

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 20, 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 Michelle Phoenix 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. Tim Oralls – Deputy Superintendent
6. Bret French – Sewer District
7. David Murat – 5 Star Equipment

Guest Speaker: David Murat was here to answer any questions the Board may have about the Loader.
On Motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the purchase of a John Deere 624 K-2 Loader for \$158,241 and the additional warranty of 3 yrs and 2500 hours.
Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 regular monthly meeting with the change in the amount written for the extended warranty of the loader to be \$2,513
Vote: Buttel – Aye, LaTourette – Abstain, Albanese – Aye, Backus – Aye, Layton - Aye
Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for August 20, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$9,120.38 Highway Fund: \$87,707.81
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 June 2018.
Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Buttel seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's monthly financial report as the Annual Financial Audit 7/31/2018 dated August 20, 2018.
Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Wendy stated the Town of Tompkins portion of this year's pictometry program will be \$1312.06.

Highway Superintendent:

1. Ron asked the board if they wanted to join the NJPA at no cost. Ron believes if we join the Town will no longer have to put bids in the papers.
2. Pug Milling is done.
3. Been helping other Towns
4. Due to the weather conditions they have not be able to get the stone and oiling done to the roads.
5. There were some small wash outs on Dufton Hollow, South Dry Brook and all has been repaired. Steve Hood asked for pictures, equipment used and hours as preliminary numbers incase the storms are declared.
6. Been hauling gravel
7. Ron would like the Board to think about hiring more highway employees due to all that work they have. It was explained with hiring an addition person it would cost the town \$75,000 - \$80,000 a year.

Dog Control Officer: – HCHS Contract has been received. On motion by Layton, Seconded by Buttel it was moved to approve and sign the contract

Vote: All Aye's – Motion Carried

Supervisor: –

1. All the paperwork has been completed with the creamery and the Town official owns it. Brian stated he looked into once again changing the grant to purchase the creamery and at this point in the grant process it can't be done. But we can continue with the purchase of a new building and place it on the creamery property.
2. We received the FEMA money from Home Land Security in the amount of \$3706.07 from Storm Stella.
3. Bill provided the board with the new Contract with teamsters. The board can review it and at next months meeting if all are in agreeance they can sign it.
4. 2019 budget process has been started and each dept head has received last year budget number and if they want changes they can show the changes they want.
5. The County has been discussing that the Towns take over County Roads. Bill was unsure if that means maintenance or just snow plowing. This would add a lot more work to the crews if it also involves maintenance.

Sewer District:

Sewer District workers report – July's reports provided

On motion by Backus, seconded by Layton to approve the Abstract of Claims dated August 20, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,952.25

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 June, Dated 8/20/2018

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Sewer District – Brett was here to discuss the reports and that we will need to replace one of the valves. Brett provided estimates and a small brochure for the board. The Valve would cost no more then \$1,000. Brett also explained that we should get another pump to have as a spare. The lid that was popping off on Herrick Hollow Rd was spot welded by Dana Wagner.

Other: –

Michelle explained to the board that many birds have been falling down the chimney into the furnace and a screen should be placed around it to stop this.

Joe Reynolds asked Michelle to explain to the board that the parking lot really needs bumpers and lines put it to be up to code.

Michelle also advised the board of all the other repairs that are needed to the building. Bill stated he will see if he can get a contractor that can fix all of it

Devin and Michelle cleaned out the eaves above the Judges door. It was completely full of the rocks from the shingles and leaves. It should no longer drip.

Correspondence: - Each board member was provided with a letter from M.VanValkenberg of Delhi that had her concerns over the issues going on with the County and building of a new DPW building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Next meeting to be held on September 17, 2018 at 7PM

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: August 20, 2018