

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Peggy Backus leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

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

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
4. Joe Reynolds – Town Building Inspector

Guest Speakers: None

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 8, 2014.

Vote: All AYES - Motion Carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for December 2014.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Annual Financial Audit, dated 1/2/2015 as Decembers monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Provided

Highway Superintendent

1. Been plowing and sanding
2. Have noticed through the winter season that there is small breakage of some roads.
3. 10 yrs ago Tower Mtn. was stoned and oiled and noticed that there is breakup of road in different spots. Ron will reassess the road again in the spring.

4. Discussion took place on the correct fire system for the highway garage; Bill is going to get estimates from different companies.
5. Ron discussed how he was in the wrong for hitting a vehicle on Carrol Hill and that he informed the owner of the vehicle that it would be covered under insurance. All were unaware that there was a law stating that damage to vehicle by an emergency vehicle is not covered under insurance. That is why the insurance turned down the claim. The Board discussed further on other ways to solve this issue.
6. Ron had received from the County the agreement for drug testing. On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette approving Resolution #5-2015 stating that the Town of Tompkins Board approves the Highway Superintendent signing an agreement with the County of Delaware for Mandatory 49 C.F.R. part 382, Controlled Substance & Alcohol use and testing”

Dog Control Officer –

1. Received a call about a dog with inadequate shelter – Resolved
2. Received a call about a dog sitting on a residence porch, picked up the dog and was unable to identify due to not having tags, dog was taken to shelter.
3. Clerk mailed out renewal reminders for all no renewed dogs for the year of 2015. Those that have received the letters have until January 22, 2015 to license dog, after that date they will receive a summons.

Supervisor

1. Spoke with Nate from CWC again and the Creamery will be advertised in the paper for 3 months. This will be reviewed further in the future.
2. Stormwater retrofit grant. Minutes from CWC state it was approved. We will review hiring maintenance personal at a later time.
3. The fire district will no longer be getting fuel from the Town. Luther Higley had returned his key back to Ron for the building.
4. Discussion took place on the process of the State and Municipal Capital Program Grant.
5. Bill stated that from here on out any bids that come in from here on out will have to include a non collusive bid form.
6. Layton requested the meeting to go into Executive session at 7:25 – Returned at 7:40
7. The board discussed with Ron his options for insurance payments. They offered him to go with the same percent the other guys get or to just go with being charged 12%, the board wanted to make it clear that if Ron chose to go with what the other guys get that in the 4th year nothing is locked in no one knows what the change would be. Ron stated he wanted to go with the 9% like the guys for 3 yrs and he understood that in the 4th year nothing is locked in and there is no limit.
8. Nancy has filed the tax freeze certification paperwork.

Correspondence: - None

Other – Transfer station – Bill stated he looked into things with the transfer station and thinks that in order for the Town of Hancock to accept outside refuge they have to put a law in order stating so and that they would charge a certain fee to outside residents. Bill stated when he gets back from vacation he will set up a meeting with Sam Rowe and the Tompkins board to discuss this further.

Sewer District

On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims for January 12, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2783.59

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

The board approved to accept the low bidder for the shoveling and plowing of the sewer district properties – Low bidder was Russ Sprague

Abstract of Claims

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for January 12, 201 as follows: General Fund: \$34150.33 Highway Fund: \$30078.67

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Next Meeting to be held on February 9, 2015 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: January 12, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk