

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN  
JUNE 21, 2021  
VIA – TELECONFERENCE/TOWN HALL**

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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt**  
**(X) Councilman Philip Roder**  
**(X) Councilman William Jennings**  
**(X) Councilman Everett Madden**  
**(X) Councilman Pam Kueppers**  
**(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar**

**(X) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote**  
**(X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen**

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

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #122-21 through #155-21 in the amount of **\$39,790.47 to be paid** from the **General Account**
- Claim #82-21 through #101-21 in the amount of **\$206,988.12** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$246,778.59** audited and approved by the Town Board.

**MOTION BY: KUEPPERS**                      **SECONDED BY: RODER**

**VOTES OF:      5 AYE              0 NAY**

Minutes of the **MAY17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: RODER**                      **SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**

**VOTES OF:      5 AYE              0 NAY**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,036.98** to the Supervisor for the month of **MAY 2021**.

**JUSTICE COURT REPORT:** The distribution report from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **MAY 2021** was **\$1,790.00**, the month of **APRIL 2021** has NOT been received by the Town Clerk's Office.

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,583.00** for the month of **MAY 2021 (compared to \$10,236.00 from May of 2020) – Reports are attached for review.**

Bags: <b>\$4,776</b>	C&D & Metal: <b>\$2,189</b>	Tires: <b>\$128</b>
Stickers: <b>\$370</b>	Appl. & Electronics: <b>\$120</b>	Propane Tanks: <b>\$0</b>

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

**GENERAL \$639,197.08**  
**GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$227,440.65**  
**BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19**

**HIGHWAY \$894,593.51**  
**HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$477,414.41**  
**BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.**

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*K. Roppolo:* reported the Ski Club is going to remove Stephentown Youth Commission off the letterhead.

*J. Peabody:* update on Library Survey 160 received so far. Discussion on those not getting mailings for residents with Averill Park addresses.

*D. Walthers:* complaints with reevaluation of home and private right of way being blocked on property he reported he had access to for years. Town Board explains reevaluation and makes a suggestion on him reaching out to an attorney for the private right of way issues, town board agreed they cannot get involved in private issues.

*J. VanDeusen:* Assessor explains that the Tax Rolls are officially closed and any further complaints would be brought to small claims.

*K. Roppolo:* provides update to Youth Commission camp. 42 kids signed up 3 spots open and 9 for swim program.

**REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:**

*L. Eckhardt:* discusses the American Rescue Plan Act and the funds available to the Town, application needs to be submitted by 7/9. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter sales tax check was received for \$76,997. Karate Club - Town Board agrees to the move the group to Thursdays, and Reopen the Town Hall for Rentals.

**RESOLUTION #24-21**

**REQUESTS FOR BIDS FOR BRUSH HOGGING AT THE TOWN TRANSFER STATION – OLD LANDFILL**

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board would like to request bids for brush hogging at the Transfer Station's old Landfill, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board has privileges to accept or deny any or all bids; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for brush hogging at the Transfer Station's Old Landfill. Sealed bids to be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office by July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00PM. Sealed bids will be opened at the Regular Town Board meeting held on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**RESOLUTION #25-21**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NEW LOADER UNDER NYS OGS/NJPA CONTRACT # PC66988**

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board to approve the purchase of a new loader for the Town Highway Department, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board has reviewed this request with the Town Highway Superintendent, and

**WHEREAS:** the State legislation allow any political subdivision in NYS to buy off an existing NYS OGS Contract in this instance (#NYS OGS Contact # PC66988), and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown will adhere to the NYS OGS contract requirements outlined in this legislation, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Town of Stephentown Town Board approves the purchase of the new CAT 930 Loader for the purchase price of \$154,735.00, with a trade in value of \$30,000.00 for the current loader, bringing the total cost to the Town from the General Fund Account to \$124,735.00, this purchase will be paid in one payment.

**MOTION BY: Roder**

**SECONDED BY: Kueppers**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

*P. Kueppers:* thanks Aldie for all his help with the Clean Up Days at the Transfer Station.

*Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent presents Lawrence Eckhardt, Town Supervisor a plaque from Town Attorney Craig Crist for all Larry's years of service he has provided to the Town of Stephentown.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:40 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** normally located at the Town Hall. The next one will be held on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00PM via Zoom for those who have not been vaccinated or comfortable attending in person.

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at **7:00 PM** located at the Town Hall and via Zoom for those who have not been vaccinated or comfortable attending in person.

*Stephanie M. Wagar*  
**Town Clerk**