

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 13, 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 Michelle Phoenix 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 – Book keeper

Guest Speakers:

None

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for May 9, 2016

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 June 13, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$6705.99 Highway Fund: \$273,158.04

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for May 2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by LaTourette seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report as of May 31, 2016 dated 6/13/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – January, February, March and April 2016 provided for board to review

Assessor – Provided – June 2016 Report provided for board to review

Highway Superintendent

1. Crew has used Walton Bucket truck to cut tree limbs along side roads.
2. Crew has been cold patching
3. Dust control is on all dirt roads
4. Crew has been cutting brush and running boom mower.
5. 2' top is on 9/10 of mile of Little Dryden.
6. Helped haul grindings on Co Rt 67.
7. Helped Walton for 3 days
8. Al Negrin started mowing sides of Roads
9. Due to loss of an employee Ron has reviewed Highway crew applications and he has decided to hire Josh LaTourette.
10. Ron brought up to the board on purchasing a new Tractor with mower to replace the 1971 & 1972. On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Buttel to allow Ron to put out bids for new Tractor with mower.
Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor –

1. The Town has received the paperwork to take over possession of the Rock Rift Fire Tower. Randy from DEC has the steps and they will be brought here and stored in the creamery until the Town can start with the restoration.
2. Layton spoke with Hank Dester after speaking with DEP on hunting the land owned by DEP surrounding Dester's property. DEP stated all the property will be open for hunting. Nothing has been heard back from Mr. Dester.
3. Layton spoke with Joe Reynolds about building permit and fees and Joe stated that after 3 yrs of getting a renewal they have to apply for a new building permit. The Board questioned what course of action could be taken on dilapidated homes that continue to get permits or renewals with no repairs being done. Bill will question Joe and see what the process is and have him start taking action.
4. It was found that per resolution 11-2015 that the Town of Tompkins was only supposed to be billed \$2200 from the Town of Hancock for the use of the Transfer station (A copy of resolution was sent to Town of Hancock on 10/28/2015). We received an invoice for \$2216 and paid that amount. The Board agreed that a copy of the resolution be send to the Town of Hancock along with a note requesting the \$16 be refunded or applied to the 2017 bill.
5. A generator bid for the Town of Tompkins Town building will go out in the papers and be opened at next month's meeting.
6. Layton explained that the 2017 Youth summer help requirements have changed and it is no longer in the hands of Social services and is now through CDO workforce. All applications need to be turned in to CDO. It is now and income based employment and the hiring process goes by the income of the parents. Layton stated that the Town can still hire another youth without going through CDO and they would be paid through the town but they must be between the ages of 18-21.
7. The 4-H club came and weeded, laid black plastic and mulch on the rain garden beside the salt shed. In the process it appears that some of the flowers were also removed and will need to be replaced. On motion by Backus seconded by Layton to replace all missing flowers from rain garden. Vote: Ayes – Layton, Buttel, LaTourette, and Backus – Nay Albanese - Motion Carried. Bill also asked Phil Hanley to lay more mulch down and he would be paid as if he had done another mowing.
8. A letter has been presented to send to John Shelton for termination of employment. Board reviewed and signed letter.
9. Layton provided the resolution for Authorizing entry into host community benefits agreements as payment in lieu of takes for commercial solar installations in the Town of Tompkins Real property tax services. After much discussion the Board would like to see if Wendy can come and explain more on the assessments and taxing effects this will have on Tompkins.

Sewer District

On motion by Buttel, Seconded by Backus to approve the Abstract of Claims dated June 13, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$4224.43.

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 May 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for May – Provided

Other Sewer District – Reeds generator service came on 6/9/2016 and serviced all SD generators.

Other –

4-H Camp approval – Camden Endress \$175.00 – Approved

A resolution for Perry Shelton was received and read to the Board.

A community committee was formed for the school house. Their first fund raising event of an ice cream & Pie social and will be July 8, 2016 6-8PM

Lynne contacted Michelle and stated the historical paperwork came back and needs more information. Lynne and Michelle are digging through old records to see what they can come up with.

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:27

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

Michelle Phoenix

Date: June 13, 2016

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk