

**Town of Schroepfel**  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**April 5, 2022**

**Present:** Town Supervisor Cary Redhead, Town Board Members Zachary Gelling, Lewis Hoyt, JoAnn Nazarian, Nicklaus Hoyt and Deputy Town Clerk Michele Swidowski.

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 aye Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead.

**Cary Redhead:**

Redhead made the **Motion** to amend the 2022 Organization Meeting and add the new Juneteenth Federal Holiday to the Town calendar. It will be June 20, 2022 and the Town offices will be closed. **Motion** seconded by Gelling. All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead.

Redhead announced the 2022 Presidents Volunteer Service Awards. Youth Awards will be signed by all Town Board Members and presented to the participants during an awards dinner at the Phoenix VFW on April 27, 2022 at 6 p.m. Award presentations will be at 7 p.m. Local dignitaries will be present along with the Town Board Members.

**JoAnn Nazarian:**

Regarding the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds, Nazarian led a discussion of two properties that the Town would like to declare as excess/no longer necessary for useful Town purpose or business so they can be sold: Tax Map I.D. 305.00-04-15 (seven acres off Center Road; mining) and 255.00-01-17.2 (12 acres on Townline Road; vacant land/private forest). Necessary environmental samples have been collected by Oswego County and the Town will have to disclose all information and update the abstracts and surveys as necessary, particularly because a portion of the Townline Road property was formerly used as a landfill. Nazarian made the **Motion** to pursue this action, seconded by Redhead. All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead.

**Other:**

Redhead advised that the Board meeting on April 19, 2022 will proceed as planned; however, Redhead and Nazarian will not be present due to attending a conference. In addition, N. Hoyt proposed that the Workshop be moved to May 3, 2022 so all will be present.

The Justice Department Audit was discussed at the previous meeting, however, the outside source has declined to do it this year. They are prepared to do it next year. Therefore, a member of the Town Board has offered to do the current Audit, which NYS does recognize and allow. Nazarian will conduct the Audit, but she has a conflict of interest in that her husband was previously a Justice of our Court. Therefore, another Board member will be present during that Audit, which NYS has approved. Audits were to be done by March 31, 2022 and will be done ASAP with no issues or fines on us. Materials are not to leave the Town building and will remain in house.

Gelling discussed the ARPA funds and would like to designate those funds as lost revenue to be used for regular government purposes. Without changing the title, we would lose out on the opportunity to get Federal matching funds. Municipalities are allowed to declare as lost revenue, but it is more favorable if Towns have “skin in the game” for Federal match (i.e., \$200K can become \$400K). Comptroller is well aware of these funds and the reporting protocol required. All money will be tracked, and Comptroller will research this further. \$800K is to be shared with the Village of Phoenix (\$300K). Gelling made the **Motion** to pursue this, seconded by N. Hoyt, contingent on Comptroller getting back to the Board. All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead.

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There was a discussion about a new smoke shop setting up in the Three Rivers plaza and if it will sell Marijuana. Were permits needed? If they were designed for retail, then they are already permitted (with NYS). Town Assessor did not know anything about it. Marijuana shops were mentioned in a Board meeting in 2021 and that we would get sales tax revenue.

Nazarian mentioned that the Town did place ads to clear wood in the Kline Road gravel bed, but we did not get any bids. So our Highway department will, unfortunately, be dozing over the wooded area to clear the land to expand the gravel bed.

Pleasant Lake representatives mentioned that our Highway people did a fantastic job cleaning up the parcel that the Association owns where people had been dumping on (nothing major; leaves and debris). They really appreciate the help. They asked if the Town could take over that property to eliminate it from their responsibility. They understand how it is deeded and people have rights to it, and restrictive covenants exist. Nazarian mentioned that if everyone involved agreed, the land can be removed to sell it, but Pleasant Lake representatives felt it probably was not possible due to the number of people involved. In the meantime, the Town can put up “no dumping” signs.

A question was asked about the Comprehensive Plan and the 2021 survey responses. N. Hoyt said all the surveys were received and a rough draft of a report by the company is to be issued around June 2022. The Planning Board was in charge of that and the Board will follow up and get an update.

At 6:34 p.m., Redhead made the **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nazarian. All Ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt and Redhead.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Swidowski  
Deputy Town Clerk