

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 10, 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 Chris Yacobucci 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 - Absent

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Book keeper
3. Wendy Layton – Town Assessor
4. Chris Yacobucci – Project manager – Lamont Engineers
5. Mike Jonker – General Manager – LVDV Operations
6. Carl Stuendel – Resident
7. Tammy Wagner – Resident
8. Mike Preston – Resident
9. Kathy Preston – Resident
10. Lynne VanValkenburg – Resident

Guest Speakers: Chris Yacobucci & Mike Jonker came to advise the board on issues with sewer district. Chris and Mike explained that there were settlement issues with property owners and that it has been reviewed and that the settlement issues will be fixed in the spring by Reynolds Construction. Chris and Mike reviewed the with the board issues with the current pump outs and how we will have to send specific letters to those home owners that are abusing the system they also stated that we should contact Kevin Young's and ask him if our sewer use law will allow us to charge home owners for abuse of the system if it ever comes to issues with pump outs of those systems. Chris and Mike discussed the sewer district budget process and how things are done with that and discussed how future budgets can be done in a timely manner. A discussion took place on who was responsible for the meter that will need to be placed in the store. Prior owners refused to let a meter be placed because at that time it was not a working business. Chris stated that it is the property owner's responsibility and it would be beneficial to have them install the meter. Bill explained he will contact CWC about funding of the meter and we will contact Kevin Young to see if it can be funded through the budget.

Lynn VanValkenburg reported to the board how prior fund raisers have gone. Lynne Questioned the board if they would re bid the furnace, the board will put another bid out in the paper. She also stated they would not be using the school house during the winter season so it will need to be winterized and pipes drained. Bill Layton and Mike Preston will winterize the school house. Lynne stated that she heard that the school house was declared a "Historical building" but she has not had any official notice.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for October 11, 2016

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Backus, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for November 10, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$8986.69 Highway Fund: \$34836.90.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Layton, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for October 2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Buttel seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report as of October 31, 2016 dated 11/10/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – None

Highway Superintendent

1. Have been working on Chase brook, Rock rift and started Readburn after that road is complete will start working on Chamberlin Brook.
2. Finished Boom mowing of Roods Creek.
3. Began getting trucks ready for winter
4. Some trucks have been sent to Bennett's in PA For alignment
5. Sam's truck needed wheel bearings changed
6. Kyle's Trucks has been serviced and had a tool box put on
7. The Massey Furgerson tractor has been put in creamery for storage
8. The new mower is stored in pole barn
9. The 2013 International is had received warranty work at Ben Funk
10. The 95 Chevy has had breaks and new tires put on.
11. The 2010 pickup has had new tires put on.
12. There has been some bank erosion on Dufton Hollow it was fixed and bank stabilized.
13. Barbour Brook was washed out above Bonker residence and that too had the bank stabilized
14. Pipes were changed on South Dry Brook and Franskevicz Road
15. Sam VanValkenberg has worked 20 years and qualifies for longevity pay.
16. The form for Hanks warehouse needs to be changed for boot purchased and have Johns name taken off and Josh's put on.
17. Ron questioned Brian if he had called around and got quotes for hauling, Ron stated he asked Reynolds construction and they said it would be \$90 an hour.
18. Ron stated that in 1997 there were 7 highway employees and now they only have 5.
19. Ron looked into Sanders for 1 Ton with the cost of \$3854 and found that Air Flow makes them and would like to have an extra just to have on hand.
20. The NYS DOT has submitted to the Town proposed listing of roads from an Arial measurement that preformed. Ron stated that according to the sheet some of the Town roads were shorter and or indicated to be a private road of about 1.56 miles and could cause us to receive less CHIPS money in the future.

We need to decide if we agree with changes or not. If we do not agree we need to do a Resolution. On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Layton to provide a resolution stating that the Town indicates that the roads mentioned are actually unrestricted and we accept full legal, liability, and maintenance responsibility so that NYS DOT can restore the roads to the local highway inventory. Vote: All Aye's, Motion Carried.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor –

1. The good neighbor money has been transferred for the savings for use of repairs for the school house.
2. Bill stated he left a message with Mr. Dester on what he was advised by the County Attorney that putting up a sign that stated “ No Parking violators will be towed” would make the Town liable for towing charges. If Mr. Dester wants to put up his own signs he would be the responsible party to enforce and pay for any of the towing.
3. Bill spoke with CWC about the creamery and stated it has been on the market for one year and that the realtor stated they did not received any calls of interest. Bill stated he cancelled contract with realtor. Bill was advised by Mike from CWC to write CWC with an offer for purchase of creamery and to advice of all issues with the creamery. On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Layton to send a letter offering \$5000.00 and to include all the issues with the building. Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried.

Sewer District:

On motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims dated November 10, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2905.81.

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 November 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for October 2016 – Provided

Other Sewer District –. NONE

Other –

On motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel to approved The Towns preliminary budget with changes and the Sewer district budget and to make them the Final 2017 budgets.

Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried

Albanese would like it noted that a summary to last year's meeting with Supervisor Sam Rowe of the Town of Hancock that our concerns with the Transfer station rates and abuse are confirmed by the recent NYS audit that was done on the Hancock Transfer station. We should revisit our agreement with Hancock in regards to the transfer station once Hancock's proposes a solution to the Comptroller's office.

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next Meeting to be held on December 12, 2016 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: November 10, 2016

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk