REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN NOVEMBER 16, 2020 VIA - TELECONFERENCE

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:07 PM** 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) Councilman Everett Madden
- (X) Councilman Pam Kueppers
- (X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

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

5 from the Public were present

Due to the COVID-19 this meeting is being conducted via Teleconference.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #258-20 through #278-20 in the amount of \$10,872.41 to be approved from the General Account
- Claim #164-20 through #178-20 in the amount of \$45,768.59 to be approved from the Highway Account
- For a **Total of \$56,641.00** audited and approved by the Town Board.

*** Voucher #178-20 in the amount of \$3,089.66 was paid by a previous check, due to an over-payment and an accounting error on Delurey Sales & Services. Voucher #178-20 was added to November's Audit and has been paid from funds that were already disbursed by the Town. Amounts to be paid are \$53,551.34 and Board Approval to use the previous authorized funds of \$3,089.66 was granted. ***

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **October 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$818.90** to the Supervisor for the month of **OCTOBER 2020**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The amount to the Town for the following: (No reports received)

- SEPTEMBER 2020 \$
- OCTOBER 2020 \$

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$8,747.00** for the month of **OCTOBER 2020.**

Stickers: \$770 Appl. & Electronics: \$195 Propane Tanks: \$0

Discussion of switching Transfer Station Hours and adding a few open hours on Mondays. Possibly give Alan Stewart a key to access the Transfer Station during off hours, Councilman Roder doesn't believe handing keys out is the best solution, okay with opening more hours. Board would like to request residents to reach out to see if there is a need for Monday hours. Residents can contact Councilman Jennings.

ACCOUNT TOTALS: (Supervisor Eckhardt reported not having reports this month)

GENERAL \$ HIGHWAY \$

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65 HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19 BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Roppola: gave update on library, still open for appointments only. Youth Commission update: had approximately 80 carved pumpkins on display. Will be having a holiday bake sale.

M. Arena: Thanks Supervisor Eckhardt for donating the pumpkins. In the process of writing up the youth commission contract for next year.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

J. VanDeusen: update on revaluation – 46 more roads to complete.

RESOLUTION #38 - 20

2021 MATERIALS BID TO COMPLETE ROAD WORK AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS

WHEREAS: there is a need to purchase materials to complete the Town Road work, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for such bids, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: that the Town requests sealed bids on these materials. Bid specs will be available at the Town Clerk's Office beginning Friday, November 20, 2020, be it further

RESOLVED: that all sealed bids with a non-collusion form are due to the Town Clerk's Office by 7:00PM on Monday, December 21, 2020. Mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk at 26 Grange Hall Road in Stephentown, NY 12168.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION #39-20 AUTHORIZING THE EXTENTION OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE EASTERN RENSSELAER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (ERCSWMA)

WHEREAS: The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority (ERCSWMA) manages Municipal Solid Waste programs, Household Hazardous Waste programs and Education programs; and

Whereas: The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority service agreement with the Town of Stephentown is coming to an end on December 31, 2020 and the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors has determined that due to large projects currently in progress, that it would be in the best interest and benefit of the Town of Stephentown to extend this service agreement for one year to further pursue these projects; and

WHEREAS: The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority service agreement with the Town of Stephentown would remain unchanged from the current agreement; and

WHEREAS: it is necessary that a Contract by and between the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority, herein called ERCSWMA, and the Town of Stephentown be executed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: by the Members of the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown to extend the ERCSWMA service agreement from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION #40 – 20 ADVERTISE FOR APPOINTED POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS: the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for all appointed positions with their salary, that are expiring or vacant on December 31, 2020, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk advertise requesting applications for appointed positions for 2021, with a deadline of Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION BY: MADDEN SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION #41-20

ADVERTISE 2021 CLEANER FOR TOWN HALL

WHEREAS: there is a need to advertise for Town Hall cleaning, with present term to expire on December 31, 2020, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for this position for the year 2021. Resumes and letters of interest due to the Town Clerk by Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Delivered to the Town Hall or mailed to 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 42 -20 ADOPTION OF 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown 2021 Preliminary Budget was submitted to the Stephentown Town Board; and

WHEREAS: a public hearing was held Monday, October 26th, 2020 at 7:00 PM, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the 2021 Preliminary Budget is adopted as the 2021 Adopted Budget with a tax increase of 1.95% and that

the Town Clerk files with the proper agencies. (2021 Budget Attached)

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

RESOLUTION #43-20

ADVERTISE FOR THE 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to hold an Organizational Meeting to establish the Town's Annual Business for 2021, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for the 2021 Organizational Meeting to be held on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

MOTION BY: KUEPPERS SECONDED BY: RODER

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Upcoming meetings all scheduled for 7:00PM:

12/14/20 - Board Workshop

12/21/20 - Town Board Meeting

12/30/20 – Reconciliation Meeting (Wednesday)

1/4/21 – 2021 Organizational Meeting

1/11/21 - Board Workshop

1/18/21 - Town Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:05 PM

MOTION BY: Kueppers Seconded BY: Roder

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

The next **Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. The Board will continue to host the meetings via Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

The next **Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, December 21, 2020** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall. The Board will continue to host the meetings via Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

Stephanie M. Wagar Town Clerk