

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 9, 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 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. Wendy Layton - Assessor
5. Lynne VanValkenburg – Historian / Community Committee
6. Mike Preston – Community Committee
7. Kathy Preston – Community Committee

Guest Speaker: Lynn, Mike and Kathy wanted to thank the Town of Tompkins board for supporting them with the repairs to the school house and stated it had turned out beautiful.

Lynne questioned if there was a procedure for renting out the school house. Layton will look into what the proper process would be.

Lynne stated that the community committee had their first meeting of the year and has scheduled an event for every month up to December 2018.

Minutes Approval:

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

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for April 9, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$30,684.50 Highway Fund: \$21028.76

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

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 as the Annual Financial Audit dated 3/31/2018 dated April 9, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Provided

Highway Superintendent:

1. Seasonal limit roads were all open April 1, 2018
2. Boys have finished the break room and office, they received knotty pine and a new paint job on the walls.
3. Painted the wing and plows
4. Repairing equipment
5. After the wind storm went out and checked roads.
6. Still out plowing and sanding
7. Ron stated he is going to need more money for grit to rebuild the pile, they may have to purchase from Clark this year which will cost more.
8. 3 of the 10 wheelers will need new windows, Ron stated he called the insurance company and was told the deductible is \$500 each
9. We will be receiving \$235,516 in CHIPS money which is \$1072 more than last year.
10. On the 4th of April stone has started to be hauled in.
11. Ron questioned the status of the loader grant, he stated a John Deere dealer had stopped into his office with prices. Ron said if we get one ordered now it won't be here until September. Brian stated that we have not received a letter from the State guarantee us we will receive the \$100,000. It was also discussed that usually around fall the loader gets put in storage so we wouldn't be using it until Spring, Albanese stated that we should wait for final approval of the grant and order the loader then, hopefully we will hear something in the fall of 2018.
12. Ron received the quotes for a new pickup and provided the difference prices between a crew cab and a single cab. Ron stated that this would replace the "fire truck" and all the trucks would be moved down and he would be driving the new truck. The Board questioned why we need another crew cab in the fleet. Ron stated that later in the years it would be moved down and with an extended cab more then one employee can ride in the truck. Further discussion took place. LaTourette motioned to "buy the truck", Layton ask the board their thoughts on purchasing another crew cab, Buttlet stated NO, Albanese stated NO, Backus Stated NO, Layton stated NO. There was no second on the motion by LaTourette. Motion dropped.

Dog Control Officer: – None

Supervisor: –

1. Layton stated he has not heard back from CWC on their decision with the purchase agreement for the creamery building.
2. Layton stated he contacted the insurance company with the question as to if we should require liability insurance from the Lawn mowing service that mow the Town Lawn when it goes out to bid. Layton stated that he was told that if something happens that Towns insurance will cover it but they did state he advises that you do require liability insurance, On Motion by Buttlet, seconded by Layton not require Liability Insurance from bidders, Vote – Buttlet – Yes, LaTourette - No, Albanese – No, Backus – No, Layton - Yes. Motion NOT Carried. On Motion by LaTourette to require all bidders to carry Liability Insurance, Seconded by Albanese. Vote – Buttlet No, LaTourette – Yes, Albanese – Yes, Backus – Yes, Layton – No, Motion Carried.
3. Layton contacted Tom Stalter of NYC and asked him how he wanted the Town to proceed with sending the costs of repairing the school house to him. Stalter stated when project is complete to send him a letter of total costs.
4. On April 23 and 24th 2018 at 6:00 PM we will meet with Union Rep to discuss upcoming union contract. On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus to have Albanese be spokesperson for discussions, vote – All ayes, motion carried.

5. There is just a few more things to be filled out on the prevailing wages paperwork by Levinere then all paperwork will be done and project will be complete.
6. Layton stated we have received a check in the amount of \$1100.00 from Kingswood, \$1000 in lieu of taxes and \$100 for sewer.
7. We have received a check for storm Stella in the Amount of \$19,235

Sewer District:

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

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims dated April 9, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,068.52

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 March Dated 4/9/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Sewer District –

It was discussed that we may be able to get a teen from CDO workforce to do the stain on the pump station.

On motion by Layton, seconded by Backus to advertise the SD lawn maintenance in the paper but to include bidder must provide liability insurance. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried

Other: –

On Motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel to approve to send Addyson, Rachel and Lila Trimble, and Levi McDonald to the 2018 4-H camp.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Albanese wanted to discuss increasing the capital fund and reducing the equipment fund due to having funds to maintain all the buildings the Town has. Each building is going to need repairs in the near future and this would help fund those projects.

Correspondence: - Thank you card from the Trout Creek Community Committee

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Next meeting to be held on May 14, 2018 at 7PM

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: April 9, 2018