

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 14, 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. Carl Stuendel – Town Resident
5. Ismail Shahid – Town Resident

Guest Speakers:

Carl Stuendel thanked Tim and Michelle for having helping host a community event that happened over this past Saturday. Carl wanted to have Michelle and Tim pass the word on to all that were involved that it was a great job and it was nice to see the community coming together.

Ishmail Shahid voiced his concern with the road condition of Roods Creek; Mr. Shahid stated that there was a ditch across from the community’s driveway that is falling in and filling up. Ron VanValkenburg stated he would go out and take a look at the road condition and if the ditch needs to be cleaned out they could do that. Mr. Shahid also invited the Town Board to do a Tour of the community.

Opening of Bids for Plow and Truck bed for new 1 Ton:

Received one bid from Wagner Welding for fabrication and installation of Aluminum body on Ton truck in the amount of \$8125.00

Received one bid from Trux Outfitters for a 9ft fisher HD plow in the amount of \$5060.00

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus it was moved to accept Wagner Welding bid for Aluminum Body and from Trux Outfitters for 9ft fisher snow plow.

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 August 10, 2015

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Backus, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for September 14, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$7556.79 Highway Fund: \$151,510.10

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Backus seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Monthly Financial Audit, dated 09/14/2015 as September's monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Tentative Budget:

The tentative budget was reviewed by the board. On motion by Layton, seconded by Buttel to accept budget provided by Layton

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

On Motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel, it was moved for the Town of Tompkins to override the NYS 2% tax cap.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Reports:

Planning Board – June and July Minutes provided for board to review
Assessor –None

Highway Superintendent

1. Ron discussed the desire to purchase an Athey machine. Albanese stated he was unable to find any for rental. Ron stated they are handy and he would like one. Using the excavator now is digging up the roads, this machine has an elevator and it dumps the piles of ditch dirt directly into dumb truck.
2. Stone and oiling are done.
3. Ron stated that the fuel pump is gone in the Massey Ferguson tractor and it is awaiting the pump for repair. Ron would like to replace this tractor with another costing approximately \$80,000
4. Cold Patching is done. Would have liked to get to Readburn road but it became too dry.
5. The new 1 Ton is here and is insured and licensed. When it came it did not have the side steps and had to go back. Before the driver could take back the truck it was found that there would not be enough fuel to get it back so Ron fueled the truck and is going to ask for that fuel cost to be returned by Robert Green.
6. Ron asked the board how they wanted to sell the 2005 1 Ton. It was decided to go through Teitsworth again.
7. Mowing roads currently using the County Mower to mow Tower Mountain
8. The old trailer that is used to haul equipment is being repaired, needs a lot of work.
9. Rib Rap work will be done on Dry Brook by Venth residence. Normally the stone purchased for this would be received from Tim Bennett but he currently don't have any so Ron asked Reynolds Construction and they will supply stone at \$500 a load and Ron expects it to take 12 – 14 loads.

10. Roods creek is a mess again from the continuous hauling from the big trucks, Ron states it needs 4in gravel put on. Ron has not contacted Shaver's about this issue due to not having any luck in the past with the repair of the road. Ron decided that he is going to haul over our stone and start putting on gravel from St Rt 10 to the Quarry Rd at top.
11. Ron brought up the need for another employee. Due to one employee down and one that has become unreliable lately. The Board advised Ron first he should contact the union representative and discuss what options could be taken with the unreliable employee.
12. Ron received confirmation that the dump truck is being built by Navistar International.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor

1. Association of Towns – Membership will be renewed.
2. Bill spoke with Kevin Young about the creamery. When we started the sewer district we signed a contract that anything we purchased and didn't use for the sewer district would need to be sold. Bill also found that Ogden Real estate has never done anything else with putting the creamery on the market so he is going to contact a new Realtor. Sadly this is all going to take another year for anything with the Creamery to be finalized. Albanese brought up that the sewer district is currently using the creamery to store their large equipment and if we have to sell the creamery to someone else where will Sewer District equipment be stored?
3. A lengthy discussion went on with the issue with Hancock and Tompkins Fire District. After a lengthy investigation it was found that there has been no contract between Hancock and Tompkins in over 25 years. With the County Mutual aid agreement that has been in place for also many years the Town of Tompkins residents should not be paying Hancock Fire District Taxes. It was also found that this past week there was a structure fire on Roods Creek and Hancock Paid emergency squad went to the scene, when it came time to rehab firemen, Trout Creek was told by Hancock paid service that if they did any treatment on any firemen, the fireman would be charged for Hancock's services . At that time the Chief of Trout Creek asked for members of the Trout Creek EMS to come into the scene and do rehab on the fireman (Trout Creek EMS was staging on Roods Creek Road) .

Correspondence: - None

Other –

Resolution 9-2015, On motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel it was resolved to appoint Brian Albanese as the Town of Tompkins member and William Layton as the alternate member of the UDRTC and Task force

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Resolution 10-2015 – On motion by Buttel seconded by LaTourette the Town of Tompkins hereby approves authorizing the chief executive officer to sign the contract for shared highway services on behalf of the Town of Tompkins

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried.

Sewer District

On motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims for September 14, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2065.29

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

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

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for August – Provided

Nancy called LVDV and asked Mike Jonker if they can make up a check off sheet of what should be done per the contract weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly and provide it to the board for review as things get done. Mike Jonker stated they would start doing this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

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

Michelle Phoenix

Date: September 14, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk