

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 10, 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
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 – Bookkeeper
4. Mike Jonker – LVDV Operations
5. Brett French – LVDV Operations
6. Rick Roberts – Finger Lakes trail system

Guest Speaker:

Rick Roberts from Finger Lakes Trail System came to discuss the release from the state of the Fire Tower and the next steps the Town could take. Rick explained that the Tower would now need an inspection to see what repairs need to be done. Rick explained that it is advisable to have a fence put around the Tower. There is a non-profit organization that will help with writing and securing grants for repairs of the fire tower. Rick also stated there is a crew called the Alley Cat Crew that pick 5 projects (fire tower) a year and help with repairs, they bring their own Engineer and foreman's that will assess the towers and explain all that is needed to be done. Also, the Finger lakes trail system have funds set aside for these types of things.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 12, 2017

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for July 10, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$5143.60 Highway Fund: \$23,274.17

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

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 Supervisors report as of June 30, 2017, dated July 10, 2017, Also to close account DA231 of .08.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – None

Highway Superintendent

1. The 1995 Chevrolet was inspected last month at Hanley's and for it to pass inspection it will need to be plate welded to pass inspection. Ron questioned the board if it was worth it.
2. Ron would like to have a law proposed on parking in roadways. It has become an issue with some roads and is becoming practically impassable in some locations at times. Ron will look into getting laws from other towns and see what he can come up with.
3. The grader has a broken axel, parts have been ordered.
4. We have been helping other towns with hauling (Hamden, Walton)
5. Gravel has been hauled, mowing and trimming continues to be done.
6. The roads that will be paved are ready and we are just waiting on good weather.
7. Ron again discussed with the board the purchase of the Athey Machine. After much discussion and on Motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Albanese to purchase the machine for \$22,000 and to see if the shared services with the state will help with the transportation. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Dog Control Officer – None.

The renewal contract with the humane society in Delhi has been received.

On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Backus to approve contract and send it back. Motion – All Aye's – Motion Carried

Supervisor –

1. Layton stated that Vicky has not been here to clean in some time, he will once again contact her to see if she is still interested in cleaning for the Town.
2. Delhi Phone company has contacted us to see if the Town would be interested in allowing them to place a 12 x 12 building on Town Property. They are in the process of running lines toward our area to provide Phone, Internet and television to provide these services. They will be coming to a board meeting soon to discuss this further.
3. Albanese has mailed in a second grant request for a Loader.
4. Received a call from the County stating we can hire one more summer help.
5. NYS Retirement system is requesting the Town pass a resolution for Standard work day and reporting for elected and appointed officials. On motion by Layton, Seconded by LaTourette; Be it resolved that the Town of Tompkins hereby establishes the standard work day for the titles and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their records of activity. Vote: All Ayes, Motion Carried (See RS2417-A resolution in resolution book)

Sewer District:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims dated July 10, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2347.75

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Backus, seconded by Albanese it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of May Dated 7/10/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for July 2017 provided for review
Mike Jonker and Brett French attended to meeting to discuss reports and to answer any questions the board may have. Mike and Brett also explained that there will be a new monthly check sheet and how those reports will be done.

Other Sewer District – none

Other –

Michelle provided the board with the 2017 totals for 4-H camp.

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:28

Next meeting to be held on August 7, 2017 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: July 10, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk