

**TOWN OF BARTON**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2020 – 6:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom Phone/Video Conferencing**

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Leon Cary, Donald Foster, Kevin Everly, David Shipman, and John Tryon

**Staff Present:** Fred Schweiger, Highway Superintendent; Arrah Richards, Town Clerk; Attorney Mlddaugh (via Zoom)

**Guests:** Kelly Schweiger (via Zoom)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** A **motion** to approve March 9, 2020 and March 27, 2020 minutes made by **Board Member Kevin Everly** and seconded by **Board Member John Tryon**.  
5-Ayes, 0-Noes

**Vouchers:** A **motion** to approve the vouchers made by **Board Member Kevin Everly** and seconded by **Board Member Don Foster** and carried.

- General Fund \$44,972.97
- Water\Sewer \$4,360.12
- Highway \$92,633.63

5-Ayes 0-Noes.

**Personnel:**

**Town Clerk, Arrah Richards**

Records of Activities (ROA) for Retirement purposes is due. If an ROA was filed within the last eight years and duties have not increased or decreased since that filing, a Recertification of the Records of Activities is needed.

A notice to the public: Please continue to mail in payments or put in the drop box outside the front door. Payments are continuing to be deposited once or twice a week.

**Highway Superintendent, Fred Schweiger**

The John Deere excavator is ready to be picked up.

The Highway Department is still shut down but anticipating on reopening Monday, April 20, 2020. The Superintendent has developed a COVID-19 work policy, copies were

placed in all board member's folders, and will be holding a toolbox talk prior to starting work and discussing all points on the policy with his employees.

A sewer pump went down two weeks ago. T-shirt debris was found to be in the pump. A backup pump has now been ordered. Wayne Searles had put up fliers on residents' doors last week regarding "What to Flush". Hopefully this will alleviate extra debris from being flushed.

**New Business:**

1. Sell Allworx Phones Back to Teledair

**RESOLUTION NO 10-2020**

**SELL ALLWORX PHONES BACK TO TELEDAIR**

**WHEREAS**, years ago the Town of Barton purchased Allworx phones from Teledair; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Barton has since signed a shared services agreement with Tioga County Information Technology which includes phone services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Barton will now be using Mitel phones for this shared service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will no longer have a need for the Allworx phones; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor, Teledair, has offered to pay the Town of Barton \$600 to buy back the Allworx phones; and

**NOW THEREFORE** upon a motion by Board Member Kevin Everly, seconded by Board Member Don Foster and carried; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Barton will sell back ten (10) Allworx phones to Teledair at a cost of no less than \$600.00; and now therefore

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this money will be credited to the A1650.4 – Central Phone System account.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Leon Cary	Aye
John Tryon	Aye
David Shipman	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Don Foster	Aye

2. Authorize Appointment to Cemetery Commissioner and Ex Officio Member

**RESOLUTION NO 11-2020**

**AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO CEMETERY  
COMMISSIONER & EX OFFICIO MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, resolution 5-2011 set the Cemetery Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cemetery Commissioner shall be appointed each year by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, one member of the Town of Barton Board shall be appointed as an ex officio member; and

**NOW THEREFORE** upon a motion by Board Member John Tryon seconded by Board Member Kevin Everly and carried; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Highway Superintendent, Fred Schweiger, be appointed to the Cemetery Commissioner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Board Member Dave Shipman be appointed as an ex officio member.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Leon Cary	Aye
John Tryon	Aye
David Shipman	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Don Foster	Aye

3. Opting Out of Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems

**RESOLUTION NO 12-2020**

**OPTING OUT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX  
EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR WIND AND FARM  
WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, Real Property Tax Law 487 provides a 15-year real property tax exemption for properties located in New York State with renewable energy systems, including solar electric systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has opted out of the Real Property Tax Law 487; and

**NOW THEREFORE** upon a motion by Board Member Kevin Everly and seconded by Board Member Dave Shipman and carried; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Barton Board opts out of the Real Property Tax Law 487.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Leon Cary	Aye
John Tryon	Aye
David Shipman	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Don Foster	Aye

**Old Business**

None.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

None.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting at 6:39 pm made by **Councilman Don Foster** and seconded by **Councilman Kevin Everly**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arrah Richards*

Town of Barton Clerk