

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Ron VanValkenburg leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

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

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper
4. Jason Woodyshek – Delhi Telephone Company
5. Jason Miller – Delhi Telephone Company
6. Ken Prestige – Delhi Telephone Company

Guest Speaker:

Jason Miller, Jason Woodyshek and Ken Prestige presented to the board the new Cable Television Franchise that would be coming through portions of the Town of Tompkins that would provide Cable and Phone to some residents. Mr. Miller explained an overview of what the project is and provided a Franchise Agreement for the board to review. They are also looking for a good location on a Town of Tompkins property to set up a small building (substation). DTC will keep the board up to date as the project progresses.

Lynne VanValkenburg, Mike and Kathy Preston from the Community committee questioned the board on the steps that need to be taken to put in windows and insulation, they also asked if it was possible to turn the two bathrooms into one and to make it handicap accessible, the board will contact NYC requesting the use of additional funds from the Good neighbor fund to fix the bathroom. The committee will also get together and come up with all that is needed for the windows and insulation so that the bids for that project can be advertised in the paper.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 10, 2017

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for August 10, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$4,069.51 Highway Fund: \$142,556.10

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Buttel seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve and place on file the Supervisors report as of July 31, 2017, dated August 7, 2017.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – January, February, March, April and May 2017 reports provided for the board to review

Assessor – August report provided for the board to review.

Highway Superintendent

1. Ron stated the windows in the breakroom and the office are leaking again, and after sealing them many times he feels they may just need to be replaced. Albanese stated he will personally come down and try to fix them by sealing a different way too see if that works.
2. Gravel bank permit runs out the end of January 2018.
3. Carver delivered more stone Ron was afraid they would run out while surfacing roads
4. Some roads have been resurfaced
5. Summer help is done.
6. Ron requested sealing 5 more miles of roads
7. The guys have started hauling gravel from Afton
8. Some ditch work has been done on Gray Rd.
9. Still mowing
10. During the NYS Labor department inspection Ron was told the Town needed a Lock out Tag out Policy. He received a sample policy and Michelle had wrote up one for the Town which was presented to the board. On motion by Buttel, Seconded by LaTourette it was moved to accept presented Town of Tompkins Lock out Tag out policy. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Dog Control Officer – None.

Supervisor –

1. Layton presented the draft Town of Tompkins Parking Law to the Board. On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by LaTourette to set up a public hearing for Septembers Meeting for the Town of Tompkins Parking Law. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried
2. Layton has noticed that some of the Town Cemeteries are in need of stone repairs, he asked the County guy on what an approximate cost would be to have them repair the stones and was told about \$1,600. Layton stated that the cost was rather high and wondered if there would possible be a boy scout that would do something like this to get their badges. Board will ask around.
3. Seeing how we are proceeding with the fire tower and looking into getting grants through Fire Tower Lookout organization for repairs we should join their membership at a cost of \$20 a year. On motion by Layton, seconded by LaTourette it was passed to join the Fire Tower Lookout membership. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Sewer District:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Layton to approve the Abstract of Claims dated August 7, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$784.50

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of July Dated 8/7/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for August 2017 was provided for the board to review.

Other Sewer District – none

Other –

Albanese stated that more paperwork needed to be filled out for the grant by a Lawyer. Layton will take the forms to the Town Attorney and have them completed.

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:13

Next meeting to be held on September 11, 2017 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: August 7, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk