

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 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 – Absent
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald Van Valkenburg – Highway Superintendent
4. Harry Johnson – Town Resident

Guest Speakers: None

Minutes Approval:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttler, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 14, 2015

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for October 13, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$4061.26 Highway Fund: \$58,978.68

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Buttler, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for September 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 10/13/2015 as October's monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – August 2015 Minutes provided for board to review

Assessor –None

Highway Superintendent

1. Ron questioned on the status of the Grant that was applied for over a year ago to help purchase back the old Creamery building, the board discussed purchasing the building verses putting a new building up on other Town Property.
2. There was never a reserve set for the 2005 truck that is being auctioned off. Sam has been watching the auction and as of 6:00pm tonight the bid was up to about \$13,000. On motion by Layton, seconded by Buttel to sell the truck to the highest bidder. Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried
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. Ron stated that Kyle had gone to hanks warehouse to get boots and was told that a account for the Town of Tompkins was never set up. Kyle went ahead and paid for the boots and will submit the receipt to the Town for reimbursement.
5. Milton Cat and John Deere have a deal where Towns can purchase a loader and Backhoe every 2 years. The Trade in values is better and at times it's cheaper then repairs. Ron would like the board to review the purchase of both a loader and backhoe.
6. The Town Highway borrowed the County Mower to get the rest of the mower done while ours was being repaired.
7. Cold patched a good share of Finch Road.
8. Ron provided an invoice from Reynolds Construction for the Rip Rap placed on Dry Brook.
9. Ron received a call from Dan Axtell he stated that the NYSDOT will have grindings to take for free from repairs to St Rt 10, Ron had the guys get some and took it to Roods Creek and with that got about 2/3 of the road done. They are now taking gravel and putting it on top, from quarry to St Rt 10. Deposit, Hamden helped with the hauling
10. 3/10 of Chase brook has had 2in gravel put on.
11. Cut and chipped trees on Rock Rift
12. Hauled Gravel from Afton site had Deposit and Franklin helping.
13. Boom mowing has been done and hoping to get gravel put on Dufton Hollow.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor

1. Received a bill for the Pictrometry in the amount of \$1247.47. Wendy (Assessor) stated its something she relays on with Assessments.
2. Tentative Budget – Changed Assessor to include the amount for the pictrometry fee. Board reviewed the rest. On motion by Buttel, 2nd by LaTourette to accept the tentative budget with said changes as the Preliminary Budget and to set up a public hearing for November 5, 2015. Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried
3. Presented Local Law 1 – 2015 (to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c) for review by the Board.
4. Received a letter from Boces requesting that the Town Highway Garage be uses as an emergency evacuation building. Ron had no problem with it.
5. Received a call from Delaware Opportunities stating that we had excess CDBG funds from the 2001 program in the amount of \$2216.48 funds and they requested we use them up. Harry Johnson had come to Delaware Opportunities asking for help with putting in a new well, Delaware Opportunities referred him to the Town. On Motion by Buttel, 2nd by Albanese release the CDBG block grant money to Delaware Opportunities in the amount \$2216.48 for the Harry Johnson Well project and that there is no conflict of interest for Mr. Johnson to receive this grant money and that Mr. Johnson is not in a decision making position of giving CDBG Funds. Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Correspondence: -

1. Received a letter from Mr. Mieszko on Cemetery Road requesting that a speed bump be put in. Board stated that this cannot be done by the Town because this is not a Town owned road, and is only maintained up to the corner before Mr. Mieszko home. Mr Mieszko also stated that LaFever never corrected the issue with his lilac bush and the underground dog fence. Layton stated he talked Ken Atkins from LaFevers and he stated that the Lilac bush was not dead and it should come back within the next year. He also stated that the break in the dog fence was prior to LaFever coming in.

Other –

Resolution 11 – 2015 – On Motion by Buttel seconded by LaTourette that the Town of Tompkins Town board hereby approves the contract between the Town of Hancock and the Town of Tompkins for the use of the Hancock Transfer station.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried

Resolution 12-2015 – On motion by Layton seconded by Buttel the Town of Tompkins hereby approves the proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in the general municipal law 3-c and scheduling public hearing for same.

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried.

Resolution 13-2015 – On motion by Layton seconded by Buttel The Town of Tompkins hereby approved Determining that there are no adverse impacts on the environment from adoption of a local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal law 3-c

Vote: All AYES – Motion Carried.

Sewer District

On motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims for October 12 , 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$3083.32

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by LaTourette it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report with changing the \$145.09 that was under contractor to maintenance for the month of September 2015.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for September – Provided

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next Meeting to be held on THURSDAY November 5, 2015 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: October 13, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk