

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
JUNE 18, 2018**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:08 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
(X) Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Owen Cassavaugh

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

17 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #172-18 through #204-18 in the amount of **\$22,346.97** from the **General Account**
- Claim #96-18 through #113-18 in the amount of **\$20,747.90** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$43,124.87** were audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **MAY 21, 2018 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,029.92** to the Supervisor for the month of **May 2018**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **APRIL 2018** was **\$1,299.40** and for the month of **MAY 2018** **\$1,956.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$6,941.00** for the month of **MAY 2018**.

Bags: **\$5,367.00**

C&D: **\$1,357.00**

Metal: **\$27.00**

Tires: **\$50.00**

Stickers: **\$25.00**

Appl.: **\$10.00**

Propane Tanks: **\$5.00**

Electronics: **\$100.00**

W. Jennings: new stickers have been approved for printing for the 18-19 permits, one of the trucks for Recycling C&D backed into catwalk again we are looking at \$10k in damages, getting another quote from Zwack to fix the catwalk again.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$167,751.49

HIGHWAY \$902,239.78

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$187,521.24

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$421,122.82

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

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

L. Eckhardt: a lot in the Highway cash fund but we are purchasing a truck and looking to replace Aldie's truck or a new loader

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

**AMENDMENTS TO
RESOLUTION # 32-2018**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLOW & HYDRAULIC
SYSTEM PER ~~ONEIDA~~ ONONDAGE COUNTY CONTRACT ~~1751~~ 7831**

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a body, sander, plow and hydraulic system for one of the Town Highway Trucks and,

WHEREAS; the town board has review this request with the Highway Superintendent and,

WHEREAS; recently adopted State legislation allows any political subdivision in NYS to “piggyback” off an existing County Bid (in this instance, the ~~Oneida~~ Onondage County Bid ~~#1751~~ #7831) 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 approves the purchase of the needed equipment which will be installed by Zwack, Inc. for the total purchase price of **\$99,964.00.**

MOTION BY: Robinson

SECONDED BY: Kueppers

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

A. Goodermote: the bid # was wrong and the contract was under a different county that’s the reason for the amendment everything else is the same nothing changed, No money is paid until truck is fully completed and in hand, looking at the end of August or September we will probably have it in November.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AMENDMENTS BY: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Roder

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 35-2018

**REQUESTING BIDS FOR REPLACING EXTERIOR SIDING AND TRIM ON HIGHWAY
GARAGE**

WHEREAS; there is a need to replace the siding and trim to the front of the Highway Garage plus repair the building structurally on the north end, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED; that the Town requests sealed BIDs including non-collusion form, for the repairs of the Highway Garage. BID Specs. will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office and Highway Garage beginning Frida, June 22, 2018, be it further;

RESOLVED; that the sealed BIDs with a non-collusion form are due to the Town Clerk’s Office by 7:00pm, Friday, July 13th, 2018, delivered or mailed to 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168, be it further;

RESOLVED; that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for such BIDs.

MOTION BY: Eckhardt

SECONDED BY: Robinson

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Dibble: questions the noise ordinance and states it’s not enforceable, having issues with neighbor.

L. Eckhardt: will have to look into it since it is a law the Town passed.

F. Manning: questions the board on why he can’t move into a home he put a deposit on back in November over a personal vendetta.

Discussion between T. Hanson and Deputy CEO Cassavaugh regarding the open permits and obtaining a CO, Hanson believes a Licensed Engineer is to certify the tie down and provide this not the CEO, Deputy Cassavaugh states he would research Hanson's concerns.

B. Baker and T. Hanson discuss the issue being in court on Friday where things will be determined there. N. Gardner questions the Board on how much this is costing the Town, Supervisor Eckhardt replies "A lot". N. Gardner expresses concern stating "stop this bullshit", P. Kueppers addresses N. Gardner's language towards the Board.

T. Hanson states the average cost per taxpayer this is going to cost is \$150, you are paying more now for legal fees then what it cost to run the library, states the board needs to come to a resolution and he'll drop the litigation. Supervisor Eckhardt asks what resolution would that be, Hanson is not entirely sure something of equal terms. No action taken.

S. Demick brings up concerns regarding the music events held at Gardner's with the noise levels and the drug presence it brings to Town. Supervisor Eckhardt asks how many arrests were made, N. Gardner responds 200 most of them were out of town coming into town, Gardner comments that it was a good turn out "a couple calls and one dead guy". Suggestions made to have the event holder bring/hire police presence at the gates to be checked at each event. Board agrees this is a good suggestion. Fractal Fest is the next event held on July 12-15th.

Update to Celebrate Stephentown Event going as scheduled, have about 20 people for the "Made in Stephentown" event scheduled. Councilman Jennings talks about a Town Clean-Up day with himself and Hwy. Superintendent Goodermote. Transfer Station is Okay to except the garbage picked up during the Clean-up, Councilman Roder makes suggestion on contacting Matt Hagrady from the State to see if a permit is needed for State Hwy clean up. Youth Commission update on summer program, Steve Ricardi likes the program Stephentown offers and asked Berlin Board to sponsor their youth to come to Stephentown, Berlin Board was not happy declined, and are not holding a summer program this year. Councilman Roder is concerned with population but it is something to discuss. Applications are coming in and are due by the 30th for camp.

Councilman Roder gives update on Comprehensive Planning Committee, Monday June 25th at 7pm Public Hearing on Draft Plan it will be located at the Town Hall.

Town Board closes public comment, opens meeting back up for discussion between board and passing resolutions.

RESOLUTION #36 -18

STANDARD WORKDAY HOURS FOR EACH ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITION.

WHEREAS: the State retirement law requires that the town board establish standard work days 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 6 hours per day

And further be it

RESOLVED: That the town of Stephentown will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities (ROA Calendars):

- Highway Superintendent 34.89 days
- Supervisor 3.55 days
- Deputy Code Enforcement/Zoning 11.19 days
- Court Clerk 7.95 days
- Bookkeeper 5.14 days
- Town Clerk 19.87 days
- Town Board Member Kueppers 4.09 days
- Assessor 10.94 days
- Deputy Assessor 3.83 days

The Town will also report the following who have elected to participate in the New York State and Local Retirement System and have not yet submitted their record of activities (ROA Calendars):

- Town Justice Grant
- Tax Collector
- Deputy Tax Collector
- Dog Control Officer

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 37-2018

REQUESTING TO REDUCE SPEED LIMITS

WHEREAS; the Town of Stephentown has received a request from the Highway Superintendent to reduce the speed limit on East Road (County Rt. 33), NYS Route 43 from East Road (County Rt. 33) to the intersection of NYS Route 22, and NYS Route 22 from East Creek Bridge to Cemetery Hill Road , now therefore be it;

RESOLVED; that the Town requests sealed BIDs including non-collusion form, for the repairs of the Highway Garage. BID Specs. will be available at the Town Clerk's Office and Highway Garage beginning Friday, June 22, 2018, be it further;

RESOLVED; that the sealed BIDs with a non-collusion form are due to the Town Clerk's Office by 7:00pm July 13th, 2018, delivered or mailed to 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168, be it further;

RESOLVED; that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for such BIDs.

MOTION BY: Eckhardt

SECONDED BY: Jennings

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 38-2018

HIRING A WEB DESIGNER TO CREATE A NEW TOWN WEBSITE

WHEREAS; the Stephentown Town Board would like to update its current Town Website and,

WHEREAS; the Town Board has asked Erin Murphy to redesign this website in the amount of \$500 (plus the small cost of any stock photos or WordPress templates, if needed) for the site redesign, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED; that the Town Board is allowing the Town Clerk to release the current website login information to Erin Murphy to redesign the Town's new website, and further be it;

RESOLVED; that the Town Board requests Erin Murphy to sign a confidentiality statement due to the nature of the work.

MOTION BY: Eckhardt

SECONDED BY: Robinson

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Councilwoman Kueppers questions when will the confidentiality statement come? Supervisor Eckhardt probably from our attorney.

Discussion regarding setting fee and surety amounts for street and sidewalk opening permits, Councilman Roder suggests to state in resolution "whatever the county rate may be"? Hwy. Superintendent Goodermote concerns with company installing fiber optics along the road, told the company to make sure they are back far enough on Calvin Cole because they are going to be widening the road, no one asks they just come in. No resolution passed Board would like to review further.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:33 PM

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

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, July 16th, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk