

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 12, 2018

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 Ron VanValkenburg leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttel – Councilperson
3. Peggy Backus – Councilperson – arrived at 7:35pm
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper
4. Lynne VanValkenburg – Historian / Community Committee
5. Mike Preston – Community Committee
6. Kathy Preston – Community Committee
7. Carver stone and gravel Rep

**Bid Opening for Gravel Crushing, Hauling of crushed stone:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Albanese to award crush stone bid to Northern Crushing with a price of \$3.50 per yard

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette to accept the bid by Cobleskill Stone Products for supplying

1a washed crushed limestone at 20.90 per ton

1b Washed crushed limestone at 18.70 per ton

1<sup>st</sup> washed crushed limestone at 18.70 per ton

1 & 2 blend washed crushed limestone at 18.70 per ton

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried

On motion by Buttel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Layton to purchase pipe from Howes and Chemung supply due to not getting any bids

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried

**Guest Speaker:** Lynn, Mike and Kathy spoke of the progress of the repairs to the School house.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular mothy meeting

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims:**

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for March 12, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$6,868.36 Highway Fund: \$19,846.31

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

## **Monthly Financial Reports:**

### **Town Clerk:**

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for February 2018.

Michelle also stated that 87% of taxes have been collected up to this date.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Backus arrived at 7:35

### **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 as the Annual Financial Audit dated 2/28/2018 dated March 12, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

### **Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – Jan 2016, Feb, March, April, June, July, August and October 2017 minutes were sent to Michelle for board review.

**Assessor** – None

### **Highway Superintendent:**

1. Agreement for expenditures of Highways moneys, Ron stated last he heard we will be getting approximately \$31,000 less than last year. Roads to be worked will be, 4.1 mile of Finch Hollow, 1.5 mile of Gray Rd., .43 mile of Bobs Brook, 2.7 mile of Dryden Rd., .06 mile of Walton Mountain Rd., 2 mile of pug mil intersection of Gray Rd and Dryden.
2. Boys had been painting and adding wood to walls of breakroom
3. Sam's truck had the hydraulic hose burst and catch on fire, Sam shut truck down and it smothered itself out but he did use the fire extinguisher to be sure, the fire did melt some hose, all has been repaired.
4. Ron questioned if we need to purchase the loader before we get grant money, Brian stated we are only in the beginning phases of the gran and we will have to wait for a purchase contract before we can do anything.
5. A large tree fell on Carroll Hill Rd., it has been cut up and removed.
6. Scotts truck had the conveyer break and has been repaired
7. Josh's truck blew hydraulic hoses and has been fixed
8. Tim's truck had clutch leaking
9. The guys have worked on the Fire Trucks.
10. Ron questioned if we are buying the creamery. Bill stated he spoke with Tim Cox from CWC and had offered them a price of \$50,000 and asked if we could pay \$10,000 for the next 5 years until it was paid off. Bill will call CWC tomorrow and confirmed they approved our offer. On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttel to purchase creamery for \$50,000 from CWC and to make payments of \$10,000 to CWC for 5 years. All Ayes – Motion Carried
11. Ron stated that Kyle McLaughlin had a snowmobile accident over the weekend and will be out for a while healing. Kyle did receive some tickets we will have to see what becomes of them.
12. Ron had ordered stone but had heard what the prices were for other companies so he called and cancelled the order and going to order from the new bid.
13. Ron stated he had received a price from Matthews for replacing the 1995 Chevy with a newer truck of \$43,580. The truck will be set up the same way as the 2010 we have now. The truck is a crew cab, with 4-wheel drive. Board questioned Ron as to why this truck needed to be replaced seeing how it was only to be used to drive back and forth to Afton for stone crushing and seeing how we no longer do that and that job is now bid out the board was not sure why we needed to replace the truck, Also some board members questions as to why it needs to be a crew cab when usually there is only one person driving the truck. Ron stated there is no reason to deplete the fleet and we needed the crew cab so the whole crew can ride in it to job sites. Ron stated the 2010 will replace the 1995 and the new one will be Ron's truck to use for the winter plowing.

**Dog Control Officer:** – None

**Supervisor:** –

1. Fire Tower – Del County Emergency is putting up an emergency tower beyond the fire tower, Layton contacted the cell tower owner and she will contract lawyer to see if they can also give the Town a right of way to go to Fire Tower.
2. Cleaning service – A discussion took place as to what the Town wants to do about a cleaning service for the Town and Highway buildings. A “help wanted ad” for a self-employed cleaning service to be advertised in in the Reporter and the applications will be reviewed at next month’s meeting.
3. NYS Retirement has contacted Michelle and stated they would like to review employee hours, they will need all those that are in the retirement system hours of work, Nancy stated she will work on it.

**Sewer District:**

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttlet to approve the Abstract of Claims dated March 12, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,849.74

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by LaTourette, seconded by Buttlet it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of February Dated 3/12/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Sewer District workers report – February’s report was provided for the board to review

**Other Sewer District** –

2018 Lawn mowing bids of Sewer district properties needs to be advertised in the Reporter – Board requested that anyone that bids must carry at least \$100,000 in liability insurance. Also, Board would like a map provided to person awarded the bid so they know where to mow.

**Other:** –

On Motion by Backus, seconded by Buttlet to approve to send Emilie Bregenborg, Carmella Croffi, Delana Wood, Karlee McClenon, Kylie Wood to the 2018 4-H camp.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

School House Change orders. Motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttlet to approve change order #2 for changes to repairs in Kitchen and replacement of rear door with approx. cost of \$500 Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried. Brian stated that in the future we may want to address moving the heat duct system from the ceiling to under the floor, replace roof and paint the exterior.

Mowing of Town Lawns was brought up, on motion by Layton, seconded by Buttlet to advertise in the Reporter and to also state they must provide liability insurance.

Michelle brought up that the Town building is due for some repairs, no action taken.

**Correspondence:** - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Next meeting to be held on April 9, 2018 at 7PM

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Michelle Phoenix  
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: March 12, 2018