

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 13, 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 Howie Buttler leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

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

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent

Guest Speakers: None

Opening of Lawn mowing bids for Town of Tompkins Properties.

Received bids for Stone Kevin Stanton and Luther Higley Jr.

On motion by Layton, seconded by Albanese it was moved to accept the low bid received from Kevin Armstrong.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Opening of mowing and trimming of Trout Creek Sewer District absorption beds.

Received bids for mowing from LaFever and Luther Higley Jr.

On Motion by Buttler, seconded by Backus it was moved to accept the low bid from Luther Higley Jr.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttler, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 9, 2015.

Vote: All AYES - Motion Carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for March 2015.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttler, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Monthly Financial Audit, dated 4/13/2015 as March monthly report.

Nancy pointed out that the TA200 account is now correct. Linda provided a sheet of explanation of past errors to Layton and it was read to the board. Nancy did not agree with Linda's explanation.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – None

Highway Superintendent

1. CHIPS moneys - The Town of Tompkins will receive as follows. 2015/16 Recovery \$23,963.84, 2015/16 Extreme Recovery of \$189,605.25 total of 2015/16 apportionments of \$165,641.41.
2. Some plowing and sanding has been done and Ron is in hopes that it is over, most trucks have been stripped, plows painted and stored in creamery.
3. Ron explained that a large amount of grit has been used in the 2015/16 winter season that he it is taking a lot to get it all back off the roads. With people's expectations of roads during storms it is making it had not to be on them all the time during storms.
4. The crew was out plowing and sanding a total of 99 times in the 2015/16 winter season which is 25 more times than last year.
5. There has been work done on trucks and equipment.
6. Started sweeping.
7. Carroll Hill had a minor mud slide and has been taken care of.
8. Ron has reviewed the roads in the Town of Tompkins and this year Pine Swamp, Peggy Switch, Herrick Hollow and Bridge Street will be getting sealed with a double dose of oil and stone. This is 5.4 Miles of road. All metal pipes on said roads will be changed. The cost will approximately be \$176,000
9. 3/10 of a mile on Chase Brook by the Rainbow will also be stoned and oiled costing approximately \$26,000.
10. The Board agreed to sign the Agreement for Expenditure of Highway money between the Town and Delaware County for the roads that will be sealed in 2015 (Pine Swamp, Bridge St and Herrick Hollow.
11. Ron will also be sealing the parking lot at the highway garage.
12. Ron questioned if we were going to get summer help this year. Bill explained he will question the County and also ask why we don't get reimbursed for 2 instead of 1.
13. Ron explained how the paper shed is getting misused and it has become a hassle. After much discussion and on Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to no longer have the paper shed and to remove it. Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried
14. Ron provided the board with quotes on a new 10 wheeler from Ben Funk of \$228,443, he pointed out that is \$4,000 less than last truck. There will be some minor differences from the last truck purchased. Ron also provided the Board with quotes on a new 1 Ton Crew cab – This is just for a chassis in the amount of \$39,551. Ron Stated there would be an additional amount of approximately \$11,000 for other items that will have to go on the truck; he estimated the total cost to be around \$50,000. After much discussion and on motion by Layton to approve the purchase of a 1 Ton crew cab and to put it out to bid, Seconded by Albanese. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried
The Board told Ron to check in and see how long the quote is good for the 10 wheeler and to also check into the "piggy backing of a bid" and bring it back to the next board meeting.

Dog Control Officer –

1. Received 3 complaints – all resolved
2. Tickets for unlicensed dogs have been issued.
3. Russ has a new job and new hours and no longer will be able to be the DCO. Peggy explained that the Lady that does the Town of Masonville DCO position stated she would be

willing to take on Tompkins, The Board asked Peggy to have her come to next month's meeting. Also it was discussed how the position should be advertised in the paper. On motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel to advertise the position in the paper for two and do interviews at next month's meeting to fill the position. Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Supervisor

1. Nancy provided the board with an updated truck schedule up to 2030 and stated that all the numbers for purchase and sales are estimates.
2. Bill Spoke with Sam Rowe Town of Hancock Supervisor and he stated he would work on setting up a meeting about the transfer station sometime in early May.
3. The Town received a bill from Excellus for the prescriptions and employee had received after the new insurance took effect. Nancy explained that she sent a letter to Excellus back in October 2014 requesting cancelation. Nancy and Bill state this is the fault of the insurance company and we should not have to pay the bill. Bill stated he would call Kevin the insurance reprehensive.
4. Stormwater Retrofit employment was discussed. Bill stated that the summer help can do the weeding and it was pointed out that there is more that has to be done with the drains. The board decided they are not going to worry about the maintenance until they get the money from CWC.
5. Bill provided the board with a class being held by NYMER about safety driving highway equipment being held on April 28th in Delhi at the Public Safety Building from 8am to 11am.
6. Bill Explained that the whole issue with Mr. Seaman's vehicle is over. It was explained to Mr. Seaman's Insurance Company that the town would not be reimbursing them for the check they had giving Mr. Seaman for the repairs of his vehicle.

Correspondence: - None

Other –

- Bill presented the board with a Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Creation of the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributaries Communities Task force. After much discussion and on Motion by Backus, Seconded by Albanese it was moved to not join.
Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried
- The Town of Tompkins Rabies Clinic will be held June 9, 2015 from 5 – 7 pm at the highway Garage.
- Bill provided the board with a pamphlet to join the Upstate NY Towns Association at \$400 a year, after much discussion it was tabled until next month's meeting. Albanese stated he would attend their next meeting and bring back more information to the rest of the board members.

Sewer District

On Motion by Buttel, Seconded by Backus it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of March 2015.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

On motion by Buttel, Seconded by Backus to approve the Abstract of Claims for April 13, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2247.33

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

Monthly sewer district worker report – Provided

LVDV Requested that The Town gets a service contract through Kingsley for the Generators, Nate from CWC stated he would like to see more than one quote. Bill stated he is working on getting other quotes before we proceed.

CWC will be paying for the roof to go over the panel boards.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Backus, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for April 13, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$3862.12 Highway Fund: \$32651.18

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00PM

Next Meeting to be held on May 10, 2015 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: April 13, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk