

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
August 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Ron VanValkenburg 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. Wendy Layton – Assessor
5. Mr. Abdullah – Resident

**Guest Speakers:**

Mr. Abdullah asked if the Town of Tompkins participated in Co-Op farming. The Board explained the Town was not and that he should contact Cornell Co-op extension in Hamden. Mr. Abdullah also stated that with the recent events involving the threat of attack on Islamburgh if the Town had any police agency for the residents surrounding the area. The board explained that the Town has no hired police agency and that the Delaware County Sheriff office and the NYS Troopers are the covering agency for our area.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held July 13, 2015

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for August 10, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$5479.53 Highway Fund: \$6134.85

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Monthly Financial Reports:**

**Town Clerk:**

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

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report:**

On motion by Buttel seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Monthly Financial Audit, dated 8/10/2015 as July's monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

## **Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** –August provided

## **Highway Superintendent**

1. Ron asked if he could go ahead and order the 10 Wheeler, On motion by Albanese, Second by Buttell it was approved to have Ron order the 7600 International 10 wheeler with plow equipment. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried
2. Ditch work has been done on Pine Swamp
3. Carrol Hill had trees down and some mud slides.
4. Cutting brush, Boom mowing and weeding has been done
5. On August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> stoning and oiling on Herrick Hollow, Peggy Switch and Pine Swamp should be started.
6. Behind on mowing due to the tractor breaking down and the clutch needing to be repaired. Ron stated this tractor is 18 yrs old and should be updated in the near future. He would like to replace it with a tractor with cab costing apx. \$80.000.
7. Ron stated as was discussed in the past that he would like to get an Athey machine to remove excess dirt off roads when ditching. Ron stated he found two in Towanda PA one costing \$12000 and the other \$25000. Ron stated if the board was interested he would like to go look at them. The Board stated they would like to look into renting verses purchasing and bring back the findings at next month's meeting.
8. Summer help will be completely done as of Friday August 14, 2015.

**Dog Control Officer** – None

## **Supervisor**

1. It is time to start working on the Budget
2. The invoice for campers from 4-H camp has been received.
3. On motion by Albanese, Seconded by LaTourette to accept the highest bidder for the paper shed, Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried
4. Received a resolution to appoint members and alternate to the Upper Del Tail Water Task Force. Anyone interested let Bill know. The Resolution will be discussed again at next month's meeting.
5. Still working on shared services agreements.

## **Correspondence: -**

1. Received a thank you letter from The American Legion Gun Town Post for the donation.
2. Received a letter from a citizen in Deposit stating they will not attend the Del. Co. Fair and will advise others to do the same due to the recent comment from one of the Fair Board Members with association to the Confederate flag.

**Other** – None

**Sewer District**

On Motion by Layton, Seconded by Albanese it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of July 2015.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims for August 10, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2328.60

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

Monthly sewer district worker report – Provided

The board questioned if LVDV would be checking tanks and changing filters as they stated they would be doing this summer. Michelle will contact LVDV and ask.

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to approve change order #11

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Next Meeting to be held on September 14, 2015 at 7pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: August 10, 2015

Town of Tompkins  
Town Clerk