REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN 26 GRANGE HALL ROAD, STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168 September 18, 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) Council Kyle Kidney

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder
(X) Council William Jennings
(X) Council Everett Madden
(X) Council Diana Clark

(X) High. Superin. Alden Goodermote (X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen

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

<u>3</u> from the Public were present

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #218-23 through #241-23 in the amount of \$17,134.40 to be approved (removal of Voucher #239-23 was made by Supervisor Roder) from the General Account
- Claim **#150-23** through **#164-23** in the amount of **\$35,098.72** to be approved from the Highway Account
- For a **Total of \$53,228.12** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: JENNINGS SECONDED BY: KIDNEY VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the AUGUST 21, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved by the Town Board as written.MOTION BY: JENNINGSSECONDED BY: KIDNEYVOTES OF:5 AYE0 NAY

Minutes of the SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 Town Board Workshop Meeting were approved by the Town Board as
written.MOTION BY: JENNINGSSECONDED BY: CLARKVOTES OF:3 Aye0 Nay2 ABSTAINED (RODER & MADDEN)

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,239.96** to the Supervisor for the month of **AUGUST 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 **JULY 2023 and AUGUST 2023 reports have not been received.** *Supervisor Roder expressed concerns over revenue this year for the Court. They budgeted for \$25,000.00 and currently there is less than \$10,000.00, will probably bring in \$15,000.00 for this year.*

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$13,814** for the month of **AUGUST 2023**.

Bags: \$ 5,917.00C&D & Metal: \$1,730.00Tires: \$ 59.00Stickers: \$ 5,963.00Appl. & Electronics: \$ 145.00Propane Tanks: \$0.00Council Jennings nothing major to report, will have more information if the permit increase has made a difference.Considering internet service at the Transfer Station and possibility of a Credit Card machine. The cost of running fiber

to the building, security system approximately \$1200 like the Highway, we can discuss doing everything at once or over a period of time.

Supervisor Roder asked what the monthly costs were for internet and security.

Town Clerk Hoffman reported no security costs, just install and equipment charges, both Highway and the Town Hall currently have a security system. Will check to see how much it would cost if anything for an additional credit card terminal with current vendor.

Supervisor Roder commented it's the way of the future, and believes it's a matter of time that the upgrades should be done.

Council Clark agreed, and would like more information on the credit card machine and costs of upgrades. Thanked the Fire Department and their crew for an outstanding job.

J. Peabody provided the August Fire Department Report a total of 26 calls for the month were made. EMS with transportation: 11, without transportation: 2, Mutual Aide: 3, Hazardous: 1, Good Intent: 1, Cancelled Call: 1. An informational meeting will be held on 9/27 to discuss the ambulance. It will be held at the fire hall at 6:30pm. The State is pushing the law to charge for ambulance services. As requested by Supervisor Roder, J. Peabody looked into funding opportunities for the Town Hall to get an AED, she reported nothing looked promising at this time.

K. Roppolo provided a library report, 1,000 new members have joined. Provided information on a program provided by the Upper Hudson Library program from April to August.

Council Clar provided a Veteran's group update. On 9/21 Wreaths Across America will be hosting a ceremony at 11:00am to honor the Vietnam Veterans who have never been properly welcomed home. There will be a van there from 11:00am to 7:00pm.

K. Roppolo reported that the Veteran's are displaying a beautiful sculpture at the Library, the library will be having a drop in program and will be making pin poppies in honor of Veterans. Tomorrow there will be a "Baby Café" event for nursing mothers, it will be for moms who are struggling or even if they would like to join the group, it will be hosted once a month. On 9/29 at 6:00pm the Wildlife Tales program will be going on there will be folklore with live animals, 9/30 there will be a Clean Energy program.

ACCOUNT TOTALS: GENERAL \$910,053.26 GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$859,481.02 BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19 ARPA ACCOUNT: \$246,285.71

HIGHWAY \$764,611.13 HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$655,384.29 BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Highway Superintendent Goodermote reported a leak in the Salt shed roof.

Council Jennings asked when the roof was installed.

Highway Superintendent Goodermote believes it was in 1996 or 1997.

Town Clerk Hoffman asked if metal was considered.

Highway Superintendent Goodermote reported that he is not sure why metal wasn't put on, possibly a reaction between the salt and metal, all salt shed roofs that he has seen are shingles.

Supervisor Roder asked if he was thinking about doing the job internally or RFPs.

Highway Superintendent Goodermote reported that he has an employee that is a good roofer and he reported that he thinks he could get the job done in 3 days, however he is not sure at this time and how much materials would cost.

Supervisor Roder reported a CHIPS check received in the amount of \$314k which was about \$9k more than expected. We still have the 3rd and 4th quarter sale tax checks and are hoping that it will cover the Mortgage tax deficit.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

RESOLUTION # 49-2023 APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW POSITION

WHEREAS: the Town Board requested letters of interest and resumes for an expiring Board of Assessment Review position due to expire on September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received a letter of interest from <u>1</u> applicant for the Board of Assessment Review position,

1. <u>Yvonne Meekins</u>

now therefore be it

2. **RESOLVED:** that the Town Board would like to appoint <u>*Yvonne Meekins*</u>, to the Board of Assessment Review to a 5 year term due to expire on September 30th, 2028.

MOTION BY: CLARK SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:07 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGSSECONDED BY: KIDNEYVOTES OF:5 Aye0 Nay

The next **Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. A 2024 Budget Workshop will be held this evening and will be on Town Hall Streams.

The next **Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk