

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
December 11, 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 Michelle Phoenix 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

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for November 9, 2017

Vote: 4 Ayes – Backus, Abstain

Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims**

On motion by Layton, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for November 9, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$51539.30 Highway Fund: \$72468.04

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 November 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 monthly financial report dated 11/30/17 dated December 11, 2017.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – Layton spoke with Paul Bartholomew on the open position for the planning board and Paul stated that Nancy LaTourette will fill the position and they would have to find an alternate. Nancy LaTourette will be appointed during the January 2018 meeting.

**Assessor** – None

## **Highway Superintendent**

1. Ron stated that the windows in the office and break room no longer leak after the repair by Forno.
2. Ron stated the equipment schedule and stated the way it is scheduled now that some of the trucks will be antiques when its scheduled to replace them and if we replace the smaller pickups quicker then we can actually make money on them.
3. Pipes changed on Dryden Road.
4. Hauled 157 loads of grit with help from other Towns
5. Hauled gravel
6. The wings will be put on the trucks this week
7. The 95 Chevy has to have a new exhaust and gas tank.
8. Minor work has been done on the backhoe, it was found that there is water in the fuel, Ron is having suburban come and check the Fuel tanks to see if they are getting water in them some how
9. Ron stated he received a few calls on manure being all over the upper portion of Pine Swamp Road. Ron went and checked on it and spoke with the farmer and asked if they could clean it up. Ron also stated that come winter time some of their equipment and round bales that sit so close to the side of the road could be damaged by the plow truck and that it was a dangerous situation and asked if they could move it all off the side of the road.

**Dog Control Officer** – Run the position for DCO in the paper for 2 weeks again

## **Supervisor –**

1. Layton questioned Ron if he received the tires he ordered over \$10,000 on state bid. Ron stated he had.
2. A discussion to place on the new Family Paid Leave Act, Layton stated municipalities are exempt from it and it was agreed the Town of Tompkins will not offer it to employees.
3. The check for reimbursement of summer help has been received
4. Layton and VanValkenburg are working on the gravel pit renewal.
5. The public hearing for the franchise agreement between DTC and Town of Tompkins needs to go in the paper
6. On motion by Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buttel, it was moved to approve Resolution 12-2017 - Corrected Standard work day reporting for elected and appointed officials for the New York state and Local Retirement system. Vote – All Aye’s – Motion Carried
7. A Discussion to place on the award of the additional bid for the kitchen repairs for the school house. Layton stated that this part was never approved by NYC for use of the Good Neighbor Fund on original request. On Motion by Albanese, seconded by LaTourette it was moved to approve the additional bid for repairs to the school house kitchen to Levenere in the amount of \$4826.56 providing we get approval from NYC. Vote – All Aye’s – Motion Carried

## **Sewer District:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Albanese to approve the Abstract of Claims dated December 11, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2894.96  
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 October, Dated 12/11/2017  
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Sewer District workers report – November and December’s report provided

**Other Sewer District** – Snow plowing of the SD properties was discussed and that the prior bid winner did not carry his own Liability Insurance. Snow plowing will need to be run again in the paper and this time to add that Liability insurance must be provided.

**Other** – Foundation repairs of the school house has been completed.

- A discussion to place about the cleaner of the two buildings and that they had only been here Times a year. After much discussion it was decided to run the position for a new custodian and that they will have to be their “Own Business” and carry their own insurances.

**Correspondence:** - Received a letter from Delaware County Historical society asking for a donation. The Town of Tompkins has no designated fund to give donations.

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to hold the January 8, 2018 meeting at 6:00pm.  
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Next meeting to be held on January 8, 2018 at 6pm

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Michelle Phoenix

Date: December 11 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk