

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 8, 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 Howard Buttell leading in the Flag salute.

**Present:**

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttell – Councilperson
3. Peggy Backus – Councilperson
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson – Absent
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson - Absent

**Others:**

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Julia Lockwood - DCO
4. Pippa Watson – Resident
5. Yasmin Abdulatheem - Resident

**Guest Speaker:**

Pippa Watson and Yasmin Abdulatheem were just here to observe the meeting.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Buttell, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for April 10, 2017

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims**

On motion by Buttell, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for April 10, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$5728.05 Highway Fund: \$16900.67

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Monthly Financial Reports:**

**Town Clerk:**

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

Tax season is over with a total of 94% of the taxes collected. 6% has been returned to County for non-payment.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report:**

On motion by Buttell seconded by Backus, it was moved to table the monthly supervisors report until the next regular Town Board meeting.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** – None

## **Highway Superintendent**

1. Ron estimated that after receiving the chips money the Town will have to come up with approximately an additional \$6,000 to cover this year's stone and oiling of roads.
2. Started fixing pot holes and had dust oil put down on some roads.
3. The grader repair was extensive and it was hard to get parts for it due to its age. The brakes are still not 100%. At this point we may need to replace the grader.
4. The guys spent 3 – 4 days cleaning up downed trees and limbs from the wind event we had.
5. Ron stated the water at the shop is always leaving spots on the equipment that they can't get off, Ron suggested that he would like to get some sort of water purifier or softener for the Highway garage.
6. Still out sweeping roads.
7. Started going out and mowing with the boom mower.

**Dog Control Officer** – Julia gave a brief report on calls she has responded to in the Town.

Julia also explained that due to her current medical issues she won't be able to be the DCO much longer but stated she will stay on until we find a new DCO and will even train someone if needed.

The DCO employment application to be advertised in the Reporter.

## **Supervisor –**

1. The sale of the Ford tractor is on Tietsworth Auction site and will end on May 9, 2017
2. As soon as Howie gets the stone the monument will be moved.
3. It was found that if we apply for grants for the school house you can only do certain things to the structure and the grants are matching.
4. Delaware County is once again doing the Summer Youth Program. As of right now the Town is guaranteed 2 youths, one for DPW and one for other Community/Office work. Bill asked for 3 and hoping we get approved for the additional youth. They will work 200 hours (5 weeks). The positions will be advertised in the paper and the board will interview applicants.
5. Bill received an invoice from Suburban and it was much higher then we have paid for any other building, Bill called them and they adjusted the invoice
6. A new 911 communication will be going up on Tower mountain, close to the fire tower.
7. We have received the last of the snow removal checks from the County and city.

## **Sewer District:**

On motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttell to approve the Abstract of Claims dated May 8, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$3312.48

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Backus, Seconded by Buttell it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of April Dated 5/8/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for May 2017 – None

**Other Sewer District** – Restoration work has started.

**Other** – Helen Zandt requested use of the Town building for the Cannonsville Reunion to be held on 7/30/2017. Board approved.

**Correspondence:** - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:23

Next meeting to be held on June 12, 2017 at 7pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: April, 10, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk