

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 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 Peggy Backus 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. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Book keeper
4. Wendy Layton – Assessor
5. Kathy Preston - Town Resident – Community committee
6. Michael Preston – Town Resident – Community committee
7. Lynne VanValkenburg – Town Resident – Community committee
8. Tammy Wagner – Town Resident – Community committee
9. Shane Strong – Cobleskill Stone

Guest Speaker:

Lynne VanValkenburg – questioned the board on where we were at with the new furnace for the school house. Bill said contract has been signed and a portion of the money owed had been sent to harts, and has not heard any further from them on when they will be doing the install. Tammy Wagner stated she talked to them and they should be here this week.

Lynne informed the board that they were planning many events this spring summer; one included a Memorial Day event.

Lynne also stated they had brought up putting up flower barrels and there is much interest with Town Residents. Lynne also stated they are still trying to figure out what repairs can be done on school house now that it is a NYS Historical. This is still stuff we have to figure out.

Discussion took place about moving the monument. Bill stated he had contacted the company in Bainbridge to see if the monument could be moved. He stated that it will cost about \$400 to move the monument to the Town Hall yard and maybe another \$400 for the stone for them to be placed on.

Opening of Stone and pipe bids:

Received stone bids from Carver and Cobleskill stone.

On motion by Buttel, Seconded by Backus, to accept both stone bids from Carver and Cobleskill stone.

Vote: - All Aye's – Motion Carried

Received bids from Northern Crushing and ER Pope for stone crushing

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Layton, to accept Northern Crushing bid

Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried

Received bids from TCBR, Steel Sales and Chemung Supply for pipes

On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel, to accept all bids received for pipe.

Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting's for February 13, 2017

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 March 13, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$4428.25 Highway Fund: \$71007.74

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

At this time 87% of the taxes have been collected

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Buttel seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's yearly financial report as the monthly report for February 28, 2017 dated 3/13/2017.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Wendy spoke with Bill that some residents may be upset for not getting the star next year. Wendy explained she tried to get them to turn in paperwork on time and the correct paperwork before the cut off date, but she didn't hear back from some of them so there was nothing she could do.

Highway Superintendent

1. Friday the NYS Dept of Labor inspectors showed up. They noted some violations and stated the list of violations will be sent within the next couple of weeks.
2. This far we have been out 69 times plowing and sanding
3. February 25th we had a rain event, we had no serious damage just some plugged pipes. While out checking roads and pipes Ron noticed that the 3ft pipe on Bridge Street is rotting out. We also had some high winds and some tree limbs came down.
4. The grader is at Milton cat getting brakes and fuel lines repaired, it may needs some additional work.
5. Ron questioned the salesman about the value of the Ford and Massey tractors, they estimate the ford is worth \$3,500 - \$4,000 and the Massey with mower is worth \$5500 - \$600. They will be put out for auction.
6. The Delaware Co DPW is going to rent an Athey machine for shoulder work, while they have it we can use it but will need to pay them for its use. Ron would like to use it on Tower Mt and other roads he wants to top.
7. On February 28th 3 of the guys were doing some ditch work, there was some miscommunication and a pickup truck came through the work zone and at that time the truck was ran into with the backhoe causing damage to the truck. Ron stated he covered all bases and it has been turned into insurance, Last report Ron received is it will be covered by our insurance.
8. Today while preparing for the snow storm the front drive shaft on the John Deere loader broke.
9. We are down one truck due to a sensor issue.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor –

1. Peter Innis from Environmental Conservation called and stated that the office of general services has cleared the Rock Rift Fire Tower to move on to initial steps. He stated he is not exactly sure what that means but it's a major hurdle that has been overcome.
2. Bill found that DCEC received a grant to get faster internet.
3. We received the new service contract to have the Town Hall Generator serviced, it will be \$225 a year
4. Bill asked if anyone has looked into the Fed Surplus and Municipal grants.
5. Bill stated he questioned Wayne Reynolds about the Pelican machine and he found no one he has ever spoken to about it has seen an advantage of its use. Wayne also stated that CWC gives out grants for them if we want to look into it further.

Sewer District:

On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Backus to approve the Abstract of Claims dated March 13, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2269.10.

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Backus, Seconded by LaTourette it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of February 2017, Dated 3/13/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for March 2017 – Provided

Other Sewer District –

Other –

Lawn mowing bids for Town yard and SD beds needs to go out.

June 14, 2017 will be the rabies clinic at the Highway Garage 5 – 7 PM.

On Motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel to approve Carmella Cioffi , Emilie Bregenborg, Delana Wood Richelle Wood, Lyla Trimbell, Rachel Trimbell, Addison Trimbell for the 2017 4H Camp

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:22

Next meeting to be held on April 10, 2017 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: March 13, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk