

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 14, 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 William Layton 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 Morgan – TCHP
5. Joe Tomark TCHP
6. Wendy Layton – Assessor
7. Shane Strong – Cobleskill Stone

**Guest Speakers:** NONE

**Stone and Pipe Bids:**

Stone bids received from: Cobleskill Stone, Tri City Hwy Products and Carver Sand and Gravel.

Pipe Bids received from – Chemung Supply

On motion by Layton, Seconded by LaTourette to hold all stone bids until references can be checked and then a notification of the winning bidder will be made.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to accept Chemung supply's bid for pipe.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 8, 2016

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims**

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for March 14, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$6448.64 Highway Fund: \$16586.50

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 February 2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Michelle Reported as of today 88% of Town and County Taxes have been collected.

## **Supervisor's Report:**

On motion by Backus seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report as of February 29, 2016 dated 3/14/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

## **Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** –

Wendy stated that the deadline for the Star Exemption has passed. She is starting to prepare for field work for Assessments.

## **Highway Superintendent**

1. Ron received a letter from Homeland security stating that FEMA account DR 4180 for October 2015 has been closed.
2. The equipment for the new truck has arrived at Wayne's Welding They will possibly starting working on truck this week and hopes it will be ready the end of April to early May.
3. Ron spoke with the Superintendent for the Town of Sidney and they still want our old truck and will be purchasing it for \$70,000.
4. Ron Found two ATHEY machine in Pennsylvania and went and looked at them and provided pictures for the board. The 1982 is \$12000 and the 1993 is \$25000. He found that renting one would cost \$400/day, 1600/week and 4800/month.
5. Due to the mild winter they guys have only been out for a quarter of the amount of time as last year. Due to this we will not receive much in reimbursement from the County and City.
6. Been cutting brush, Chamberlin Brook is done and they are catching up on other roads that will be stoned and Oiled this year.
7. We had a couple Rain and Wind events we had no significant damage
8. When the Fire Dept had the two large structure fires, Ron allowed them to fill their trucks with fuel. They will be billed.
9. Insurance company is asking for pre trip inspection sheets to be filled out. Ron is working on it.
10. Kyle has been working on servicing Fire District Fire Trucks on his down time with Town. Anything he purchases for servicing gets billed to District.
11. Normal repairs have been done on trucks. John's truck needed to actuator kits.
12. The broom mower has been serviced and roads will be broomed will start shortly.
13. Kyle's (2013) truck had a transmission issue and was covered under warranty.
14. Ron would like to purchase a side mount mower for shoulder mower, while he was in Pennsylvania he found a 2005 John Deer for \$60,000.
15. Still waiting on the O ring kits to repair the Boom Mower.
16. Ron would like to purchase a new lap top.
17. The gravel that is left in Afton will be trucked over and Ron is going to put the bids out to have more crushed.

## **Dog Control Officer** –

Julia Lockwood was here and advised the Board she will be attending the training in Guilderland May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She will be billing the Town a portion of the mileage, the mileage will be split between all the Towns she works for.

Julia also stated she is hoping that a training seminar will be held in our area.

Julia stated she will be getting a JPX pepper gun in the future.

**Supervisor –**

1. NYMER would like us to have a policy for No weapons in the workplace and Vehicle Inspection reports
2. The furnace Joe got for the school house would not work. Bill got further estimates for a furnace and installation from Hartz. Someone will call Terry Parsons and see if he could provide an estimate. They found the water pump is disconnected and no one knew why. Joe sold furnace for \$150 and is donation the money to our historian.
3. Bill found that the Michelle as sewer district admin and Vicky as cleaner are Employees of the Town and should be on the payroll. It has been changed. The Michelle will bill the Town for her payroll in turn the Town will be the sewer district for reimbursement.
4. Kevin Young advised Nancy that the Sewer District is technically owned by the Town so the Board is also the SD Board.
5. New flood maps have come in Kristin Schneider from Co Planning advised us we need to update the Flood map law and set up a public hearing. On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Buttlet to set up public hearing for new law for April’s meeting. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried
6. Received a donation from Kingwoods in lieu of Taxes for \$1000 and in lieu of Sewer for \$100

**Correspondence:** - None

**Other –**

Bids for lawn mowing of Town property and Sewer beds and trimming need to go out. On motion by Layton Seconded by Buttlet to put out bids. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Sewer District**

On motion by Backus, Seconded by LaTourette to approve the Abstract of Claims dated March 14, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2267.12.

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 February 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

On Motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttlet to approved changes to January’s abstract showing the removal of Sewer District Administrator pay, this was paid by the Town with changes in employee status. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for February – Provided

Received from Mike Jonker of LVDV the Yearly inspection sheets that will be completed by the workers.

**Other Sewer District –**

Ron filled the generators with fuel and billed the Sewer district

Next Meeting to be held on April 11, 2016 at 7pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: March 14, 2016

Town of Tompkins  
Town Clerk