

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 12, 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 Howard Buttell leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttell – 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. Hank Dester – Town Resident

Guest Speakers:

Hank Dester wanted to advise the board of numerous amounts of trespassing on his property and his thought was it is happening due to the fire tower; Mr. Dester advised the board he had been told of many people climbing the fire tower and wanted to know that it was a liability to the Town. He asked if the Board would put up “no parking/tow away zone” signs on the end of Tower Mountain boarding his property and asked if it could be advertised on WDLA to help stop people trespassing on his property. The board advised Mr. Dester that they do not own the fire Tower at this point and it would not be any liability of theirs. The board did agree the contact the County attorney and see what could be done with putting up signs. Mr. Dester also questioned the board about the City property boarding his being opened for hunting; the board again told Mr. Dester they have no control as to what NYC property is opened for hunting.

Opening bids for Furnace/tank:

Received one bid – The bid was in the Town clerk outside drop box folded in half and was not in a sealed envelope. A motion was made by Albanese to reject bid and to have it shredded without reviewing it, 2nd by Layton. At that time Albanese, Backus and Nancy Roberts shredded bid.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttell, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 8, 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 September 12, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$14663.46 Highway Fund: \$17968.24.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Albanese seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report as of August 31, 2016 dated 9/12/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Nothing to report.

Highway Superintendent

1. The stone and oiling on Little Dryden, Windfall run, Aloyo, Mormon Hollow, where Finch/Dryden intersection meet is complete.
2. Some shoulder work has been done on Gray road and part of Dryden.
3. Hauled some of the Grindings from NYS DOT to portion of Roods Creek and also put some of our gravel on top.
4. Patched portions of Tower Mountain Rd. This road needs a lot more work so Ron has asked for quotes for repair from Suit Kote and Cobleskill stone. This is going to be a heavy estimate due to the amount of work that is going to need to be done.
5. The 2006 International is at Milton cat due to some cylinders are not firing, they think it is the ECM Board, which has been ordered and will be replaced.
6. The 2016 is still at Ben Funk and has been for over a month. They have to get approval from International to proceed repairs because it is under warrantee. At one time they thought they had its problems figured out but it wasn't that so they again had to contact International for approval. Ron stated he has contacted the main headquarters of Ben Funk and was hoping to push to get the truck fixed.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor –

1. Received approval from NYC to use good neighbor funds on winterizing the school house.
2. Lynne has turned in paperwork to the O'Conner foundation for the grant and we received a letter stating they received the request for grant.
3. Lynne also turned in paperwork for request to make the School house a historical site and we also received the confirmation letter for that.

Sewer District

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims dated September 13, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2407.77. It was requested to hold the Check for LVDV until we receive the meter readings so we can proceed with the Budget.

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Layton it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of September 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for August 2016 – Provided

Other Sewer District –

Other – Albanese questioned about more run down homes and what can be done about getting them cleaned up and or the lawns mowed of those that were taken over by banks. This issue will be looked into further.

There will be a special budget meeting held October 5, 2016 at 7PM

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

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

Michelle Phoenix

Date: September 12, 2016

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk