

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
DECEMBER 17, 2018**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Lawrence Eckhardt** at **7:16 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 Enforcer, Owen Cassavaugh**
(X) **Town Justice, John Meekins**

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

12 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #355-18 through #390-18 in the amount of **\$20,540.90** from the **General Account**
- Claim #208-18 through #224-18 in the amount of **\$74,545.25** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$41,096.15 to be paid AND a total of \$95,086.15** approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **NOVEMBER 19, 2018 Regular Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER (WITH THENOTED AMENDMENT)

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

1 ABSTAINED (KUEPPERS)

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$730.09** to the Supervisor for the month of **November 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 **JULY 2018** was **\$2,588.00** and for the month of **AUGUST 2018** was \$_____and for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2018** was \$_____and for the month of **OCTOBER 2018** was \$_____and for the month of **NOVEMBER 2018** was **\$2,414.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of \$ _____ for the month of **OCTOBER 2018**. *Nothing to report this month or for November.*

Bags: \$

C&D: \$

Metal: \$

Tires: \$

Stickers: \$

Appl.: \$

Propane Tanks: \$

Electronics: \$

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$168,456.89

HIGHWAY \$369,363.71

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$184,590.07

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$440,744.84

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

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

\$70,000.

The Town Supervisor received 4 Ambit Energy Savings checks in the amounts of \$414.51, 262.07, 74.29 and \$60.55.

2nd and 3rd Quarter Mortgage Tax arrived in the amount of \$32,101.75. Double what was expected in revenue.

Assessor makes note there has been a lot of homes selling this past year.

Supervisor is waiting on 4th quarter sales tax, reports a shortage of \$60,730.00 in revenue.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

Amendment of Resolution #60-18

Adoption of 2019 Town Budget

Whereas: the Town of Stephentown's 2019 Preliminary Budget was submitted to the Stephentown Town Board; and

Whereas: a public hearing was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:30pm; now therefore be it

Resolved: that the 2019 Town Budget is adopted as the 2019 Adopted Budget with a tax increase of 2.79% and that the Ton Clerk files with the proper agencies.

Motion: Eckhardt

Seconded: Jennings

Vote: 4 Ayes

0 Nay

1 Abstained (Kueppers)

Discussion: dropped the overall amount to be raised by \$100.00 which dropped the percentage of increase.

RESOLUTION # 63 -18

BIDS: 2019 CLEANER FOR TOWN HALL

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown has put out to bid the cleaning of the Town Hall for the year 2019, which is for 4.5 hours for cleaning and garbage removal, and

WHEREAS: the bids were received at the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, December 14, 2018 by 7:00 PM, and

WHEREAS: a total of 1 bids were received

1. Kathleen Olson from Stephentown, NY in the amount of \$17.00/ hour

RESOLVED: that the bid for the cleaning at the Town Hall including garbage removal for a total of 4.5 hours per week for 2019 be awarded to **Kathleen Olson** for the bid of **\$17.00/hour**.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 64 - 18

OPEN BIDS: ROAD MATERIALS FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Stephentown has put out to bid for Road Materials for 2019, and

WHEREAS, the State and County contract bids are available but not limited to, and

WHEREAS, the bids were received at the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, December 14, 2018 by 7:00 PM, and

WHEREAS, a total of 2 Bids were received:

1. *John Senter*

2. *Quality Construction*

now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board award all bids and leave the decision of purchasing materials up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 65 - 18

ENACTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW EXTENDING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board has commissioned the drafting of a proposed Local Law extending the filing deadline for the senior citizen's exemption or the renewal of said exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has conducted the necessary public hearing on the proposed local law as follows;

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Local Law is to extend the filing and renewal deadline for applicants for the Senior Citizen's Exemption until each year's Grievance Day. This is in recognition of the value that the Town places on its senior population.

2. Authority.

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of RPTL 467 of the State of New York and any other similar provisions allowing the filing of same. To the extent this law is inconsistent with any other Town laws, the terms of this law shall control.

3. Title.

The title of this Local Law shall be the "Town of Stephentown Law Extending the Filing Deadline for the Senior Citizen's Exemption."

4. Extension of Time to File for the Senior Citizen's Exemption. All deadlines to file for the or to renew the Senior Citizen's Exemption are hereby extended until Grievance Day of each year.

5. Severability.

Should any section or provision of this law be deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of law, such decision shall not affect the validity of this law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

6. Repealer.

This local law shall supersede all prior Local Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations relative to the subject matter of this law within the Town of Stephentown and all other matters specifically detailed herein and they shall be upon the effectiveness of this Local Law, null and void.

7. Effective Date.

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board resolves to enact said local law.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 66 - 18

**AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2010 CHANGING
GRIEVANCE DAY**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has commissioned the drafting of a proposed Local Law changing the current set Grievance Day; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has conducted the necessary public hearing on the proposed local law as follows;

Section 1. Change In Date for Board of Assessment Review to Hear Complaints ("Grievance Day").

The date for the Board of Assessment Review to hear complaints in relation to assessments is hereby changed from the fourth Tuesday in May to the fourth Wednesday in May.

Section 2. 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.

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and Department of Taxation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board resolves to enact said local law.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Supervisor Eckhardt talks about possibly bringing people in for interviews between now and January 2. Only two members can be present otherwise it will be considered a quorum. Reconciliation meeting will be on Thursday 12/27/18.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment from the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:13 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

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

****The Organizational Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, January 21, 2019 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk