REGULAR MEETING TOWN BOARD TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN FEBRUARY 17, 2020

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

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(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt (X) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote

(X) Councilman Philip Roder (X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen (X) Councilman William Jennings (X) Tax Collector, Mary Grant

(X) Councilman Everett Madden

(X) Councilman Pam Kueppers

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established. **6** from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #25-20 through #60-20 in the amount of \$28,741.13 to be paid from the General Account
- Claim #13-20 through #32-20 in the amount of \$28,646.94 from the Highway Account
- For a **Total of \$57,388.07** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **DECEMBER 30, 2019 Reconciliation Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: ECKHARDT

Votes of: 5 Aye 0 Nay 2 Abstained (Kueppers & Madden)

Minutes of the **JANUARY 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

Votes of: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (Eckhardt)

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the ADJUSTED sum of **\$10.51** to the Supervisor for the month of **December 2019 for DEC Commissions due to the Town** (*DEC accounting system has been corrected*).

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$685.97** to the Supervisor for the month of **January 2020**.

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 2019** was **\$2,681.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,819.00** for the month of **JANUARY 2020**

Stickers: \$70.00 Appl. & Electronics: \$0 Propane Tanks: \$0

W. Jennings: Clean-Up Day cost the Town approximately \$4,000 to 5,000. Still at a deficit approximately \$32,000.00 for the year (2019).

L. Eckhardt: publicly Thanks Marylyn Osgood for her generous donation to the Town Transfer Station. Thank you from all the Town Residents!

M. Osgood: reports she is glad to do it.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$498,646.22 GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$1,050,467.11 HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41 BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

The Supervisor has received the Youth Commission Contractual Services check in the amount of \$1,995.00.

L. Eckhardt: Received a letter from Bev Maclave from the Historical Society thanking the Town Board and the Highway department for all the support.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION # 21-20

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DOG CONTROL OFFICER, WES POWELL

WHEREAS; Wes Powell has submitted his resignation on February 15th, 2020 to the Town Clerk effective March 31st, 2020; and

WHEREAS; the Town Board accepts his resignation; and

WHEREAS; the Town Board would like to advertise for the vacant position; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the Town Clerk advertise for a vacant position for the Dog Control Officer, with the term begin April 1st, 2020 to expire on December 31st, 2020. Applications or letters of interest are due Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 7:00PM.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 22-20 ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR CREDIT CARD PROGRAM

READ FROM THE ATTACHED

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

W. Jennings: picking up the pieces from where Gerry left off on the franchise. The Public Service Commission requires us to hold a Public Hearing, each company will be here to discuss their offerings after the hearing the Town Board will have to make a final decision whether they accept or not. Residents will have a choice if they wish to have cable services.

RESOLUTION # 23-20 CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE CABLE TV FRANCHISE

WHEREAS: The Town of Stephentown wishes to provide Cable TV services to Stephentown residents and:

WHEREAS: The Town of Stephentown issued a Request for Proposals for Stephentown Cable TV Franchises on October 10, 2019 and:

WHEREAS: The Town of Stephentown has received responses to the Request for Proposals from Consolidated Communications d/b/a Berkshire Cable Corp. and from Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. and:

WHEREAS: The Town of Stephentown wishes to declare both proposals complete and further wishes to schedule a Public Hearing at which both companies will present their proposals to the public and answer any questions concerning their offerings, now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stephentown declares the proposals for Consolidated Communications and Spectrum Northeast, LLC as complete and further be it:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stephentown calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 9 at 7 pm at the Stephentown Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road in Stephentown and hereby authorizes the Stephentown Town Clerk to appropriately advertise for this Public Hearing.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: ECKHARDT

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

P. Kueppers: did you get the check from Consolidated?

W. Jennings: not yet. They said it would be here today. Stephanie has reminded me it is a holiday so hopefully it will be here tomorrow.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Roppolo: update on Youth Program, Going to be offering the Summer Food Program again this year. Library update – has met with the Census, have a designated computer just for the Census for those who don't have access to a computer or the internet. If you don't want people/census knocking on your door or at your house you should complete the survey online. If you don't do it online someone will be coming to your house and then something will be mailed to you to be able to do it by mail. March 1st it takes effect then will be live. A mailing will be made. There is a way to do it from your phone as well and they are saying the Phone is the most secure process.

Youth Camp will run from 7/6 – 7/31 this year. Contract for the Halloween Party – we have already sent in the \$100 to the fire department to hold the 25th of October for us.

- *L. Eckhardt:* we have added it to our contract to include Halloween for the Youth Commission and increased our amount for this event.
- S. Wagar: will let Tammy know it is in the contract, you should get the deposit back.

M. Grant: tax collection update, have seen a decrease in the amount of people coming in with including the blue return envelopes in with the tax bills this year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:55 PM

MOTION BY: RODER 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 next one will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

The next **Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, March 16th, 2020** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk