

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 17, 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 Tim LaTourette leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttel – Councilperson
3. Peggy Backus – Councilperson - Arrived at 7:05
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Ron VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
3. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper
4. Tim Oralls – Deputy Superintendent
5. Barbara Roberts – Real Estate Broker

Guest Speaker: Barbara Roberts was here to inquire about the small piece of property owned by the Town that is located within the Acuri property. Barbara stated her customer that wants to buy the Acuri property questioned if the Town would sell the little piece to them. Barbara also asked about the Water lines going through the property and if they were maintained by the town. Layton stated that Dominick Siniscalchi could answer as to if the water line is still in operation. The board also stated they would see what needed to be done to sell the piece to the new owners. Barbara stated the purchaser would most likely cover any costs. Layton will look into things and get back to Barbara

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by LaTourette, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular mothy meeting.

Vote: All Aye's

Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for September 17, 2018 as follows: General Fund: \$6910.64 Highway Fund: \$169,263.90

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by LaTourette, seconded by Backus, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for August 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 8/31/2018 dated September 17, 2018.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – None.

Highway Superintendent:

1. Been out Boom mowing.
2. Shoulder and ditch work have been done
3. Hauled stone
4. Graveled Carol Hill and Alger Rd
5. Received a check from the Tompkins fire district for reimbursement of a part.
6. Loader came and Ron had the bill in the amount of \$160,754.00
7. Ron brought up that some roads (Howe Rd, and Chase Brooke) in the Town need to be made a seasonal limit use road. Ron also explained he had once again put a sign up on Frank Beers road and if the resident that lives on the road takes the sign down again due to him not wanting anyone using the road, Ron is going to also make that a seasonal limit use rd.
8. Ron stated he has signed up for “Sourcewell”. He states by signing up with this company he will no longer have to put bids out for equipment and he can just piggy back off of whomever.
9. Ron asked if the board would hire another full-time employee. The majority of the Board felt that was not an option. Ron questioned hiring a temporary employee to cover his plow route during the winter because he will out of work for an unknown amount of time for a medical condition. The board agreed to allow Ron to Hire a temp employee for the snow season.
10. Ron asked if we could raise the part time employees pay, wing men to \$14hr and the temp that would be running Ron’s route to \$15. Resolution #11-2018 On motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttlet. The 2018/2019 part time employees will be paid as follows. Wing men at a rate of \$14.00 and hour and the Employee that runs Ron’s plow route at \$15 per hour. Vote – All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Dog Control Officer: – None

Supervisor: –

1. Bill stated that the County received a right of way to the communication Tower on Tower Mtn and the Town will be allowed to also use it for repairs to the Fire Tower. Steve Hood from Delaware Co. Emergency services stated he would give the Town the combination to the lock of the gate when it is installed. Bill also stated he called NYC to see if the Town needs a permit to use the road.
2. Lynne VanValkenburg asked Bill if they could take the counters our of the building next to the creamery to use in the school house. The board stated that is fine to do and they can use whatever they need in that building.
3. Bill was approached by the owners of the Munson farm and she showed him the mud build up happening behind her barn. It appears it is due to drainage from Castleview RD. Ron Stated it was a wet year and these things happen and the owners knew about it when they moved in the property. Ron and Tim stated that tearing up the road to put in a drainage is not worth it.
4. It was discussed that a little repair needs to be done each year to Tower Mountain to make the road better.
5. Layton provided the Tentative budget to the board and they reviewed it and made some changes.

Sewer District:

Sewer District workers report – August reports provided

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttlet to approve the Abstract of Claims dated September 17, 2018 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2,890.87

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 August, Dated 9/17/2018
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other Sewer District – On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttell to put the sewer district snow removal bids for the 2017/2018 season in the paper for bid.

A bill was provided by Fairchild for the new Tire, on motion by Layton, seconded by Backus to reimburse Doris Fairchild for the Tire, All – Aye’s Motion Carried

Other: –

Correspondence: - The board received a thank you card from Levi McDonald and Lindy Taggart, Thanking the board for sending Levi to 4-H camp.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Next meeting to be held on October 9, 2018 at 7PM

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins Town Clerk

Date: September 17, 2018