

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Brian Albanese leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. Howard Buttel – Councilperson
2. Peggy Backus – Councilperson
3. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
4. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
4. Wendy Layton – Town Assessor
5. Shane Strong – Cobleskill Stone

Guest Speakers: None

Opening of Stone and Pipe bids.

Received bids for Stone from Cobleskill Stone and Carver Sand and Gravel LLC

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus it was moved to accept the bid received from Carver Sand and Gravel LLC.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Received bids for pipe from Jess F Howe’s, Chemung Supply Corp. and Schmidt wholesale.

On Motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus it was moved to accept the bid received from Chemung Supply Corp, but in case of Emergency to allow purchase of pipe from Jess F. Howe’s.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held January 12, 2015, With the correction of adding notes to the Supervisors monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion Carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk/Tax collector monthly report for February 2015.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor’s financial report labeled Annual Financial Audit, dated 3/9/2015 as February monthly report.

There is correction the payroll clerk needs to make to the TA200 Liability account it should be 1,000 not \$1,128, the payroll clerk will need to resolve this issue.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – March’s monthly report provided.

Highway Superintendent

1. Lots of plowing and grit has been laid on the roads due to the amount of snow we have had this winter. Residents need to understand that as things warm up and the ice and snow melts there is going to be a lot of mud and a lot of dust when things start drying out. They will try their best to take care of the issue when everything is dried out with sweeping.
2. The grit pile is extremely low due to the winter we have had and Ron wants to point out that to rebuild it, it is going to take all of the \$15,000 set aside for grit and then some.
3. Have had many issues with the furnace and after repair men coming 3 different times they had found it was an electrical issue with the boiler itself.
4. Repairs have been done on trucks
5. A letter was received from NY Central Mutual regarding the minor accident with the town truck and Seaman’s vehicle, requesting reimbursement of apx \$700+ for what they had paid out to the Seaman’s to have their vehicle repaired. It was discussed that before Bill went on vacation that he had approached Mr. Seaman and the Town was offering to cover their deductible but would require an estimate from 3 different repair shops, in which the Town has heard no more from Mr. Seaman. It was decided that the NY Central mutual will need to be contacted to see what is going on.
6. Ron stated he may purchase stone before April if the prices are lower than the prices for 2015.
7. Ron had Ben Funk come and look through the trucks he would like to replace. He was told they were in great shape and they should be between \$60,000 – \$65,000 for them. Ron would like to get a new 1 Ton extended Cab (costing apx. \$50,000) and a new 10 Wheeler this year (costing apx \$228,000). After much discussion the Board asked Ron to come back to next month’s meeting with more definite numbers before any decision was made.
8. Ron Discussed with the board the need to make some glorified driveways seasonal limit use roads. The Town is spending a lot of money and time to maintain these roads in the winter. Ron will look into the process.

Dog Control Officer –

1. None

Supervisor

1. None

Correspondence: -

- There will be a Flood plain manager / Association meeting in Syracuse

Other –

- Received \$1100 donation check from Kingswood in lieu of taxes.
- Bids for Town Lawn mowing and Sewer District beds will need to go out and will be opened at Aprils regular meeting

- A meeting needs to be scheduled with Town/Village of Hancock to discuss the Fire Coverage and the Transfer station issues. Brian Stated to pick two dates and give them the option to pick of the two. These issues need to be resolved and we have waited long enough.
- Received approval for 4 Campers for 4-H Camp Shankitunk. On motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttel to approve said campers and only pay for the base fee. Other fees will have to be paid by the camper.
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Sewer District

On motion by Backus, Seconded by LaTourette to approve the Abstract of Claims for March 9, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$3299.11
Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

Monthly sewer district worker report – Provided

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for March 9, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$2953.86 Highway Fund: \$19438.15
Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

Next Meeting to be held on April 13, 2015 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: March 9, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk