

**TOWN BOARD**

**MONDAY**

**July 12, 2021**

**Supervisor Zupan opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with all Councilors present.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Correspondence:** *There was no unshared correspondence.*

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**Motion by Councilor Golub, seconded by Councilor Race to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting.**

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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Supervisor Zupan asked if anyone cared to speak to the Town Board regarding any subject on this meeting's agenda.

**Public comment #1:**

Dave Eilers inquired about item #5 on the agenda which referenced the “Resolution to Authorize the Town Supervisor to Submit an Application to the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program – Consolidated Funding Application for Funding of the Climate Change Adaptation – Flooding Mitigation Program.” He wondered what the NYS Climate Smart Communities Grant Program includes and does it include energy and solar?

The Town Board said they will discuss it further when they get to that item on the agenda.

Gerald Mehlbaum inquired if there would be another opportunity to speak?

Supervisor Zupan said at the end of the meeting there is public comment period #2 where anything that has oversight of the Town Board can be discussed.

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Supervisor Zupan explained the purpose of the public hearing and said it is an opportunity for the Town Board to raise the exemption level for senior citizens of a certain income.

Councilor Andersen said people that make more money who were previously excluded from this program will now be able to receive an exemption.

**Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger to open the public hearing relative to authorizing an amendment to the senior citizen real property tax exemptions pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law § 467.**

**Public comment:** *There were no comments.*

**Motion by Councilor Andersen, seconded by Councilor Reger to close the public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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*Supervisor Zupan said the exemption level has been raised up to \$ 29,000.00 to get the 50% exemption.*

**Resolution No. 80 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE SENIOR CITIZEN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS  
PURSUANT TO NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §467**

**WHEREAS**, §467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides for and authorizes exemptions to be granted for individuals 65 year of age or over, upon satisfaction of the procedures set forth in said §467 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia, previously in or around January 1995 (Resolution No. 15), authorized the allowance of the Senior Citizen Assessment Exemption from such section allowable to the State’s maximum limits at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, §467 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law has been amended from time-to-time to provide for higher income limits for said exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia desires to adopt the following amendment to the January 1995 Resolution (Resolution No. 15) to provide for a Senior Citizen Assessment Exemption, with amended income levels, as set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, previously on June 14, 2021, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board authorized a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices located at 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York, for purposes of considering the amendment to the Senior Citizen Assessment Exemption authorized under §467 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has duly held said public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of July 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices and has received comments from all individuals interested in the proposed amendments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby authorizes and adopts the following amendments to the Town’s January 1995 Resolution (Resolution No. 15) providing for a Senior Citizen Assessment Exemption at the following income levels and exemption schedule:

Income Level	% Exemption
\$29,000 or less	50%
\$29,001 - \$29,999	45%
\$30,000 - \$30,999	40%
\$31,000 - \$31,999	35%
\$32,000 - \$32,899	30%
\$32,900 - \$33,799	25%
\$33,800 - \$34,699	20%
\$34,700 - \$35,599	15%
\$35,600 - \$36,499	10%
\$36,500 - \$37,399	5%

**Roll call:**  
**Councilor Andersen**      **Yes**  
**Councilor Race**            **Yes**  
**Councilor Golub**           **Yes**  
**Councilor Reger**          **Yes**  
**Supervisor Zupan**         **Yes**

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 80 adopted.**

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*Supervisor Zupan said the Town is applying for a grant that would be used for drainage work on Lincklaen and Ridge Roads.*

*Councilor Andersen said the Town of Cazenovia is enrolled in the Climate Smart Communities Program which is a program where recipients earn points. As we reach the higher levels of the program, it enables us to earn points.*

**Resolution No. 81 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Andersen**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM - CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION - FLOODING MITIGATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia hereby requests financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia certifies that it has identified \$232,000 of matching funds from General Fund A pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cazenovia hereby authorizes the Town of Cazenovia Town Supervisor William Zupan, an official or employee, to act on its behalf in submittal of an application through the Consolidated Funding Application for \$232,000, to be used for the Climate Change Adaptation - Flooding Mitigation Project.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 81 adopted.**

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*Supervisor Zupan said this is very similar to what was done with Empire Brewery.*

**Resolution No. 82 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Andersen**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CAZENOVIA TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TO EXECUTE THE STORMWATER CONTROL FACILITY  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO 33 RIPPLETON, LLC AND MEIER’S  
CREEK BREWING COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2021 the Town of Cazenovia Planning Board granted Site Plan approval to 33 Rippleton, LLC and Meier’s Creek Brewing Company (as “Owners/Applicants”) to construct a 6,000 sq. ft. (100’x60’) storage pole barn at 4025 NYS Route 13, Cazenovia, New York (Tax Map No. 94.-1-23) (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, as part of said Site Plan approval, Owners/Applicants were to enter into an appropriate Stormwater Management Agreement with the Town of Cazenovia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the Facility Owners desire to enter into a Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement to provide for the long-term maintenance and continuation of certain storm water control measures approved by the Town of Cazenovia for the Property, subject to the conditions contained in said agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Cazenovia is hereby authorized to execute the “Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement” relative to 33 Rippleton, LLC and Meier’s Creek Brewing Company for construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. pole barn at 4025 NYS Route 13, Cazenovia, New York (Tax Map No. 94.-1-23), upon final legal counsel review.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 82 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 83 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BROKER OF RECORD LETTER FOR HAYLOR, FREYER & COON, INC. RELATIVE TO TOWN INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia from time-to-time determines the placement of its insurance needs for all Town purposes as part of its fiscal responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, upon review of existing insurance placement opportunities, now desires effective July 16, 2021 to appoint Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. as Agent of Record for its liability and other insurance policies and products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby authorizes the Town’s Supervisor, William Zupan, to execute all documentation and related paperwork necessary to effectuate placement of the procurement of insurances benefitting the Town of Cazenovia with Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc.; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby directs Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. to place the Town’s insurance coverage with Trident Insurance per the submitted quotes.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 83 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 84 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESIDENTIAL WATER METER INSTALLATION IN THE NEW WOODSTOCK WATER DISTRICT, HAMLET OF NEW WOODSTOCK, TOWN OF CAZENOVIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia oversees and maintains the New Woodstock Water District located in the Hamlet of New Woodstock in the Town of Cazenovia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board has been advised by the Town Engineer of the need for the solicitation of bids relative to the installation of approximately 135 Neptune R900 (3/4”) water meters (to be supplied by the Town) in homes/dwelling units located in the New Woodstock Water District in the Hamlet of New Woodstock, which installation would include determining a feasible location on the incoming interior water service line, cutting the interior service pipe will be cut, and installing all necessary fittings/adapters/reducers/spacers to then allow insertion of the new water meter with watertight connections, including any mounting or support devices needed to secure the meter. If there is

not an interior shutoff valve upstream of the new meter, the Contractor will install a 3/4” valve, all in compliance with the technical specifications prepared in association with the procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Town of Cazenovia’s Procurement Policy and the requirements of the General Municipal Law Section 103, such purchases shall be advertised for bid as approved by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has caused to be prepared through its Consulting Engineer, specifications for said installation of approximately 135 Neptune R900 (3/4”) water meters for the New Woodstock Water District in the Hamlet of New Woodstock and a bid proposal document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, subject to final amendment by the Town’s Consulting Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby authorizes the solicitation of bids for the installation of approximately 129 Neptune R900 (3/4”) water meters for the New Woodstock Water District in the Hamlet of New Woodstock pursuant to the terms contained therein (form of advertisement for bids and notice attached).

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**EXHIBIT “A”**

**Town of Cazenovia  
Cazenovia, New York**

***Residential Water Meter Installation in the New Woodstock Water District  
Hamlet of New Woodstock, Town of Cazenovia***

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for Services for the installation of approximately 135 Neptune R900 (3/4”) water meters (to be supplied by Town) in homes/dwelling units located in the New Woodstock Water District in the Hamlet of New Woodstock (Town of Cazenovia) will be received by the ***Town of Cazenovia***, at the office of the ***Town Clerk*** until 3:30 p.m. local time on August 3, 2021 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Town Board reserves the right to delay the Bid Award for up to 30 days.

The project is located in the Hamlet of New Woodstock, in the Town of Cazenovia. The scope of work is ***the installation of 3/4” Neptune R900 water meters (supplied by the Town) in approximately 135 homes/dwelling units in the Hamlet of New Woodstock. Specifically, inside each building, the contractor will determine a feasible location on the incoming interior water service line, ahead of any usage fixtures or tees, to install the water meter. The water service will be temporarily shut off (either at the curb stop or inside), the interior service pipe will be cut, and all necessary fittings/adapters/reducers/spacers installed to then allow insertion of the new water meter with watertight connections. The work includes any mounting or support devices needed to secure the meter. If there is not an interior shutoff valve upstream of the new meter, the Contractor will install a 3/4” valve. The operating pressure of the New Woodstock water system is approx. 60 psi.***

***The Contractor will be responsible for contacting each homeowner to arrange for access to the building to do the work. The Town will provide the Contractor with all contact information. Unless special arrangements are made, water service to each home should not be interrupted for more than 2 hours.***

*This shall be a per unit bid for each unit to be installed.*

*Payment will be per water meter and valve satisfactorily installed.*

<b>Bid:</b>	<i>Unit price cost to install each ¾” water meter</i>	\$ _____/meter
	<i>Unit price to install ¾” valve(when needed)</i>	\$ _____/valve

*Any special conditions encountered where additional work would be required to install a meter in a particular home will be negotiated with the Town and homeowner separately.*

*All bids will be in accordance with the conditions on file with the Town and the successful bidder will execute a contract with the Town.*

*Contractor references and experience will be required.*

The Bid Documents may be examined beginning July 15, 2021 at the following locations:

*Town of Cazenovia: Gothic Cottage, 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY  
Highway Garage, 3425 Constine Bridge Road, Cazenovia, NY*

Copies of the Bid Documents (including specifications) may be obtained starting July 15, 2021 at the issuing office:

*Town of Cazenovia, Gothic Cottage, 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035,  
(315) 655-9213*

*Town of Cazenovia Highway Garage, 3425 Constine Bridge Road, Cazenovia,  
NY 13035, (315) 655-4852*

Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check, Bank Cashier/Teller/Treasurer’s Check payable to the “Town of Cazenovia” in the amount of 5% of the total estimated bid amount must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into.

Bidders’ attention is referred particularly to all state and local governing laws and regulations, including applicable Affirmative Action Requirements, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Minimum Wage Rate Requirements to be paid under the Contract, and Prevailing Wage Rate Requirements to be paid under this Contract.

The Town reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities, and to reject any and all bids, or to rebid the project solely at the Town Board’s discretion.

Contact: *Connie Sunderman, Town Clerk - Town of Cazenovia (315) 655-9213.*  
*Dean Slocum, Town Highway Superintendent (315) 655-4852.*

**Roll call:**  
**Councilor Andersen**      **Yes**  
**Councilor Race**            **Yes**  
**Councilor Golub**           **Yes**  
**Councilor Reger**           **Yes**  
**Supervisor Zupan**         **Yes**

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 84 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 85 presented by Councilor Reger, seconded by Councilor Golub**

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE  
ADDENDUM TO THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR  
CLEANING SERVICES AT THE TOWN OF CAZENOVIA TOWN HALL**

To authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the *Addendum to Independent Contractor Agreement for Cleaning Services* to include carpentry, painting and other personal contractor work at the Gothic Cottage. Said Agreement and Addendum are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 85 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 86 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**2021 NEW WOODSTOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT’S  
PUSHBALL TOURNAMENT AND  
CONCERT AT NEW WOODSTOCK HERITAGE PARK**

The New Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department submitted a request to host a 2021 New Woodstock Community Day on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Day celebration will replace the larger traditional New Woodstock Old Home Days biennial celebration.

The New Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department has requested the temporary closing of Mill Street in the hamlet of New Woodstock from the Madison County Sheriff’s Department from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. that day for the local area fire department’s Pushball Tournament which will be held in conjunction with the New Woodstock Community Day. A copy of the approved permit from Madison County Sheriff’s Department shall be provided to the Town of Cazenovia Town Clerk.

Further, the New Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department has requested the use of New Woodstock Heritage Park including the gazebo to host a concert for the community starting at 5:00 p.m.

If food is served, it is understood the New Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department will secure all necessary permitting that may be required from the Madison County Department of Health.

This approval is contingent upon receipt of an endorsed Certificate of Liability Insurance, naming the Town of Cazenovia as an additional insured with coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars. The insurance certificate should describe the name of the activity, including date and time and must be maintained throughout the date of the event. The Certificate of Liability Insurance shall be filed with the Town Clerk no later than Friday, July 23, 2021.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 86 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 87 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**NEW WOODSTOCK REGIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
REQUEST FOR THE USE OF HERITAGE PARK IN NEW WOODSTOCK**

The Town of Cazenovia Town Board approves the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society request for the use of Heritage Park including the Gazebo as outlined in the July 6, 2021 letter from the President of the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society to the Town Board. The park will be used for a total of four concerts in July and August.

If food is served, it is understood the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society will secure all necessary permitting that may be required from the Madison County Department of Health.

This approval is contingent upon receipt of an endorsed certificate of liability insurance naming the Town of Cazenovia as an additional insured from the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society in the amount of one million dollars in coverage that must be maintained throughout the event.

The certificate of liability insurance shall be filed with the Town Clerk no later than one week prior to the first event scheduled for July 16, 2021.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 87 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 88 presented by Councilor Andersen, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**APPOINT MARY MARGARET KOPPERS AS A  
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

To appoint Mary Margaret Koppers as a Member of the Planning Board to complete the unexpired term of Bryan Wendel ending December 31, 2021.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 88 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 89 presented by Councilor Reger, seconded by Councilor Golub**

**AUTHORIZE TRAINING CREDITS FOR THE 2021 PROGRAM SERIES  
OFFERED BY CAZENOVIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

To authorize credit hours for the program series offered by Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, titled:

- Beyond Rooftop Solar
- Adapting Scenic Hudson’s “How To Solar Now” Toolkit for Cazenovia
- Industry and Economics
- Farmland Conversion to Renewable Energy Generation

Credit hours will be recorded in accordance with the length of each session. Any Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals Member that wishes to take these classes will have the hours applied to their annual training activity credits.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 89 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 90 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Reger**

**COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE**

To approve Court Clerk, Shea Palmer’s attendance at the NYSAMCC 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in Albany, New York on September 12-15, 2021 with expenses paid.

**Roll call:**

<b>Councilor Andersen</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Race</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Golub</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor Reger</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supervisor Zupan</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 90 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 91 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Andersen**

**TOWN CLERK (TAX COLLECTOR) RECORDS AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board performed an audit of the Town Clerk (Tax Collector) in relation to her tax collection records at a work session on July 7, 2021; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2021 financial records for tax collection of the Town Clerk (Tax Collector) appear to be complete and in good order.

- Roll call:**
- Councilor Andersen      Yes**
- Councilor Race            Yes**
- Councilor Golub          Yes**
- Councilor Reger          Yes**
- Supervisor Zupan        Yes**

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 91 adopted.**

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**Resolution No. 92 presented by Councilor Reger, seconded by Councilor Andersen**

**TOWN CLERK AND ZONING DEPARTMENT RECORDS AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board performed an audit of the Town Clerk and Zoning Department records at a work session on July 7, 2021; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2020 financial records of the Town Clerk and Zoning Department appear to be complete and in good order.

- Roll call:**
- Councilor Andersen      Yes**
- Councilor Race            Yes**
- Councilor Golub          Yes**
- Councilor Reger          Yes**
- Supervisor Zupan        Yes**

**Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 92 adopted.**

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**Attorney's Report:** *John Langey, Esq. stated he continues to work with Councilor Golub on solar issues. There is a meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to address some legal changes that he has been working on since last month. He mentioned he continues to work with the Town Clerk on the water district consolidation and some specific parcels that were historically included. He said the Planning and Zoning Boards continue to be extremely busy. The minutes*

from the last meeting were 35-36 pages long. The Zoning Clerk did an impeccable job- “world-class minutes.”

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**Supervisor's Report:** *Supervisor Zupan reported he has been working on insurance. The Town is changing carriers and agencies so it has taken some time to review. He has been working with John Langey, Dean Slocum and Connie Sunderman on the water district consolidation project. He thanked Dean Slocum and his crew for cleaning up Gypsy Bay as a result of the severe storm on June 30, 2021. They worked efficiently and had it in great shape for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.*

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**Councilor Race** (Highway Department, South Cemetery, Water Pollution Control Facility & Water Districts): *Reported the weather has made it busy and hectic. (Councilor Race was referring to a very rainy July with several severe storms.) He said Dale Goodfellow has retired and a position has been offered to a new hire. He said another position has to be filled, too.*

**Councilor Andersen** {Planning & Zoning, CACDA, Shared Services, CACC, Future of the Town Office (Gothic Cottage)}: *Reported she participated in the CPF presentation “Beyond Rooftop Solar.” This is the first of four presentations on solar energy. She further mentioned she will be part of the meeting tomorrow morning with John Langey, Esq. and Jimmy Golub to assist in revising the solar law. She also mentioned she has been working with Scott Phillips to get people on board with the “dark skies” ordinance. They have been drafting an informational letter for residential and commercial property owners and need to decide the best way to disseminate it. She continues to work with Tina McMurtrie on what they can do to acquire more Climate Smart Community points. She said last week the Town Board heard from Anne Saltman who has compiled interesting statistics on precipitation levels, temperatures and other interesting statistics about Cazenovia. She said Anne suggested revisiting the Climate Action Plan.*

**Councilor Golub** {Future of the Town Office (Gothic Cottage), Cazenovia Lake Association & Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council}: *Reported the weather underscores the need to do something about the sediment from Chittenango Creek into Cazenovia Lake. Jim Cunningham took some drone pictures and it is evident there is a problem. He said, in advance of this, they let more water out of the Mill Street dam which was very helpful. The Cazenovia Lake Association would like to move forward with the Canal Corp. to resolve this issue. The harvesting has started on the lake. There are not a lot of weeds since treatment was just finished. The Lake Watershed Council met and it was determined they did not need to meet except for prior to the Lake Summit.*

**Councilor Reger** (Senior Recreation & Joint Youth Recreation, New York State Police, Parks, New Woodstock Fire Department & Planning and Zoning): *Thanked Councilor Andersen for a great job on the solar forum the other night. He said a lot of work was done last month with the final push for Youth Recreation. Today was actually the first day of the program. He said it was a success between the College and everything down at the waterfront. He said every piece of the puzzle seems to be into place. He thanked Dean for the quick response in cleaning up Gypsy Bay in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Recently, he talked to the President of the Cazenovia Baseball and Softball Association who wanted to thank the Boards, as well as Nelson, for the use of the fields when there is overflow for the baseball program. He said Bob Ridler, President of CRIS, said there will be more activities happening now that COVID restrictions are lessening.*

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Supervisor Zupan asked if any member of the public cared to use the second comment period to speak to the board regarding any area of Town Board oversight.

**Public comment #2:**

***Gerald Mehlbaum** of 2103 Ballina Road thanked the Board for their consideration in addressing some of their issues with solar. He said his neighbors and friends have written letters to the Planning Board and Town Board, as well as submitted a petition to support a moratorium. He stated they are grateful to the Board for passing it. He mentioned that in the letter it was asked that the Town Board pause and reflect on the zoning codes and issues. He said the solar issues are quite new and certainly did not exist 15-20 years ago or when the comprehensive plan was passed. He said they have sprung up throughout Central New York. He felt they are complex and have many land use impacts. There seems to be pushback at local levels and there appears to be an additional push by the State which takes away autonomy from local jurisdictions. He said in the petition and letter it was asked that the Board collaborate to engage the community proactively on an ongoing basis to educate, inform and obtain input from the community. He urged the Board to share with the community on an ongoing basis in order for the citizens of the Town to stay informed. He felt the issues have the potential for major impacts on the Town and Village.*

*Supervisor Zupan said there is at least eleven months left to come up with a law and the moratorium can be extended.*

*John Langey, Esq. stated it could be extended, if necessary. However, it is the mission of the Town Board to work diligently on the process. He mentioned it is not unheard of for an extension as long as there is progress.*

*Supervisor Zupan assured there would be a lot of time for the public to voice their opinion.*

*Councilor Andersen assured Mr. Mehlbaum the law is not starting from scratch. She also suggested he attend the next forum. Additionally, she said CPF has an intern that will be able to use a GIS system to map various attributes such as land, soil and homes. She said the idea is to be proactive because solar energy is needed, but where does it fit, rather than wait for companies to come in with applications. She said this is a much more holistic way of looking at the process.*

*John Langey said emails and comments to the Town Board will be shared with all of them. He said if anyone has good ideas, send them to the Board for consideration.*

***Vincent Wagner** of 3811 Lane Road spoke to the Town Board. He said he moved here in 2008 from Pennsylvania. He expressed his opinion and said he is a die-hard dairy farmer and has been one for 44 years until his retirement last fall. He thought there were only 5 or 6 dairy farmers left in the Town of Cazenovia. He would like to see a lot more dairy farms. He said in the past he has had opportunities where individuals will come and want to buy land from him. He always refused because he ran a dairy farm and needs the top ten inches of soil to produce crops to feed his livestock and therefore food for consumers. He shared a story about a solar company that wanted to put panels on his barn roofs. He declined the offer because of the snow and additional weight on top of the barn would not be good. He expressed his position on solar and said it is fine, but it has a place. He said we are running out of excellent quality land and we all need to eat. He said if we run out of food we are not going to survive. He said the country has*

*been blessed with lots of food and we waste a lot of it. He stated 2% of the population today are farmers which feeds 100%. He said houses and solar should be built in places that can't be farmed. Solar companies want to do projects where the land is easy and the land is clear. He talked about natural disasters and the issues that California is experiencing right now with it being the driest it has ever been since they started keeping records. He further told the Board California is the largest dairy state in the country. He said food prices are on the rise-corn, soybean and wheat have almost doubled in the last year which in turn will drive our food prices even higher.*

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**The Town Clerk presented the monthly bills list.**

The Town Board's method-of-choice for review of the monthly bills:

The Town Board's first review takes place when detailed lists of the monthly bills are emailed to them on the weekend preceding the meeting. As a second review, the Town Clerk reads aloud the monthly bills list as the Town Board followed along with hard copies. The invoices are present at the meeting and the Town Board visually inspects them and discusses them at their discretion.

**Motion by Councilor Golub, seconded by Councilor Reger to approve payment of the bills. Councilor Race recused himself from payment of the Suit-Kote invoice. Otherwise, the motion was unanimously approved.**

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**Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub to adjourn this meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**At 8:14 p.m., Supervisor Zupan declared this meeting adjourned.**

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**Signed:**           *Connie J. Sunderman*            
Connie J. Sunderman, Town Clerk