

TOWN OF TOMPKINS  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 6:58 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Howard Buttell leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttell – 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. Wendy Layton - Assessor
5. Brett French – LVDV – SD Operation
6. Dave Murat – Five Star

**Opening of Town Lawn Mowing bids and Sewer Mowing bids**

Town bids received - K. Stanton, L Hannan, P Hanley. On motion by Buttell seconded by Layton, to award the 2018 Town Lawn mowing bid to the low bidder K. Stanton with a bid of \$58 per mowing,

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Sewer District bids received - L Hannan. On Motion by Buttell, seconded by LaTourette to award the 2018 Sewer District mowing bid to L. Hannan in the amount of \$345 per mowing.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Guest Speaker:**

Dave from 5 Star was here to present to the board some prices for a new loader and to answer any questions the board may have.

**Minutes Approval:**

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttell, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular monthly meeting

Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried.

**Abstract of Claims:**

On motion by Buttell, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for May 14, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$5,370.18 Highway Fund: \$72,563.99

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Monthly Financial Reports:**

**Town Clerk:**

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttell, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for April 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 4/30/2018 dated May 14, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

**Other Reports:**

**Planning Board** – None

**Assessor** – May report provided

**Highway Superintendent:**

1. Worked on fire trucks, Fire district reimbursed the Town of the supplies used.
2. 95 Chevy has been welded in many places
3. All Winter equipment has been painted and put in the creamy
4. All summer equipment is out being used
5. Most roads have been swept.
6. Many road signs needed to be replaced and have been ordered.
7. Working Roads, Roods Creek/Readburn and upper Dryden.
8. The Equipment schedule shows that a new 10-wheeler is up for replacement in 2019. We should start working on it.

**Dog Control Officer:** – None

**Supervisor:** –

1. Ed contacted Layton to ask if some of the boards members would be interested in starting a committee to get the fire tower on the NYS and National historical register. If it becomes a historical landmark it will be beneficial to receive grants to repair it in the future.
2. Need to discuss reviewing and updating dog law. – Tabled until next month
3. The Town will be able to get summer help again this year. Ron has received all the paperwork
4. Rental of the School house. After a lengthy discussion on motion by Albanese, seconded by LaTourette to allow rental of the School house with a \$50 fee and a refundable cleaning fee of \$25 refundable after inspection of school house after event. Vote – All Aye's – Motion Carried – We will write up a rental agreement that is similar to the Town of Walton.
5. Albanese contacted many different Cleaning companies to receive quotes on cleaning the Town hall and the Highway garage. He had only received a response from "Your Happy Housekeeper, LLC" out of Deposit. On motion by Albanese, seconded by Layton to hire Your Happy Housekeeper, LLC using all her supplies at a fee of \$75 each cleaning of Highway garage and \$125 for Town Building, once monthly to start off. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried
6. The annual donation letter for the American Legion Post 1554 has been received and we will be sending them the annual \$400.00 to take care of all the Town flags and placement. Michelle will order 12 new flags.
7. Paul Bartholomew has spoken with Layton about repairs needed in the old school house (Kelsey community house), he stated that Him and some others take care of all up keep of property but he stated that the ditch between that property and the neighbors needs cleaning to stop all rain water from running on driveway and washing it out. The problem is that they neighbor owns the ditch but Paul felt he would not have a problem with it being cleaned out. The roof will also need fixing and repairs need to be done to the split rail fence.
8. Received letter from Bonacic's office advising us we could apply for a grant between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
9. Layton has received a complaint about the condition of the Tomao property and he has contacted the bank that now owns the house and they are looking into it.
10. On motion by Layton, seconded by Albanese to approve resolution – 10-2018 - NO FURTHER OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION IN DELAWARE COUNTY, Vote - All Ayes – Motion Carried.
11. May 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a First aid / CPR Course here in the Town Building.

**Sewer District:**

Sewer District workers report – April’s reports provided and Brett French was here to answer any questions.

On motion by Albanese, seconded by LaTourette to approve the Abstract of Claims dated May 14, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,766.19

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttlet it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of April, Dated 4/9/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Other Sewer District –**

Brett stated that we really need to get the staining of the pump station done along with the wood on the control panel roofs.

Also, Generators are at 50% full and need to be topped off

**Other: –**

On Motion by Buttlet, seconded by Layton to approve to send Kraygin Constable, Sophia Piro, Garrett Oliver, and Gabriel Bidwell to the 2018 4-H camp.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

**Correspondence: -**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Next meeting to be held on June 11, 2018 at 7PM

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Michelle Phoenix  
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: May 14, 2018