

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2016

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 Tim LaTourette leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor - Absent
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

Guest Speakers: NONE

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board, Annual audit of books, Annual board of health and the annual reorganizational meeting held January 11th 2016

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 January 11, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$5842.04 Highway Fund: \$16129.78

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 January 2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Michelle Reported as of today 80% of Town and County Taxes have been collected and all payments from the Warrant for the Town of Tompkins have been turned over to the Supervisor.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Backus seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report dated 2/8/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Nancy provided the revised 2015 annual financial report with requested changes from last month's meeting.

Nancy provided to the board the 2015 annual financial report updated document, and stated it has been filled with NYS office of the state controller.

Nancy explained that the state insists that the sewer district financial reports to be included in the AUD. Nancy feels it should not be included on the report because the sewer district is a separate entity. The sewer district is not financially support by the Town of Tompkins. Nancy called the state comptroller's office and explained to them of this and was advised to put this explanation in the note section of the AUD report in which Nancy did.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – February 2016 Report provided for board to review

Highway Superintendent

1. 2016 Stone and pipe bids need to be advertised.
2. Boom mowing has been done on some roads.
3. The new truck is still at Wayne's Welding waiting for the equipment to come in.
4. Boom mower is waiting for parts to come in so it can be repaired. There is also going to be a pre cooler put on it so that it runs cooler.
5. 2013 International is at Ben Funk for repairs.
6. Ron has estimates for laying stone and oil on 6.1 miles of various roads, apx. 2.1 miles of Dry Brook, 2 miles Mormon Hollow, 1 mile Little Dryden, 6/10 of a mile lower end of Dryden. 3/10 mile Aloyo Rd. A road chipper will need to be rented. Ron figures apx. cost will be about \$191,000; CHIPS monies will cover the majority of this.
7. The last time stone and oil was done on Tower Mountain was in 2007. Some work needs to be done on the road and they would like to get it started with this, this year.
8. 2/10 of a mile on Dryden in front of Art Reynolds residence will need oil and stone.
9. Been out minimal times with snow and ice.

Dog Control Officer – None.

Supervisor –

1. Joe explained to Bill that building permit number #5039 was not on last month's report because it was not paid for yet.
2. Bill contacted Haun Welding in regards to the \$2.00 invoice fees; they will no longer be charging us this fee.
3. The contract with the realtor for the creamery will be up September 30th 2016, the sales price is currently \$160,000.00.
4. The state has approved the override of the 2% tax cap.
5. Received a donation of \$600 from the Buddhist Center on Bullock Hill in lieu of taxes.
6. Received a \$450 Rebate check from NYMER.

Correspondence: - Received a letter from Delaware County Treasures office requesting the town to fill out a list of lodging establishments in our township for the tax on occupancy tax law.

The board agreed. The Town of Tompkins has no hotel, motels, or bed and Breakfasts in the Town of Tompkins.

Other –

Howie received a call from Hanks Clothing questioning on what the highway crew could purchase. Board stated contract states boots and work clothing. Howie will call back Hanks and let them know.

Nancy wanted to discuss with the board what exactly an employee of the Town is. She States that part timers are always put in as employees and it costs the Town more and she thinks part timers should be considered sub contractors and receives a 1099 at the end of the year. Brian explained there are some extensive rules explaining the difference between an employee and a sub contractor, most part time employees of the Town are employees and not sub contractors. This will need to be looking into further.

Brian went to the school house to follow up on the furnace and asked if the board knew if the furnace that was already there worked. He also noticed that the well pump is disconnected and that the hot water heater is broke. He thought that to get everything up and running it could cost approximately \$5000 and questioned if it is something we could use the good neighbor fund for. Brian is going to get more information on repairs and discuss it at next month's meeting.

Sewer District

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Backus to approve the Abstract of Claims dated February 8, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$3348.62.

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Backus, Seconded by LaTourette it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of January 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for January – Provided

Other Sewer District –

Ron will fill the generators with diesel and a bill will be sent to the sewer district for the amount of fuel put in tanks. They should take no more than 20gal each.

Nancy stated that sewer district business should not be included with Town monthly board meetings. The sewer district is a separate entity from the Town and should have its own monthly meetings. The regular monthly town board meetings should be adjourned and the sewer district should be opened.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM

Next Meeting to be held on March 14, 2016 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: February 8, 2016

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk