



## TOWN OF WILLSBORO

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### TOWN OF WILLSBORO TOWN BOARD MEETING WILLSBORO TOWN HALL August 9, 2023

**ATTENDEES**-Travis Crowningshield, Bobbi Paye, Brad Paye, Randy Young, Carol Young, Lanny Bruno, Jim Pulsifer, Deb Pulsifer, Kathy Blanchard, Justin Buck, Amanda Buck, Pat Gardner, Ronny Mattison, Joe Polloch, Jason Polloch, Kevin Young, William Hauser, Jennifer Smith, Joe Bonnycastle, Terrie Schmidt, Dennis Schmidt

**BOARD MEMBERS**-Steve Benway, Lorilee Sheehan, Lane Sayward, Shaun Gilliland, Scott Christian

**CALL TO ORDER @ 6:30pm**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING CDBG GRANT**- issued in 2018 Town of Willsboro Community Block Grant # 1257hr354-18 in the amount of \$275,000.00. This grant has already been completed. HDR did an audit on the grant and found that proof of a public hearing was not available. Another public hearing was needed to complete this grant.

-Jennifer said that they used 100% of the grant money. Supervisor Gilliland read the public notice that was published in the newspaper...

"LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of 2nd Public Hearing

**Town of Willsboro**

The Town of Willsboro will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 6:30 PM August 9, 2023 at the Willsboro Town Hall, 5 Farrell Rd, Willsboro, NY 12996 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Willsboro's 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: #1257HR354-18 in the amount of \$275,000. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the finalized CDBG project. Comments related to the effectiveness of administration of the CDBG project will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended."

**PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-6:32PM**

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING-6:33PM**

**SAYWARD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JULY 12TH BOARD MEETING MINUTES.  
CHRISTIAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - TRAVEL TRAILERS**

Barbara Paye asked that her brother Douglas Young and herself could be put on the agenda to speak on the travel trailers that were discussed at the July meeting. Paye addressed the Board and said...First I would like to thank the board for allowing me to be part of the agenda tonight and my brother.

My brother Doug Young and I, Barbara Paye, are here tonight to respond to the issue of Travel Trailers raised at the July 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. When I learned in late July that the Travel Trailer issue was a concern that the Town Board was discussing and proposing to create an ordinance or change in the zoning law, I was decided to ask to speak to the Town Board Members who will be considering this critical issue before they start to create a draft and present a final document for public hearing. Comments at the public hearing I have found in the past are usually presented too late to have any consequence after a product has been created. First, I would like to state that I was present during all the meetings and discussions (regarding travel trailers and campgrounds) of the 2014 Willsboro Zoning Advisory Committee that created this current zoning law. That was with respect to travel trailers and I believe I was there for the campground as well. During those meetings over several nights on this topic, I never heard that the definition of a campground would be 2 or more travel trailers. It seems odd that the beginning number of two travel trailers or more would require 48 acres of land. Furthermore, I did not leave any meeting with the understanding where they agreed that only one travel trailer would be allowed on one lot as suggested in Section 5.14 Travel Trailer. I know that because when the topic of travel trailers came up, I asked as a member of the audience, we were allowed to participate and ask questions as members of the audience. to discuss the families that already had had multiple campers on their lots for years, and I asked if the Town was going to make them remove all but one travel trailer? Obviously, the members on that board could not answer that question, so I did not get an answer, and if so, were they going to grandfather those existing groups in? And again, that really was not settled, but the impression that I got was that they were listening to the comments of myself as well as others at those meetings. I do not know how the end-product of one travel trailer to one lot came to be like this. But here we are. What I do know is that when I read the final Zoning Code, I never looked at the campground definition because I was only interested in the areas that talked about travel trailers in Article 2 under Definitions and Section 5.14 on General Supplemental Regulations regarding travel trailers. After reading the final product that was published after the public hearing and all necessary parties had accepted the document, I expressed concern to Doug Rock, Code Enforcement Officer at that time, about some of the loose language of Section 5.14, and its implications to those of us who already had more than one travel trailer on our lot. Doug said not to worry as the intention was not for just one travel trailer per lot. I realize now that the definition of campgrounds negates what he said. Last year the previous zoning officer, Terry Pulsifer, assured me that his interpretation was not as that is being suggested right now. He knew my brother's travel trailer was stationary on the lot

and was the only stored trailer on the lot, but he said to me since Randy was not going to be in there 21 days of Occupancy last summer season, my brother would not need a permit, but if I planned on being in the travel trailer more than 21 days, I needed a permit. So, as the CEO last year Terry took my payment for a permit for the cost of \$35.00 to exceed 21 days, not knowing how long we would be using it. For the record we only used the travel trailer for eleven days and then moved it back to my own lot. This tells me that Terry interpreted that more than one a travel trailer could be on the lot but only one could obtain a permit for over 21 days as code suggested. This year with a new zoning officer, my brother, went to see Bobby Sturgess because I had already moved my travel trailer off the family lot in question after two weeks of having family stay in my travel trailer. Randy went to obtain a permit for the possibility that he might exceed the 21 days of occupancy with his travel trailer. It was then that Bobby advised him there was a discussion by the Town Board that had taken place July 12th to change or enforce the zoning regulations that govern travel trailers. Randy took the application to have if his occupancy requires him to apply for a permit this season. At this current time, only one travel trailer is on that lot. In concluding, I agree that these zoning sections and definitions on travel trailers and campgrounds may be difficult to enforce in its current state, but many elements of 5-12 and 5-14 are just fine. And the way it reads leaves it, subject to change interpretations from Code Enforcement Officer to Code Enforcement Officer to Code Enforcement Officer. A review to clarify and to assure environmental safety is something we all should agree on. But what we do not want to do is to exclude our local and visiting families from enjoying or hanging on to their Lake Champlain property or any Willsboro property for that matter. Everyone as a taxpayer should have the right to have a two million dollar or a travel trailer on their property, that is what they pay taxes for. It should not be the local government's purpose to expect that every property should bring in an equal value of property taxes and zoning should not be created to ensure that. When landowners invite family and friends to share the use of their property, money flows into Willsboro other than taxes that also benefits the town, its businesses, and families. One of the reasons Willsboro has been a community has kept its residences life long and folks that choose to move here is because we are an inclusive community. I hope that continues to be important and at the forefront of your decisions. I respectfully ask that you change the areas that appear to concern you to defy the number of travel trailers that is allowed from 1 per lot to 2 or 4 if they meet the other requirements of section 5-14 and correspondingly change the definition of the number of travel trailers that constitutes a campground section 5-15 to 5 and above. To allow any enforcement you may be planning regarding the current zoning law before any changes are made will not make our families criminals or subject to civil penalties or deny them or their family use of their property that they pay taxes on. It is essential that as tax payers we all be given equal treatment to enjoy our property in the manner best for our financial and our family needs. The changes could be so simple, get rid of the 21-day criteria, that is totally unenforceable. Change code or create an ordinance that requires every person with a travel trailer that occupies a lot with the number that you establish, come to the Code Enforcement Officer by May 1st, and pay for a permit for a time period from May 1st, for a time period of 150 days as stated in the zoning law, no matter if they occupy the travel trailer for 1 day or 150 days. This would still be cheaper than a campground cost per day that we do not even have here in Willsboro. They could provide a picture of the travel trailer to accompany the application for each person

applying. The CEO could determine from the documentation they provide and/or a site visit if they meet the elements of section 5-14. Which certainly covered the septic, electric and water issue. I do not know how dry camping works with that because all campers these days have self-contained septic systems and tanks to hold water and from what I have seen on the point, it is mostly weekend camping, occasionally you will see people that come from out of town that will be here for one or two weeks. At times we do consecutive days but a lot of the people that are currently on Corlear drive are weekend campers and certainly in my opinion and my hearing, there has not been police called and noise is not an issue. I have neighbors next to my house that have 3 campers and they have been nothing but courteous campers. The day after the 150 days is over the CEO can check the address to make sure only one travel trailer is on the lot stored. I feel that it is appropriate to have only one stored. He can issue citations to those that remain, he can have a grace period to get them off the lot. He could also check during the season to compare what is permitted to the lot. If any travel trailer is on that is not permitted, a citation can be issued. Neighbors are certainly the best assistant to zoning and to the Code Enforcement officers, as they are rarely reluctant to say anything if violations or complaints arise. One last thing as I was coming up from the point, I got kind of emotional about this. The people I know, personally that have travel trailers on the point, have been good citizens, they have paid their taxes, they have not caused any problems. These people are family units that had both parents served in the military. They are World War II veterans, their two sons were Vietnam veterans, and that also impacts other people here. However, even if they did not serve in the military, they have been good citizens in the community that come here for the ones that I am aware of that are good citizens and taxpayers. I do not understand why someone feels our zoning should be geared for someone to occupy that property only with a house that has higher value so you can secure a larger tax base. The last thing I have to say is there was a comment made at the July 12th meeting, and it was about perhaps 5 travel trailers being on one lot and using water. Having been on the zoning board for a long time, and on the planning board. I cannot understand the difference between a camper that has 2 people occupying it and there are 5 campers on the property than a real camp on the lot that has 5 bedrooms. That problem will go away with the upcoming metered use. Everyone will be accountable for the water they use. I thank you very much for this time and allowing me to talk. I sincerely hope you will give this some very deep thought and the legal aspect and the people that will be impacted, many have been residents for years and some of them are new residents. They certainly when purchasing their property never dreamed, they would have to exclude some of their family from using it.

