

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
March 18, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:05 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt
(X) Councilman Philip Roder
(X) Councilman William Jennings
(X) Councilman Gerald Robinson
(X) Councilman Pam Kueppers
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

(X) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote
() Town Justice John Meekins
(X) Assessor Jennifer Van Deusen
(X) Deputy Code Enforcement Owen Cassavaugh

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

9 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #61-19 through #96-19 in the amount of **\$42,919.54 to be paid** from the **General Account**
- Claim #33-19 through #51-19 in the amount of **\$24,223.23 to be paid** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$67,142.77** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **FEBRUARY 18, 2019 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$408.06** to the Supervisor for the month of **FEBRUARY 2019**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **DECEMBER 2018** was **\$1,332.00**, and for the month of **FEBRUARY 2019** was \$_____.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$4,862.00** for the month of **FEBRUARY 2019**.

Bags: **\$3,975**

C&D: **\$754**

Metal: **\$13**

Tires: **\$0**

Stickers: **\$100**

Appl.: **\$0**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Electronics: **\$20**

W. Jennings: exploring options for a new building at the Transfer Station.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$354,179.64

HIGHWAY \$1,109,728.30

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$199,590.07

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$440,744.84

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION #23 – 2019

**THE RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF MUNICIPAL
PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST UPDATE OF THE RENSSELAER
COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the current Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) includes TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN, through which the municipality is eligible for potential pre- and post-hazard mitigation planning and mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to reduce hazard risks, strengthen community resiliency, and remain eligible for potential FEMA mitigation project funding, the TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN hereby commits to participating in the development of the first update of the Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 18th day of March, 2019, by the governing body of the TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN that:

1. TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN agrees to participate in the update of the Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. The following two municipal representatives are hereby authorized to serve on the Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP) Core Planning Group; actively participate as requested throughout the process, and lead a municipal Jurisdictional Assessment Team tasked with carrying out local participation requirements: Representative: Lawrence Eckhardt, Town Supervisor
and Alternate: Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent.
3. At the end of the project, when FEMA deems the updated plan approvable, TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN will, as required, pass a resolution formally adopting the final updated Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This resolution will be provided immediately to the Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety for submittal to FEMA, who requires the resolution on file.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a signed copy of this Resolution will be provided to both the Rensselaer County Legislature and the Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #24– 19

APPOINTMENT OF TRANSFER STATION SUBSTITUTES

WHEREAS: there are current substitute vacancies at the Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS: two interested applicants have applied to fill these vacancies :

1. Janet Hartnett of Stephentown, NY
2. Rebecca Hartnett of Stephentown, NY ; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town Board would like to appoint *both applicants* as a substitutes for the Transfer Station who's term is due to expire on December 31st, 2019.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION #25 -2019**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 2019 FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK**

WHEREAS; Town Board requested sealed BIDs with a non-collusion for the purchase of a 2019 Four Wheel Drive Pickup Truck for use at the Town Highway Department and,

WHEREAS; the Town Clerk received one sealed BID by the due date of Friday, March 15, 2019 by 7:00PM from: Carmody Ford of Greenwich, NY who participates under NYS Contract Number PC67978SB in the amount of \$36,520.00 and,

WHEREAS; adopted State legislation (GML § 103) from 2016 allows any political subdivision in NYS to “piggyback” off an existing County Bid and,

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown will adhere to the NYS bidding requirements outlined in this legislation, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED; the Town of Stephentown Town Board would like to:

Award the BID to Carmody Ford of Greenwich, NY for the purchase of a 2019 Four Wheel Drive Pickup Truck for the total purchase price of **\$36,520.00** (*pending with the trade value offered.*), and further

RESOLVED; the trade-in or purchase of the current truck will be further discussed upon delivery.

MOTION BY: Roder

SECONDED BY: Jennings

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Discussion of truck purchase (resolution #25-2019) , Hwy Superintendent Goodermote: a trade-in offer was made, we could send it out for auction but may not get as much. Councilman Roder: agree to except trade value and move forward with purchase.

RESOLUTION #26 -19**STANDARD WORKDAY HOURS FOR EACH ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITION.**

WHEREAS: the State retirement law requires that the town board set standard workday hours for each position for the purposes of reporting to the retirement system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town board of Stephentown sets the following standard workday hours:

Highway Superintendent and highway dept. employees 8 hours per day

All elected officials (*except* Highway Superintendent) –

Council, Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Tax Collector, Town Justices 6 hours per day

All other appointed positions including *Transfer Station Supervisor,*

Transfer Station employees and Youth Commission employees and directors 6 hours per day

MOTION BY: Robinson

SECONDED BY: Jennings

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Roppolo – teen night again at the library will be the 30th, library is doing “Fine Free Friday’s” if you return your late books on Friday’s there are no late fees. Tax forms are available at the library.

M. Arena: new library president, been in town for 11 years, has two boys in Berlin, been on the library board for 1 and a half years. Happy to be on board now that the library is fully funded.

K. Roppolo: all the county paperwork for the Youth Commission has been submitted.

P. Roder: thanked Scott Menhinick for all he has done over the past few years.

S. Menhinick: library has renamed their scholarship and increased the amount. The theme for Celebrate Stephentown this year will be "We Are Stephentown"

L. Eckhardt: looking to have "Farm Day Out" be a part of the Celebration this year, it will be on August 18th from 12pm to 3pm. It's a huge event last year over 1,000 attendees.

More reporting from the Town Board

L. Eckhardt: meeting with Assemblyman Jake Ashby spoke about the 2% tax cap and how it affects small towns, discussed whether the state should legalize marijuana, most people said not to legalize but to decriminalize because we spend a lot to put people away for small amounts. County Executive discussed shared services agreement, Dog Control is one of the concerns with shared services. Highway needs help with county roads, looking at sharing salt/sand storage is smaller towns to help maintain roads in the winter.

A. Goodermote: State used to at one point, and Nassau used to share with the county.

L. Eckhardt: Monday is a Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting, water tests for the Town Hall came back negative results. Just received \$116,146.60 for 4th quarter sales tax. Teamsters will be taking over the health insurance April 1st this should save the town a bit, it sets the budget for health insurance for 3 years until 2021.

P. Kueppers: spoke to Steve Goodermote about replacing the chimney in the next 6 months. Carpet quotes one from Scott's Carpet One & Haddad's rug company.

P. Roder: suggested to haul the old carpet to the Transfer Station to save on disposal fees.

A. Goodermote: we can haul all the garbage to the Transfer Station.

O. Cassavaugh: no open burning until May 14th.

Further discussion on the carpet purchase – board agrees to move forward and get it all scheduled.

Motion: Go into Executive Session 8:08 PM to discuss possible franchise agreements with Consolidated Communications and Charter.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Motion: Come out of Executive Session 8:44 PM

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:44PM

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, April 15th, 2019** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk