

**TOWN OF SOUTHEAST**  
**1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509**  
**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**  
**SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Tony Hay  
Councilman John Lord  
Councilman Eric Larca  
Councilman John O'Connor  
Councilman Edwin Alvarez

Also: Town Clerk Michele Stancati  
Town Attorney Willis H. Stephens Jr.

**This meeting took place by videoconferencing, Zoom, and was recorded and posted on the Town of Southeast website.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Hay made a motion to open the meeting and go into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter. Councilman Larca seconded. All in favor.

Supervisor Hay made a motion to close the Executive Session where no decisions were made and Councilman Lord seconded. All in favor.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Hay made a motion to open the Special Meeting and Councilman O'Connor seconded. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 / 2021 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNSEL**  
**LABOR MATTERS**

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Hay  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Alvarez

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southeast has undertaken an investigation into certain employment related issues; and

**WHEREAS**, such investigation may result in commencement of disciplinary proceedings to be commenced under the Town's collective bargaining agreements and pursuant to New York State civil services laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Town Board that it will be more efficient and cost effective to utilize the services of outside counsel to further pursue necessary investigations and to initiate and prosecute any disciplinary proceedings or other remedies that may be indicated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast hereby appoints the firm of Sokoloff Stern, LLP, as Special Counsel and authorizes such Counsel to represent the Town in further investigating alleged labor violations and appear in all civil and administrative proceedings that have or may be commenced regarding certain employee(s) for alleged violations of collective bargaining agreements, workers compensation laws, codes of conduct or policies of the Town; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said Special Town Counsel shall be compensated at the rate of \$225.00 per hour for attorney time and \$90.00 per hour for paralegal time and shall be reimbursed for all necessary disbursements made for or on behalf of the Town in these matters.

Councilman Alvarez	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larca	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lord	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman O'Connor	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Hay	<u>Aye</u>

VOTE: carried by a vote of 5 in favor; 0 against; 0 abstained.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21 / 2021 PURCHASE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Hay

SECONDED BY: Councilman Larca

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence dated March 27, 2021 the Highway Superintendent has requested authorization to expend funds to enable the Highway Department to acquire a new paver to replace the old one; and

**WHEREAS**, it is found and determined that there are sufficient funds available for the proposed purchase within the 2020 Highway Department Budget, and from proceeds from the sale of the existing paver, as well as other funds from sale of other surplus equipment within the department; and

**WHEREAS**, such purchase will not require issuance of bonds or notes for the purchase thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed two hundred ten thousand (\$210,000) dollars for the purchase of a paver;

And be it further

**RESOLVED**, that if the Southeast Superintendent of Highways requires any addition funds above the amount allotted, he will need further authorization by the Town Board to make such expenditure; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Alvarez	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larca	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lord	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman O'Connor	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Hay	<u>Aye</u>

VOTE: carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against; 0 abstained.

Councilman Alvarez made a motion to close the meeting and Councilman Larca seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Stancati  
Southeast Town Clerk