Gilliland then spoke on the background of the code updates. The travel trailer issue- Bobby Sturgess and Gilliland took the code book and highlighted everything that pertained to travel trailers and passed it to the county attorneys. Gilliland asked them to get an attorney's point of view with no connection. They are reviewing it and trying to come up with a logic diagram, to see where the holes are and the enforceability issues. They have not gotten back to Gilliland. This is the first step that needs to be done before the town can do anything. The drafting of an ordinance is just that, as congress takes bills to the congress, they either end up on the cutting room floor or they advance. We must start somewhere with this. Gilliland stated a committee has been formed to identify inconsistencies, holes, and mistakes within the code. The committee is co-chairs- Win Belanger and Mark Bonfey, secretary- Hannah Neilly along with

others that Gilliland could not name at the time. The code was adopted in 2015 and a lot of things have changed since then based on the findings that have come from the planning and zoning boards and the Code Enforcement Officer and there are obviously holes with the travel trailers, which makes enforceability difficult. We have applied for a grant through the Department of State to hire a consultant to start up the comprehensive plan process again as there are a lot of changes, solar, technology, electric vehicles, new laws, wind farms, etc. These things did not exist while doing the comprehensive plan before, this is for the long term of the citizens being able to say, this is the kind of town we want for the future. Gilliland explained the travel trailers were only a discussion at the last meeting explaining that the ordinance was because you could either change the code or supplement the code with an ordinance. Paye stated that the reason she wanted to come tonight was to get ahead of this decision-making process and that there was one more thing she wanted to say from how Gilliland is explaining the process. She takes exception and thinks that the people who are looking into this, would be just like if she was put on that board. Win Belanger has his own views and has had his views, she said she listened to them all during the time. He is very opposed to travel trailers in large numbers and she does not know how he could possibly be objective. He is very educated in terms of the zoning law; she credits him with that and gives him a lot of credit for all his volunteerism and such. She feels when you make comments to people, who have travel trailers, that they do not belong there or they should not be there or you do not get enough tax base from them, that is a person who is biased. A bias like that does not belong in a position he is being placed in. She stated that she does not know Mark Bonfey in terms of his bias, that he was very fair when he was on the Planning board. She feels that Belanger was also very fair when he served on the Zoning board. However, on this issue she feels he has a definite bias against them and every person in the meeting for travel trailers is not going to get a fair shake if he is the person making the determination. Gilliland stated he is part of a large committee making these decisions. Sheehan stated that refreshing her memory on people asked to serve on this board, that maybe the board needs to look closer at who is serving on this board, the majority could be people living on the point. Out of respect for the rest of the community, she feels they need to look at that again, to be sure there is a true representation of the demographics of the community. Gilliland asked that although it was not a public hearing did anyone else want to add something to the comments. Jim Pulsifer stated they have owned property in the town for 60+ years and he agrees with what Paye said 100% and they have campers on their property and their family has grown. He is all for abiding by all health issues and setbacks, but to say they cannot have campers on their property is wrong. Patricia Gardner stated she agrees with Paye and Pulsifer. Kathy Blanchard said she agrees also with them and added that her parents bought the land not wanting to put a camp on the property, to use it for the family to get together. Although people are moving in, people that have lived here for a very long time bought the lakefront property to share it with their families. Sheehan stated that the property she resides at is generational and she has listened to everything everyone has said. She wanted to clarify though that she is in total agreement with working with the community to come to an agreement. However respectfully there is a difference between a 5-bedroom house and 5 campers being on a lot. She stated she is not for or against it, but the 5-bed house is also paying a water tax on the assessment and the 5-camper lot is not paying that. Everyone is paying the usage but we are not paying the same water tax, there is a big

difference. Everyone is taxed on the assessment, and the vacant lot with campers is very different from a 5-bedroom home. Around 67 cents per thousand. Blanchard asked if the town wanted to get money or do they want to keep people happy? Gilliland stated we want everyone to be treated fairly. Paye asked if you own property and there is no residence on it, you do not pay a water tax? Sheehan stated you pay 67 cents per thousand on your assessment of the vacant lot. A 5-bedroom home or a ½ a million-dollar home is going to pay 67 cents per thousand. Paye stated this is a year-round residence. Sheehan stated that we are just trying to work together for everybody, so we all can enjoy the beauty and our role in representing the people is when concerns come our way, we attempt to address them. Young stated that the meetings he attended showed that the concern was that people in town were living in their travel trailers year-round, with broken pipes and no heat. He said he wanted to point out that the travel trailers are only there for a short period of time and the water usage is minimal and someone is paying for the full amount. Paye stated that what she was hearing means, the town wants to encourage as much value on the property so everyone is paying a lot of money for the water tax even though they are paying the usage but a lot does not have as much assessment. She checked today on a lot that has travel trailers on it and that lot is assessed for \$230,000., she stated that is not chump change. Sheehan stated she was just pointing out that there is a difference. Paye stated if all lots are assessed fairly and they pay the 67 cents per thousand, once the meters are running, we will have a true usage. Sayward stated that if there is going to be law, it must be fair for everyone and not just the point. She knows other people in town that have travel trailers on Sunset Drive that are living in them. No matter where you live, it needs to be fair to all.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT-  
CORRESPONDENCE -**

- Coffee and donuts with Assemblymen Simpson 9:30 AM. tomorrow at the diner tent, where you can share your concerns.
- DEC WWTP Inspection Report came back great.
- Summer camp is in its last week. A survey is being put out on FB as to what people would like to see next year.
- Constitution Day is set for September 16th 1-5pm @ Fish and Game Club. This is a great event
- Municipal Building insulation/heat pump ANCA application- \$50 L per town. This will be great for the DPW building.
- Municipal building alarm system bid has been posted. We did a quote and the quote was over \$20,000., which made the town put it out to bid.
- Appointment of Deputy Clerk, Lori Walsh has been appointed as deputy clerk and is a very positive addition to our team at the town hall.
- Bay lane Water system customer request- a group of Baylane people came and talked to Benway. Gilliland, Pat McCauliffe and Benway went down to meet with Bill Hauser. Hauser is trying to improve some water service to several homes that are beyond the manifold where the seasonal water system goes, suffering from low water pressure. The idea would be to replace the on-ground piping with a 2-inch piping. This would be 5-6 homes. This would be homeowner financing. The homeowners would have to contact the Department of health as well as the Public Service Commission to get the go ahead. The Town as the system operator would

probably not have a problem with this as it will be financed by the homeowners and improve their water service. Bill Hauser spoke and talked about this project.

-LWRP is still under state review. The state has not released anything as of today.

-NBRC grant awards expected by the end of August. This is the grant for additional tankage for the wastewater treatment plant.

-Septic System design for Hathaway Park is completed by Doug Ferris. The community enhancement fund once received, the town will be able to work on a plan of execution for the pavilion at Hathaway Park.

- BRASS is planning a salmon symposium like they have done in the past; it will probably be in October or November.

-Septic System replacement grants are still available with Essex County for systems within 250 feet of Lake Champlain in the Town of Willsboro Buena Vista septic treatment grant status. You can get 50% of the cost up to \$10,000.00.

-Budget time is here. Gilliland needs by the 15th of September any budget inputs and proposals.

-McCauliffe Road is a qualified abandonment road off Sunset Road. A qualified road means that the town still has responsibility for the road but does not maintain it. The farm that surrounds this road is changing ownership and the new owners would like it to be a full abandonment. This road could not be abandoned because the Cat Trails go through it and in NYS a road to be abandoned must be completely unused by vehicles or pedestrians for 6 years.

#### **COUNTY-**

-There is a tentative union contract agreement with the union. It was accepted by the union leadership.

-New voting machines are coming in November. These are the same type of machines but much faster and bigger screens. To alleviate anyone's concerns, as in the news the State Board of Elections approved another type of machine which connects to the internet and is a touch screen. Essex County is getting more secured voting machines.

-The county has informed the State Police that because they cannot come to a deal to vacate the Public Safety Building by November 1st. Elections, Public defenders and probation will take this space over. The county has tried to come to an agreement and thought they had and 2 days later they backed out of the verbal agreement. They have not paid anything for the use of this building in 6 years. The county has an audit done every year to find out what the true cost of operating a public building is, this data needs to be done for social services and the contracts with the state. The state police were paying \$144,000.00 a year when they were paying and the cost to operate the space, they have is \$350,000.00 a year. The County has suggested that the administration building at Moriah Shock would be perfect for them.

