

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 2017

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 Brian Albanese 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. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Book keeper
4. Wendy Layton – Assessor
5. Anthony Smith Jr - Town Resident
6. Craig Dumond – Delaware County Undersheriff

**Guest Speaker:**

Craig Dumond – Delaware County Undersheriff approached the board to address the County’s drug issue and the increase in crime associated with it. Mr. Dumond explained about the County’s Drug task force that started in 2012 and explained that education is the key to combat this problem. Mr. Dumond stated “If you see something, say something” and no one knows our community better than us. Mr. Dumond provided the board with post cards which gave all the different options of how to report if you “see something”.

Mr. Dumond also touched on Anti Terrorism efforts, and explained if you see someone acting strangely to reach out.

Anthony Smith Jr. approached the board with concerns on the condition of Roods Creek Rd. Mr. Smith and fellow residents of that area feel the road is not being properly winged off while plowing and causing ice to build up alongside the road. Mr. Smith also explained they also feel the ditches are too deep and when there is a vehicle accident the vehicles are being totaled because of the depth. The Board and Ron VanValkenburg took the concerns into consideration. Ron explained that Roods Creek road is being maintained the same as every road in the township and the truck spreads grit from behind the driver’s seat which does not allow the entire road surface to be covered. Ron has researched grit spread patterns with other trucks and this type of spreader has minimal adjustments to give a full coverage pattern.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by LaTourette , seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the Annual Reorganizational, Board of Health, Annual audit of books and regular meeting’s for January 9, 2017

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 February 13, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$7983.49 Highway Fund: \$27292.70

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

## **Monthly Financial Reports:**

### **Town Clerk:**

On motion by Backus, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for January 2017.

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 yearly financial report as the monthly report for January 31, 2017 dated 2/13/2017.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

## **Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** – None

## **Highway Superintendent**

1. Bids for stone/pipe and gravel crushing need to go out.
2. Have plowed 31 times this snow season which is double of last year's total thus causing the use of a lot of grit.
3. The John Deere tractor is ready for delivery. On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Albanese to pay for tractor upon delivery and inspection. Vote: All Ayes, Motion carried.
4. The guys have been working on trucks
5. The guys have been cutting brush
6. Hauled in some grit
7. Next month Ron has a reprehensive from 5 Star Nissan to discuss options of getting a loader.
8. The sander on the 2005 1 ton is not working and they think it is a gear box, Ron has a new gear box but they are waiting on a day of no snow to replace it.
9. Ron has received the Agreement from the county on expenditures of highway money. Ron is going to wait to get some estimates before sending it in.

**Dog Control Officer** – Julia has been making phone calls reminding residents of expired Dog licenses. Thus far there are only 18 dogs that have still not been renewed for 2016

## **Supervisor –**

1. Received a reimbursement check from Mang Insurance for \$249.00 for overpayment in insurance.
2. Brian has purchased the fire alarm system and will turn in a voucher for payment, but he would like to wait for them to come in and to be sure they are going to work before paying him back.

## **Sewer District:**

On motion by Backus, Seconded by LaTourette approve the Abstract of Claims dated February 13, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2550.40.

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by LaTourette it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of January 2017, Dated 2/13/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for February 2017 – Provided

## **Other Sewer District –**

The Board would like to have Mike Jonker and Chris Yacobucci will be attending April's board meeting.

**Other –**

Received an approval letter from NYS Park, Recreation and Historical Preservation stating that the District 6 School House on Bridge Street was approved as a NYS Historical Site and has also been sent off for approval as a National Historic site.

**Correspondence: - None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:43

Next Meeting to be held on March 13, 2017 at 7pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: February 13, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk