

**Town of Lowville Town Board
Special Meeting
March 7, 2023**

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lowville, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 5533 Bostwick Street, Lowville, NY on the 7th day of March 2023.

Present: Robert Mullin, Supervisor
Paul Virkler, Deputy Supervisor
John D. Ross, Councilman
Stephen Farney, Councilman
Aimee Murphy, Town Clerk
Selina Olmstead, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Raymond Meier, Town Attorney

The purpose of the special meeting is to appoint a Town Justice and any other business as may come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Supervisor Mullin who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion occurred regarding the candidates who applied for the position of Town Justice, left vacant on December 31, 2022 with the resignation of Dr. James Coffman, Esq. On February 23, 2023, the Town Board entered into an executive session to conduct interviews with two of the candidates.

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Farney to adopt **Resolution No. 15-2023, "Appointing a Town Justice"**.

ADOPTED - AYES – Birchenough, Farney, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0

WHEREAS, the resignation of Hon. Dr. James Coffman has left a vacancy in the position of Town Justice; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Franz Philippe be appointed as Town Justice for the Town of Lowville effective immediately, with a term of office ending December 31, 2023.

QUARRY

Supervisor Mullin reported receiving multiple complaints about the recent blasting at the GraRock (former MJL) stone quarry. He and Zoning Officer Manning have researched the mining permit issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The current permit allows three to five (3-5) blasts per year. According to the DEC representative, GraRock must comply with this restriction until a modified permit is issued by the DEC allowing additional blasting. Zoning Office Manning has requested copies of the seismograph readings from the last two (2) blasts. Councilman Virkler is concerned the water lines that feed the houses on Hillside Drive and nearby area may be damaged. No action taken.

NYSTCA Conference

Clerk Murphy requested permission from the Town Board to attend the annual New York State Town Clerk's Association (NYSTCA) Conference April 23 through 26 in Syracuse, NY.

Motion by Councilman Farney, seconded by Councilwoman Birchenough to allow Clerk Murphy to attend the NYSTCA annual conference.

ADOPTED - AYES – Birchenough, Farney, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0

Town of Lowville Regular Board Meeting
March 7, 2023

With no further business the following motion was presented.

Motion by Councilman Farney, seconded by Councilman Ross to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.
ADOPTED - AYES – Birchenough, Farney, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee L. Murphy, RMC
Town Clerk