

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:03 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 – Bookkeeper
4. Wendy Layton – Town Assessor
5. Kathy Preston – Resident – Community committee
6. Mike Preston – Resident - Community committee
7. Lynne VanValkenburg – Resident – Community committee

Opening of Bids for the School house repairs:

Received two bids – One bid by F. Morgan was rejected before opening due to it not being turned in on time. Received a bid from Cory Northrup.

On Motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus to reject all bids and to rebid in future after there is a much better understanding with the committee on exactly what is needed for repairs to school house.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Guest Speaker:

Lynne VanValkenburg reported on the community events they had for the future. Lynne also questioned on what exactly the “good neighbor fund” was and how it could be used. The community committee and some of the board members agreed to meet on Wednesday September, 20th at 7:00 PM to discuss what the school house really needs for repairs to make it user friendly.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 7, 2017

Vote: 4 Ayes – Backus Abstain – Motion Carried

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Backus, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for September 11, 2017 as follows: General Fund: \$8427.98 Highway Fund: \$44,958.43

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for August 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 Supervisors report as of August 31, 2017, dated September 11, 2017.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Wendy reported that the state has finished the data collection for the Town of Tompkins.

Highway Superintendent

1. While working roads they had used 156 Loads of gravel
2. Changed pipes on Chamberlin brook and Bridge St.
3. Helped Deposit for 2 days
4. Hauled some gravel from Afton
5. Have been working on trucks and equipment
6. They have been crushing gravel at the Afton gravel bank but it looks as if something may have happened with the equipment because they only crushed 8700 – 8900 ton.
7. Have done some ditch work and mowing
8. All cold patching is done
9. There is a bridge on South Dry brook that is actually on private property that goes to a house but for some reason long ago it became the Towns. The owners of the property said it needs repair, Ron went and looked at it and it is in need of repair. Ron questioned the Board to see if anyone knew how this bridge became Town responsibility.
10. The highway garage generator broke down during the last power outage. Ron has called Reeds Generator service and they will be coming to look at it.
11. Ron questioned the board if he could get a credit card to purchase miscellaneous items. Board was unsure how to do this or how it could be done and would have to look into it.

Dog Control Officer – None.

Supervisor –

1. We have turned in to FEMA \$24,984.71 for Storm Stella. They may or may not pay that back to us.
2. Layton questioned Ron if he had everything all set for the Lock out Tag out policy. Ron stated everything was set with it.
3. Layton questioned if we should be putting out to bid the road repairs. Layton stated he will look into that further to see if it's something the Town should be doing.
4. Fire Tower – At this point we were told we will need a right of way to the Tower. We would need it for all the properties that would be used to get to Tower. Layton stated he had contacted some of the properties owners and is waiting to hear back from them.

Sewer District:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus to approve the Abstract of Claims dated September 11, 2017 for the sewer district in the amount of \$4808.10

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 9/11/2017

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

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

Other Sewer District – Snow removal bid will need to go out in paper to be opened at next month’s meeting.

Other –

On motion by Layton seconded by Buttell to pass resolution 1-2017 Town of Tompkins Parking Law and to file it with NYS.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Correspondence: - None

Moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

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

Michelle Phoenix

Date: September 11, 2017

Town of Tompkins Town Clerk