

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
APRIL 15, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:03 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

(X) Highway Superin. Alden Goodermote
(X) Assessor, Jennifer VanDeusen
(X) Code Enforcement Officer, Dean Herrick
(X) Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Owen Cassavaugh

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

9 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #97-19 through #122-19 in the amount of **\$16,069.95** from the **General Account**
- Claim #52-19 through #65-19 in the amount of **\$39,228.24** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$55,298.19** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Dean Herrick, Code Enforcement Officer has invited Rich Elder, Environmental Health Director, and Eric Gaunay – from Rensselaer County Health Department to come discuss the Fire Safety Program. A grant offered from the state to install smoke detectors, CO2 and fire extinguishers, the program will teach people how to use them. This program is not government run so you will not have the government enter your home, they have asked the state to extend the program to the Stephentown residents due to the recent fire that took a life in Stephentown. the program is “Healthy Neighborhoods Program”. They will come in to the home and will go over safety and make sure you have a Fire Safety Escape Plan. The program is designed to helped people with their needs, pest control education, Asthma education, we have asked that this program be rolled out to Stephentown Residents for the next 3 months.

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

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$540.22** to the Supervisor for the month of **MARCH 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 **FEBRUARY 2019** was **\$3,004.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: *No numbers to report this month will catch up with March and April next month.*

T. Dorman: prior director of ERCSWMA before Matt Curley. Complaints on the recycling bin, it is being contaminated horribly, there is furniture and garbage in the bin. Have any of the loads been rejected?

W. Jennings: nothing has been rejected yet, the issue will be addressed and will speak to Matt and the staff, possibly look into getting some signs or request some signs.

L. Eckhardt: if you are interested we are always looking for substitutes at the transfer station.

T. Dorman: thought about it, currently enjoying retirement.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$419,484.16

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$199,590.07

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$1,080,447.51

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$440,744.84

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Roppola: Youth Commission Update - Easter Event was a huge turn out, teamed up with the Fire Department. Annual Meeting will be held 4/28 from 4-6pm at the library.

M. Areana: working on getting the Youth Commission together for this year.

S. Meninick: Celebrate Stephentown Update.

J. VanDeusen: is the General Liability Insurance? Listing Stephentown as additional insured?

S. Meninick: Companies have their own insurance. They are responsible for providing their own insurance. Applications are due May 1st, will have a rough sense of what is going on. Currently we have 4 Fat Fowl, Library, Larry's Farm and a lot of other exciting things.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

L. Eckhardt: Aldie and I working on getting payment together for the truck we purchased in September last year. We are waiting the arrival of the new pick-up truck.

J. VanDeusen: the voting machines that are being stored at the town hall for the school should be removed from our insurance. They do not belong to the Town.

RESOLUTION # 27-2019

RESOLUTION ADOPTED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2018 "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 OF THE YEAR 2010 CHANGING GRIEVANCE DAY

WHEREAS: the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 to Amend Local Law No. 1 of the year 2010 Changing Grievance Day, and

WHEREAS: the Rensselaer County Tax Department has notified the Town that Grievance Day cannot be changed unless the Town's Acting Assessor is an Acting Assessor with another municipality, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to pass a local law to rescind Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018, this Local Law will be titled Local Law No. 1 of the year 2019 "Relating to the Local Law No. 2 of 2018 Amending Local Law 1 of 2010 Changing Grievance Day", and

WHEREAS: said Local Law No. 1 of 2019 reads as follows:

Section 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known and cited as "Town of Stephentown Local Law No. 1 of the year 2019 Rescinding Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 Amending Local Law 1 of the year 2010 Changing Grievance Day".

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Town Board held a Public Hearing on December 17th, 2018 in regards to a purposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 titled Amending Local Law 1 of the year 2010 Changing Grievance Day. On December 17, 2018 the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 by Resolution 66 of 2018, which amended Grievance Day to the fourth Wednesday in May. The Town Board determined that this date has been set forth

by the State and cannot be changed unless the current acting Assessor is an Assessor with another municipality. Therefore the date for the Board of Assessment Review is to hear complaints in relation to assessments will hereby remain on the forth Tuesday in May.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law.

SECTION 4. RESCISSION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 adopted on December 17, 2018, by Resolution 66 of 2018 and filed in the office of the Department of State on December 27, 2018 hereby is rescinded.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall be filed immediately with the New York State Department of State and the State Board of Real Property Services.

Further be it

RESOLVED: that this local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State, and further be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to file this local law with the correct agencies.

MOTION BY: Roder

SECONDED BY: Robinson

VOTES OF:

5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 28-2019

LAWN MOWING FOR TOWN HALL AND TOWN PARK

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to request bids for lawn mowing at the Town Hall and Town Park, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has privileges to accept or deny any or all bids; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for mowing at the Town Hall and Town Park. Sealed bids to be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office by May 17th, 2019 at 7:00PM. Sealed bids will be opened at the Regular Town Board meeting held on Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

MOTION BY: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Kueppers

VOTES OF:

5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 29-2019

APPOINTING CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS; the Town Board desires to appoint a Cable Television Advisory Committee as required by the regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission;

WHEREAS; the Cable Television Advisory Committee desires to perform the required duties and obligations pursuant to the aforementioned regulations to assist in the determination of whether a franchise should be granted; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the Town Board hereby appoints the following to serve on the Town of Stephentown Cable Television Advisory Committee: Councilman Robinson, Councilman Jennings and Alexander Haley, to submit a final report of the needs of the residents.

MOTION BY: Robinson

SECONDED BY: Roder

VOTES OF:

5 AYE

0 NAY

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to request bids for a new wood framed shed to be used as an office at the Town Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has put together the approved SPECS for the new wood framed shed and has filed them with the Town Clerk, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has privileges to accept or deny any or all bids; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for a purchase of a new wood framed shed for the Transfer Station, and further be it

RESOLVED: that SPECS are available by request at the Town Clerk's Office beginning April 17th, 2019, and further be it

RESOLVED: that sealed BIDS are to be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, May 17th, 2019 at 7:00PM. Sealed BIDS will be opened at the Regular Town Board meeting held on Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

MOTION BY: Eckhardt

SECONDED BY: Jennings

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:00PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

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, May 20th, 2019** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk