

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
January 11, 2016

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 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 - Arrived at 7:35

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
4. Pamela Scofield - Deputy Clerk
5. Wendy Layton – Town Assessor
6. Lynn VanValkenburg – Town Historian

**Guest Speakers:** Lynn VanValkenburg stated that her father Joe has received a used furnace and was wondering if it could be used in the School House, that way she could store the Town of Tompkins Historical documents. She also questioned if there was any monies and or grants to fix any problems with the building. The Board stated they will look into putting in the furnace and if it was even cost effective to install the furnace with the shape of the windows and if was insulated properly. Lynn stated she would be willing to help with any grant process to avoid the building becoming unrepairable.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 14, 2015

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims**

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for January 11, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$36171.21 Highway Fund: \$28,579.49

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Monthly Financial Reports:**

**Town Clerk:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for December 2015. Albanese would like explanation from Joe Reynolds on where the missing building permit # 5039 is.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report:**

On motion by Backus seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Annual Financial Audit, dated 1/11/2016. With changes to A1255 + \$ 17.50, Justice court fees received in December, A230 interest received from NBT 2015.

Vote: All AYEs - Motion carried.

**Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** –January 2016 Report provided for board to review

**Highway Superintendent**

1. Received from public works the agreement to spend highway funds.
2. Received from Del. Co. soil and water conservation the MOU for the redesign of the box convert on Carroll Hill Rd. in the amount of \$30,000.
3. Ron asked the board to raise the wingmen pay. On motion by Layton to raise their pay to \$11.00 Hr, Seconded by Buttel. Vote: All AYEs- Motion carried.
4. Boom mowing down on Dryden Rd & Chamberlin Brook.
5. Ron had questioned the board if anything has been heard on the purchase of the creamery.
6. Finished cold patching and all the cold patch has been used up.
7. Equipment has been worked on and serviced.
8. The brakes on 930 have been fixed.
9. There was an issue with the boom mowers arm, Found and fixed the issue.
10. Deere loader has been waxed to save the paint.
11. Been out checking for limbs and trees in the road ways.
12. Been out seven times this year plowing/sanding.
13. Boces representatives came out to look at the highway garage in case an evacuation at Boces to accommodate to students.

**Dog Control Officer** – None.

**Supervisor** - None

**Correspondence: - None**

**Other** – Received a letter from Cathy from 4-H Camp Shankitunk questioning if the Town was paying for residents children to attend 2016 camp. The board agreed.

Received official letter from William Campbell, Commissioner of Delaware County Election Board stating that Kelsey polling site has been closed down and Tompkins will now have a single Elections District and one Polling site, at the Town of Tompkins Town Hall.

The voters who have at Kelsey Community house will notified by mail from the county of this change.

Supervisor Layton stated that the Hancock Fire Districts 2016 budget has yet to be turned in to the Town of Tompkins.

Executive session called at 8:15 pm – closed at 8:44pm

**Sewer District**

On motion by Backus, Seconded by Albanese to approve the Abstract of Claims for January 11, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$4106.88, is after removing the payment to Reeds in the amount of \$ 450.00

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

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

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for December – Provided

**Other Sewer District** – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Next Meeting to be held on February 8, 2016 at 7pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: January 11, 2016

Town of Tompkins  
Town Clerk