Town of Yates Special November Board Meeting
8 S. Main St., Lyndonville, NY 14098
November 19, 2020, 8:00PM

Present: Jim Simon, Supervisor
Harold Suhr, Councilman
John Riggi, Councilman
Susan Hrovat, Councilman
Michele Harling, Town Clerk

Excused: Jim Whipple, Councilman
Roger Wolfe, Highway Superintendent
Trisha Laszewski, Assessor
Dan Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer

Others :

Supervisor Simon called the Special November Board Meeting to order at 8:20PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERVISOR REMARKS

No remarks.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-11/20

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE TOWN OF YATES FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on November 5, 2020, at 7:00PM at the Yates Town Hall to present the Preliminary Budget and all persons wishing to be heard had a chance to speak, be it

RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget be adopted as the Final Budget for the year 2021 and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of such budget shall be attached to these minutes.

Supervisor Simon thanked the Board, Joanna and Roger for their hard work in coming up with what he believes is the most prudent budget.

Offered by Councilman Riggi, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Suhr

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Hrovat- Aye
Councilman Riggi- Aye
Councilman Suhr- Aye
Supervisor Simon- Aye

Councilman Whipple- Absent

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 102-11/20

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST NEW YORK STATE FUNDING SUPPORT TO BRING RELIABLE, ACCESSIBLE HIGH SPEED BROADBAND INTERNET TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has pledged to bring broadband to every area in New York State by launching the "Broadband for All" initiative in the Summer of 2015, investing more than $550 million through three rounds of grants to secure high speed internet upgrades for the most rural, underserved parts of New York State, including several areas in the Town of Yates, and

WHEREAS, many New Yorkers in the Town of Yates still do not have access to broadband capabilities which has extremely complicated the need of Yates residents to work from home; from college students down to elementary students having the ability to obtain quality education when remote learning is necessary; and the need for tele-health from our homes all due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, broadband access should be deemed a fundamental right or an essential utility as comparable to electricity or water, but the cost of expanding broadband is too high and hindering this expansion, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Yates calls upon Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to take all necessary measures - to include providing stronger advocacy and sufficient funding – to expand broadband access to all residents of the Town of Yates.

Offered by Councilman Hrovat, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Riggi

Supervisor Simon explained that this is one of several such resolutions that they will do over time. He said that this was based on the County resolution but limited in scope to adjust for the internet and he believes there are other things that can be added moving forward.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Hrovat- Aye
Councilman Riggi- Aye
Councilman Suhr- Aye
Supervisor Simon- Aye

Councilman Whipple- Absent

Motion: Carried

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments.

TOWN OFFICERS REMARKS

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Riggi, whereas there is no new business to be brought before the Board, the meeting is adjourned at 8:25PM.
Seconded by Councilman Suhr

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Whipple)

Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele L. Harling
Yates Town Clerk