

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:01 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Tim LaTourette 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. Kyle McLaughlin – Highway employee
5. Brett French – Sewer District

Guest Speaker: None

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 regular mothy meeting.

Vote: Albanese Abstain – 4 Ayes

Motion Carried.

On Motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 Special 2019 Budget meeting.

Vote: Backus Abstain – 4 Ayes

Motion Carried

Abstract of Claims:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for December 10, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$14,392.64 Highway Fund: \$33,247.48

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

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

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by LaTourette seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's monthly financial report as the Annual Financial Audit 11/30/2018 dated December 10, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None. No meeting will be held in the Month of December

Assessor – Nothing to report at this time

Highway Superintendent:

1. The modular building at the Creamery has been taken down and hauled to the Dump.
2. Serviced summer equipment and put it away
3. Been out plowing and sanding
4. Grit has been hauled
5. Ron had the sign removed from Howes Road stating it was a seasonal road and will now be plowing it.
6. Ron stated that International and Temco will be at the shop to present a new 10-wheeler. Ron stated if we don't order within 14 days, we will not get the discount. He would like approval from the board. It was discussed that these things need to go out for bid. On Motion by Albanese seconded by Buttlet to put a 2019 dump truck with all the plowing equipment it will need, out to bid. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. Ron received a check for \$11,000 from the sale of the old loader.

Dog Control Officer: – DCO Has resigned, need to advertise in the paper.

Supervisor: –

1. On motion by Layton, seconded by Backus to send Town of Tompkins children to 4-H Camp for the 2019 season.
2. Bill stated that we have to revise our sexual harassment policy per NYS and provide new training. All must be implanted by October 2019.
3. The Handicap ramp is complete at the school house, Greg did include latus and stated he will finish filling in the holes when the ground thaws.
4. Linda requested a window be installed in the court room by the door.
5. Hartz has cleaned the furnace
6. Brian stated that the change to the ethics policy would be to remove the part that a relative can not supervise another relative. He stated his conversation with Bobby Dunker (Union Rep) she did not like the part of “a worker couldn't leave employment and go to another company. Brian stated that he had told Bobby that these are all policies that need to be followed by any employee and this is something all businesses do. She stated she understood but didn't like it.
7. Fire Tower is now on a National Historic site.

Sewer District:

Sewer District workers report – Brett was here and reviewed his report with the board. Brett stated he was extremely concerned with the amount of grease that the “Store” property has in their tank and grease trap, it is at the point the solid grease is over flowing and going into the system that will cause issues down the line. This has been pumped already and needs it again. It was discussed that another letter should go out to that resident. Layton is going to go look for himself and hope he could make contact with the owners and discuss the issue with them. Michelle will review the sewer use law and see what course of action can be taken, she will also contact the Young/Sommer to get their opinion and give them a heads up.

On motion by Buttlet, seconded by Layton to approve the Abstract of Claims dated December 10, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,622.64

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese seconded by Layton it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of November, Dated 12/10/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Sewer District – None

Other: – Albanese stated he spoke with T Dolph and that the school house really needs a filter system for the water before it starts ruining all the new pipes and sinks. He stated he could put in a filter for about \$100. On motion by Layton, seconded by Albanese to hire Trevor Dolph to put in a filter system. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Albanese stated the Loader Grant paperwork is moving along and he is hoping we will be able to put in a request for funds next month.

Layton spoke with T. Bennett about the Kelsey house and explained it will be costly for the Town to fix it up to be in workable condition. Bennett is going to speak with the community and see what the feelings are about the Kelsey house.

Layton asked the board how they would feel about having meetings in 2019 on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday.

Layton presented the teamsters contract for approval. On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel to execute the Teamster Contract. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Next months meeting will start at 6PM

Correspondence: - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Next regular meeting to be held on January 14, 2018 at 6:00PM

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: December 10, 2018