chose a particular subject that is historical or legal significance in the minutes verbatim and goes on to say no individual has the statutory authority to demand that a statement be read into the minutes. Gelling said he wanted to make that clear so everybody knows how minutes are supposed to operate and the State and quite frankly the residents don't want to hear the bickering back and forth they want to hear and see what the Town is doing to move us forward motion. Redhead said if something isn't following Town Law and it expressed it should be included in the minutes. N. Hoyt said you have a whole Town Board recording.

N. Hoyt said do you have anything to report on the Animal Shelter Grant? Redhead said she did and a printed up an e-mail. N. Hoyt said the actual proof of what was submitted that they have been asking for.

At 6: 45 N. Hoyt left the bench to be a resident of the Town.

Gelling made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting seconded by L. Hoyt. All Ayes: Gelling and L. Hoyt. Absent J. Nazarian. Town Board Meeting not properly closed again.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Owens
Town Clerk