**SHEEHAN MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WARRANT. SAYWARD SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan, Sayward Gilliland**

**Ayes-5**

**Nyes-0**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT-**

The clerk's office in the month of July took in \$32,671.09, paying \$7.00 to NYS Ag and Markets and \$45.00 to NYS Department of Health. Decals took in \$690.00 of which \$651.96 went to the state and the town's commission was \$38.04. We have taken in \$32,658.26 in Water/Sewer this past month. We have been very busy with water meter calls and scheduling and getting people signed up on the meter list along with the everyday duties of the office. I am very excited to tell you, I finally have a deputy clerk. Lori Walsh has joined our forces here at the town and hopefully her likes of the job last at least long enough for me to take a few days off and maybe even get to go to some of the clerk training that are offered each month. I have taken 1 full day off since office in January of 2022. The search was hard with only needing them a few hours this week and maybe 20 next week as most people I approached wanted more guaranteed hours and benefits. We now have Greg Cassavaugh taking care of our Memorial and Gilliland Cemeteries and he is doing a great job. I hope you noticed we finally got our message board up and we will be able to start using it tomorrow. Do you have any questions for me?

**CHRISTIAN MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. SAYWARD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**DPW-** The pump for the mower tractor is hopefully arriving soon to be able to finish up the first pass of the roadside mowing. It has been a struggle this year as there have been several things that have broken on the mower, which has put them behind. Cutting of the shoulders on the sidewalks will begin tomorrow on Middle and Sunset to prepare for the new sidewalks. Sidewalks will be done soon; it all depends on the weather. A lot of complaints on holes on the dirt roads. With the roads being wet, the holes that are there will become bigger. If the roads dry out, they will get the grader on them. Construction on the salt/sand shed will hopefully begin in September. The CHIPS funds for paving were submitted yesterday, this is just under \$105,000.00 to get reimbursed.

**WATER/SEWER-** Written report was submitted by Patrick McCauliffe-  
Water Department:

Another busy month in the Water department. We had a small leak on Cedar Lane that we addressed last month. Another bleeder was burnt out on the curb valve. We dug up the valve and were able to replace the valve under pressure. While we were there, we decided to inspect the neighbor's valve that was installed at the same time. We found that one was starting to leak as well, so we replaced that one while we were there. All three of us have been out in the distribution system the last couple of weeks cutting all the brush and grass around all the fire hydrants in town. All the rain runoff has made its way to Willsboro Bay, and we are seeing evidence of that in our water filters. We had been noticing shorter filter runs with increased pressure differentials in the filters. We have not had drastic raw water quality issues like this in the almost 5 years that I have been working for the Department. Even with the age of our filters, they are still doing a great job. We have backwashed more frequently the last couple of weeks, and Justin and I took the time to do a Sodium Hypochlorite soak/disinfection on the filters this week to help clean them up even more. While turbidity is still higher than normal in our finished water, it is still well below our permitted levels. We are permitted to send water out to distribution at a level no greater than 1.0NTU and we are still maintaining between 0.24 and .40 NTU in our



finished water. Marlene Martin from DOH has notified us that she will be coming soon to conduct our annual inspection. For the first time, our inspection will include a tour of the distribution system. I believe our inspection will be later this month or early in September. Lastly, Liquid Engineering was on site early last month doing a full inspection of our Water Storage Tanks on Willsboro Mountain. Divers spent most of the day inspecting and cleaning the insides of both water tanks. They also used a special epoxy to seal some small pinhole leaks we had in the older/smaller of the two water tanks. They provided us with video footage from both inspections for our records. The final inspection report has not been sent to us yet, but I will include it in the next update when I have it in hand.

### **Wastewater Department:**

The Wastewater plant is still seeing higher than average flows for this time of year due to the rain we had been receiving, but the plant has been handling Everything went very well. I reported last month that the dirty power issues we had been having had caused issues with our Uninterrupted Power Supply for the main computer system as well as two of the UV system lamp drivers(ballasts). Kyli ordered us a new UPS right away and we installed that last week, so the computer the system is protected again. We received the two new UV lamp drivers from Trojan yesterday and Joseph and I installed the drivers right away. The driver failure codes are gone now, so we know the drivers are good, but we are still getting lamp failure codes in the system. I suspect that when the drivers failed, they fried the lamps as well. We have spare bulbs and quartz sleeves in stock, so we will be replacing those ASAP. Lastly, Connor Cincotta from DEC was on site on July 11 th to conduct our annual Inspection of the Wastewater Plant. We have not received our report yet, but the inspection seemed to go very well and I am confident we will have no issues reported in the final inspection report.

### **AMBULANCE REPORT-None**

### **YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT- Written report was submitted by Krissy Leerkes.**

#### **August 2023 Youth Commission Updates**

Our first year of golf with the group went very well. The kids enjoyed it and many are still hitting the course on a weekly basis since they have the membership to do so. This will be something that we would like to continue and grow going forward.

Golf Tournament- Our first annual golf tournament was a huge success despite a rainy afternoon. A huge thank you to Brandon Jaquish for organizing this event for us and to Eric Arnold and the Willsboro Golf Course for hosting us. It was a very profitable day for the course.

Soccer- Our soccer sign-ups are tonight at 6:00. Our 5th and 6th grade teams will start practice tomorrow and the rest of the groups will begin in the next couple of weeks.

### **PARKS COMMISSION REPORT-None**

### **OLD BUSINESS-None**

**NEW BUSINESS-** The electrical and equipment damages done due to the electrical outages, brownouts and high I&I flows has caused a lot of repairs and replacements. The sewer district

runs on a razor thin margin and there is not enough money in the reserve to cover these costs. Gilliland asked for a resolution to borrow from the General Fund to cover these costs of these repairs authorized by the comptroller. This would be repayable within 1 year.

**SAYWARD MADE THE MOTION TO PERMIT BORROWING FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SEWER DISTRICT EXPENSES FOR ELECTRICAL AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGE FROM ELECTRICAL OUTAGES AND HIGH I&I FLOWS. REPAYABLE WITHIN 1 YEAR. SHEEHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Gilliland**

**Ayes-5**

**Nyes- 0**

There is an open house in Lewis at the missile silo hosted by unconventional concepts, Gilliland encourages everyone to go stating that the company is doing amazing things and it is very interesting. They do a lot of federal agencies work for research and development. This company is bringing in engineers and scientists to the area and buying houses around the Lewis area. There is an exercise coming up called Future Flag with dozens of groups participating and Congresswoman Stefanik has secured into the defense budget several million dollars to do types of range research and development there. The advantage of this location is that most of the other locations are in the desert and not all wars are fought in the desert, such as Ukraine. Jim Monty from the Town of Lewis has asked all the towns for support to Unconventional Concepts and support for the Future Flag training at the Lewis Missile Silo property in August 2023.

**Sheehan made a motion to support Unconventional Concepts and Future Flag training at the Lewis Missile Silo property in August 2023. Unanimous second.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Lanny Bruno stated he has lived on Frisbee Road for 9 years and his ditches have only been dug out once. He stated he spoke to Crowningshield about having it done and was told they were doing a project and they would do it as soon as they were done. This was 2 years ago. He stated only 3 inches of the top of his culvert is visible, the rest is covered with sand. He spoke with a DPW worker and asked when they were going to do his road, the response was I will ask my boss. He stated he came to Town Hall and spoke with Gilliland and was told he would look at it. He asked what do I have to do to get the ditch dug out in front of my house? Crowningshield stated it will be ditched and that there are a lot of other priorities than the ditch in front of your house. I stopped today and he then showed the board pictures of the water running in Buena Vista compared to the ditch in front of Bruno's house at 1:10pm today and there was no water in the ditch. Crowningshield explained he knows it needs to be done and that it is a priority list that the work gets done and because it is not causing a problem, it was not on the top of the list. Bruno disagreed stating his lawn was wet. Gilliland stated that they are very busy trying to meet all the demands and he is sorry but they will get to it when he can. Bruno asked how come in the last 2 years he has not been able to do it. Crowningshield stated everyone wants everything ditched every year and it is impossible to get around to all the ditches, almost every road has a ditch on it. It took 3 weeks to get Indian Bay Road ditched for blacktopping and that they have changed 4 culverts this week and they have had a lot going on and that the weather has not been cooperative.

The question was asked: which side of Buena Vista is the grant for? Gilliland stated it was for both Buena Vista and the trailer park. The question was asked if they would have a sewer district like the one in the village. There was an engineering study done with 3 options and the most expensive was a sewer district with a total cost of \$38,000,000.00. We only have a \$3,000,000.00 grant.

**ADJOURNED @ 7:47**