REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

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26 GRANGE HALL ROAD, STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168 JULY 17, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Philip Roder* at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	
(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder	(X) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote
(X) Council William Jennings	(X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen
() Council Everett Madden	
(X) Council Diana Clark	
(X) Council Kyle Kidney	
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman	
A quorum (X) was () wasn't established	
<u>3</u> from the Public were present	

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #171-23 through #195-23 in the amount of \$17,640.80 to be approved from the General Account
- Claim #120-23 through #133-23 in the amount of \$225,984.59 to be approved from the Highway Account
- For a **Total of \$243,625.39** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: CLARK SECONDED BY: KIDNEY VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Minutes of the **JUNE 19, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS
VOTES OF: 4 AYE

SECONDED BY: KIDNEY
O NAY
O ABSTAINED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,435.50** to the Supervisor for the month of **JUNE 2023**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **MAY 2023** was \$1,648.00. The month of June 2023 to date has not been received.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of \$6,273.00 for the month of **JUNE 2023**.

Bags: \$4,560.00 C&D & Metal: \$1,992.00 Tires: \$51.00

Stickers: \$ 0.00 Appl. & Electronics: \$ 120.00 Propane Tanks: \$0.00

Council Jennings reported that he is hopefully o have all the figures from Clean Up Day for next month 's meeting.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$978,471.11
GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$859,481.02
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19
ARPA ACCOUNT: \$282,677.21

HIGHWAY \$1,044,739.27 HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$655,384.29 BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

T. Dormady reported that he has an electrician friend that stated the lights in the Town Hall can be re-tooled and would save funds.

Council Jennings requested contact information and will follow up.

K. Roppolo, Library Director, reported out on Youth Commission's Summer Program, program is running smoothly, Teen Night is approaching on the 21^{st} , Bee Keeping event will be coming to the library on the 29^{th} , August 6^{th} a New Resident Welcome Event will take place and Birds of Pray right after.

J. Peabody reported concerns with the weather and maintaining outdoor summer programming. It has turned into a mud pit, will need to come up with something.

Council Clark expressed concern of the air quality issues with the recent wild fires in Canada.

K. Roppolo reported that they have not had any issues but would follow up with families to make sure kids are safe.

J. Peabody reported out on the Fire Department calls, 13 call with transportation, 1 without transport, 1 mutual aid, 1 structure fire, 1 good intent, 2 accidents. We had a safety session, and will be having another one.

Council Clark reported that the fire department supplied bike helmets to all the children

J. Peabody reported the ambulance had its annual certification it has over 100k miles on it and it is 14 years old. August 19th is the Car Show, looking for young volunteers for the fire department, youngest members are JR members can be 16years old. Food Pantry report – currently serving 10 households, approximately 25 people, has been busier than usual.

Supervisor Roder asks if the supply is meeting the demand.

J. Peabody reported that they are not falling short on supplies, however less produce is being donated.

K. Roppolo reported that there are approximately 25-35 kids daily at the summer program, food is much better this year, County is providing it and they bring pizza on Fridays. You do not have to be a camper to get food if you are 18 or younger you can pick up food before 11:45am.

Assessor J. VanDeusen reported that the truck salvage is still being looked at.

Superintendent Goodermote reported that the company for the generator showed up but did not have a building permit.

Discussion between Superintendent and Supervisor regarding the purchase of a new pick-up truck and whether or not the Town wants to go with gasoline or diesel. The new ambulance will take gasoline. Concerns that gasoline will not last long for the highway pickup truck. Discussion on taking the old kerosene tank at the Town Hall and installing it on a pad next to the garage for the ambulance to fuel up. Will discuss more.

Supervisor Roder reported that the Town received a mortgage tax check for approximately 20k, concerns that the revenue line may not meet budget. Typically, the third and fourth tax checks are lower.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

Resolution # 40 of 2023 Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Madden Road Bridge Rehabilitation

WHEREAS the bridge on Madden Road over the East Brook ("the Bridge") is in need of rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS NYSDOT has flagged the Bridge due to the deterioration of the superstructure, and

WHEREAS the Town Board has authorized the use of ARPA funds to cover a portion of the costs of the rehabilitation of

the Bridge, and

WHEREAS plans and specifications have been developed by Foit-Albert Associates for the rehabilitation of the Bridge,

and therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby calls for the solicitation of bids for the rehabilitation of the Madden Road

bridge in conformance with the plans and specifications and Notice to Bidders, available at the office of the

Superintendent of Highways, which are to be received and considered publicly at the office of the

Superintendent of Highways, on the 10th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the public

notice and further be it

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting will be held on August 14, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall for the Town Board to

award the BID.

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

RESOLUTION # 41 OF 2023 INCREASING THE TRANSFER STATION ANNUAL PERMIT FEES

Whereas: The Town Board would like to increase the Transfer Station Permit Fees, and

Whereas: The annual permits are up for renewal in August of 2023 for the 2023 – 2024 permits, now therefore

be it

Resolved: that the Town Board increases the Residential permit fee to \$50.00 effective for the 2023 -2024 Transfer

Station permits, and further

Resolved: that the Town Board increases the Professional Occupation permit fee to \$60.00 effective for the 2023

-2024 Transfer Station permits, and further

Resolved: that the Senior (65+) Transfer Station annual permit fee will remain at \$10.00.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

T. Dormady asks how many senior permits are sold and if there has been discussion on increasing.

Council Jennings reported approximately 100 and the board decided not to increase since they were free a few years

ago.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:58 PM

MOTION BY: RODER SECONDED BY: JENNINGS

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY

The next **Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

The next **Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, August 21, 2023** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk