

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

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:04 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.

8 from the Public were present

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #33-19 through #60-19 in the amount of **\$12,128.68 to be paid** from the **General Account**
- Claim #10-19 through #32-19 in the amount of **\$26,178.06** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$38,306.74** audited and approved by the Town Board.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

Minutes of the **JANUARY 21, 2019 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**

**VOTES OF: 4 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**1 ABSTAINED ( KUEPPERS )**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$148.76** to the Supervisor for the month of **January 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_, and for the month of **JANUARY 2019** was **\$2,647.00**.

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$4,212.00** for the month of **JANUARY 2019**.

Bags: **\$3,252.00**

C&D: **\$762.00**

Metal: **\$ 7.00**

Tires: **\$16.00**

Stickers: **\$175.00**

Appl.: **\$0**

Propane Tanks: **\$0.00**

Electronics: **\$0.00**

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

**GENERAL \$525,625.95**

**GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$184,590.07**

**BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19**

**HIGHWAY \$465,431.51**

**HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$440,744.84**

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

**REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:**

**RESOLUTION #22 – 2019**

**PURCHASE OF A 2019 4 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK**

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a new 2019 4 wheel drive pickup truck for use by the Town Highway, Highway Department, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board has reviewed this request with the Highway Superintendent, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Town requests sealed BIDs including non-collusion form, for a new 2019 4 wheel drive pickup truck. BID specs will be available at the Town Clerk's Office beginning Friday, February 22, 2019, and further be it,

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all BIDs, and further be it,

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for said sealed BIDs including non-collusion form. BIDs are due to the Town Clerk by Friday, March 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Delivered to the Town Hall or mailed to the Town Clerk at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

**MOTION BY: ECKHARDT**

**SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

*F. Bailey:* questioned why state contracts aren't being used.

*L. Eckhardt:* reassured we use state contracts when available called "Piggy backing"

*G. Robinson:* provided update on franchise agreements with Charter and Consolidated Communications for Cable TV services only in town, negotiation process will begin shortly. There will be public hearings to follow.

*L. Eckhardt:* provides update that fiber phone/internet services are now being installed to every home in town.

*R. McClave:* provided feedback on the fiber hookup, reported great connection and fast speeds, down fall if you lose power you will not have a phone, 5 year price guarantee and a 2 year contract , didn't offer a battery backup if power goes out.

*L. Eckhardt:* received an applicant for the Highway Department board approve and gives the go ahead to hire to the Highway Superintendent.

*K. Roppolo:* reports new Library Board President Melonie Arena, Scott stepped down. Reports out on Teen night will be using funds from both the Library account and the Youth Commission account, the event has been growing and getting more involved.

*B. McClave:* representing the Historical Society and thanks the board for all the support they have provided over the years, also thanked the Highway Superintendent for keeping them plowed them out. They will be having the Gillett Exhibit on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

*J. VanDeusen:* provided update on assessor training she attended and state will be conducting an audit which will require a lot of work, we will need to update local laws, resolutions, we are supposed to have driver's licenses, DD214's ext. as long as we can show we can show we are moving forward.

*B. Jennings:* questioned scanning instead of holding paper documents

*J. VanDeusen:* the state will be going to a new system which can upload photos, may be able to upload documents as well.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:01PM**

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

**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, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

*Stephanie M. Wagar*

**Town Clerk**