

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 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 - Arrived at 7:36
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson – Absent

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper
4. Kyle McLaughlin – Highway employee
5. Joe Reynolds – Town Code Enforcer
6. Mr. Sinsinni – Resident
7. Mr. Kutsihlis – Resident
8. Luther Higley – Chairman – Tompkins fire Dist.

Opening of Sewer District snow removal Bids:

None received no further action taken.

Guest Speaker: Joe Reynolds Town Code Enforcer approached the board with some issues that needed to be addressed. First Joe asked what the status was on putting a Handicap ramp up at the School House. And that the foundation needs a vent. Board discussed both issues and will come up with a solution and work on bidding it out.

The Creamery modular needs to be demolished due to safety issues. The Board discussed this matter and will further investigate what needs to be done for removal by contacting Sue McEntire at the County.

The community committee has got out anything they can use for the school house from the modular.

Joe also stated that the creamery its self has many code violations.

Town Hall needs parking lines and bumpers – Layton will call around and find out where to get the bumpers and have lines put in. Michelle will also ask Larry if the State can do it seeing how we have a shared services agreement.

Joe stated that shoveling of the sidewalks for the Town Building need to be done at the start of a work day and continue during heavy snow falls, that to should be bid out.

Joe stated that the chimney needs a screen put around it to prevent birds from getting in. Layton will contact Hartz.

Lynne VanValkenburg from the community committee came to thank the board for their support on all the stuff at the School House. Lynne stated that the Kitchen has no water pressure and its down to a trickle. This will be investigated to find out the issue.

The Water quality is horrible and Lynne asked if it would be okay to get a water filter, the board agreed.

Lynne asked if the board reviewed the issue with renting of the school house. This will be reviewed again at next months meeting.

Lynne stated there are many surplus items that they would like to get rid of at the school house Michelle stated there is also many items here at Town hall. Lynne and Michelle will get together to discuss putting out bids for these items.

Lynne stated she has applied for a grant to get a historical sign for the school house.

Mr. Kutsihis and Mr. Sisinni residents from Chase Brook questioned why their road was being deemed a Seasonal road. Both stated they are full time residents and this troublesome for them. Ron stated if they decide to plow Chase Brooke he is going to do a ledger on the amount of activity he sees on homes on the road. After further discussion Layton stated the Town will plow the Road for the 2018/2019 season and it will be documented on how much activity is on the road during the snow season and reevaluate this issue again next year.

Luther Higley was here to answer questions to board had about the Fire Department getting fuel at the Highway Garage again. Mr. Higley stated that Josh LaTourette stated it was okay for the fire department to get their fuel there. Ron stated he did tell them they could get fuel there for emergency purpose the this can't be an ongoing thing and the Fire Dept and District need to come up with another solution.

The board stated they would like to have all the locks changed at the Highway garage and Ron stated he would like to have a pin system installed on the pumps so he knows exactly who is getting fuel and the quantity.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular mothy meeting.

Vote: All Aye's

Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for October 9, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$4092.97 Highway Fund: \$178,585.99

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Backus, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for September 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Backus seconded by Albanese, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's monthly financial report as the Annual Financial Audit 9/31/2018 dated October 9, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – January – August 2018 provided

Assessor – October 2018 report provided

Highway Superintendent:

1. Going to be crushing gravel.
2. Have been hauling grit.
3. Rest of the gravel has been hauled over
4. Bourber Brook and Faulkner Rd have had gravel applied
5. Been out boom mowing
6. Cold Patched some areas on Tower Mountain
7. Ron provided the board with what he would like put in the 2018 budget for equipment.
8. Ron Stated that the flooding in August has been declared we had very minor damage. There is a briefing on August 22, 2018

9. Seasonal roads – resolution 11-2018, On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttlet to revised the seasonal roads for 2018/2019 snow season and to remove chase brook for this year.
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried
10. Ron Stated that Tim Oralls no longer wants to be the deputy superintendent and he would like to replace him with Kyle McLaughlin. On motion by Backus and Seconded by Buttlet it was moved to approve Resolution 12-2018 removing Tim Oralls as Deputy Superintendent and replacing that position with Kyle McLaughlin
Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Dog Control Officer: – None

Supervisor: –

1. Bill talked with Wayne Reynolds from the County and found that selling the portion of property the Town owns on the Arcuri Property should be sold at \$500.00. Bill contacted the realtor the family feels the Town put a sewer system in without their permission so the property should just be given to them. The realtor stated she would contact the family again to see if they would pay the \$500.00. On motion by Layton seconded by Albanese to sell the property for \$500.00 plus all closing costs to be paid by purchaser. Vote – All Ayes Motion Carried
2. Bill presented the union contract to the board. There were many questions that were unanswered. It was also stated that the Ethics Policy needs to be signed off before the board moves forward.
3. Budget – after reviewing the tentative budget the changes are as follows, 1620.2 will be increased to \$10,000 which will also change the appropriated fund balance, 5142.1 from \$3,200 to \$6,000. Removal of A2545 and adding it to A2555. Brian suggested we should start a reserve fund for future road repairs. On motion by Backus seconded by Albanese to make tentative budget with changes and making it the preliminary budget. Vote – All Ayes Motion Carried.
4. Bill presented a pamphlet for Pro Act a discount prescription card.
5. Bill Asked Kyle if he could check email daily.
6. Bill spoke with Steve Hood from Delaware County Emergency Services and found the road is done to the communications tower but they requested no one use it until the tower is complete.
7. Bill asked why black top was placed in front of a residence on Pine Swamp. Kyle stated black top had always been there and when Tim was doing shoulder work he accidently tore it up so it was the right thing to do to replace it.

Sewer District:

Sewer District workers report – September reports provided

On motion by Backus, seconded by Layton to approve the Abstract of Claims dated October 9, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$4430.21

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, seconded by Backus it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of September, Dated 10/9/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Sewer District – Received an email from Mike Jonker that there are repairs needed to the system and it would be charged as additional work. Layton will look into this.

On motion by Albanese seconded by Backus to approve the Sewer District Tentative budget as presented.

Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Michelle had received an email from Chris at Lamont Engineers that he had received from Chris Kinney stating that there are many lawn issues with the sewer district and they need to be repaired pertaining to Kinney, Church and fire hall. Layton and Albanese went and inspected the issues. Both feel that they are within tolerance.

Other: – Nancy Presented the Standard work day resolution including hours for Nancy, Wendy and Harry. On motion by Howie Seconded by Albanese to approve presented resolution. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Correspondence: - A card for Ellie Truman was presented thanking her for the donation of the cemetery sign on windfall road. Board signed it and Bill will mail it out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm

Next meeting to be held on November 8, 2018 at 7PM

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: October 9, 2018