

Kortright Town Board
Special Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024

The Kortright Town Board held a Special Meeting on April 1, 2024 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, New York.

Present: Councilman Micheal Pietrantonio, Councilman Jeff Haynes, Councilman Nikki Pickett, Councilman Chad Boest and Supervisor George Haynes Jr.

Absent: None

Other Present: Liz Page-Mountain Eagle, Sylvia Armano, Keith Weiver, Supervisor for Hamden Wayne Marshfield, Heather Smith, Lynn Pickett, Alice and Steve Tucker, Linda Graves, Stacey Collins-Acer, Debra Collins, Heather Rozumalski, Sherry Stewart, Indea Knapp, Casey Anderson, Paige Anderson, Janis Beken, Michael Howard, Jane McIntosh-Martin, Elizabeth DeFalco- The Reporter, Jane Griffin, Bob Coager, Brooke White, Kim McIntosh, Bob McIntosh, Carol Pickett, Brenda Pardee, Samantha Roupp, Dianne Drake, John Drake, Cody Drake, Roger Sackett, Queny Villanveva and Leah Morton

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. read and thanked Alice and Steve Tucker for providing the letter to why the homeless shelter is not a good idea in Bloomville (see insert). The Director of Social Services Sylvia addressed the public stating that she has read all the letters of concern but that we need to understand these people need to be housed. Since the fire in Delhi that destroyed the homeless shelter, they had no choice and added that when the house is build back in Delhi the house in Bloomville will become a foster home again. Bloomville has only had four men in the house at once and they are doing their best to help them with income to get them relocated that better suits them. She added that nobody really knows who lives next door. The public was not happy with her response. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked; the County has no intention of changing the house back to foster until the house in Delhi is build. Supervisor Marshfield responded that its tough people coming into social services these days and the large house in Delhi hold 10 people, the visitation center in Delhi is not open yet and Sidney has people living on the streets. He added that we need to do better and house them and he knows what it is like. Sylvia added we should call 911 if we have concerns or speak to the on call deputy, especially if we don't feel like we are being heard. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked; A parole officer indicated that the one man was on parole after serving 17 years for manslaughter, did they know that. Keith responded that he would like to know who that parole officer was and added that only 2 men have stayed for more than 30 days since October 2023. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked; what is the current level of supervision. Keith answered that weekly assessments are done and they have adopted a new agreement as of January 2024 and gave the Board a copy. Keith continued stating that they get health screening, they check with the police to see if there are any active warrants or arrests. They stay in Delhi until that is completed and then are moved, he predicts that with the warmer weather coming the house will be empty, as they will be in tents. Councilman Pietrantonio asked why Bloomville when the house in Stamford was empty; nothing here for them. Sylvia answered that Bloomville is closer to Delhi. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked what are you going to do to help with our safety concerns. Sylvia responded that the parents need to watch their children. Sylvia stated that we could call her anytime and she would answer to which Heather Smith responded just not emails. Sylvia answered she was waiting for this the meeting. Again Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked what the plan was for better supervision. Answered more staffing and that is why they aren't receiving the regular rides to Delhi and more help. Supervisor Marshfield asked does Delaware Opportunities helps with the

homeless, answered yes in ways. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked about the most resent arrest regarding drugs, where is that man. Keith answered they are still looking for him. It was asked why it took so long to come and let the man in on Halloween when he got locked out. Keith responded that sometime the on call person doesn't live close and added that he's told the on call person if they can't go to call him. Sylvia again stated that the house in Bloomville will remain a homeless shelter until the house in Delhi is build, the public responded than supervise it better in the meantime. Samantha Roupp added if you have rules you need to uphold them. Councilman Pickett commented that we all understand staffing issues but now that you know our concerns, especially after the resent arrest, have better monitoring; adding especially with the park and day care right there. She continued with we could once let our children walk and play in the park. They answered yes they could potentially. Sylvia reassured again that when the house is completed in Delhi they will close the house in Bloomville and Keith added that when it's 32degrees out we can't kick them out. The public started to respond and Keith wanted to leave.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boast-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Kristin A. Craft
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