

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Supervisor P. Roder** at **7:02 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder

() Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent

(X) Council Diana Clark

(X) Jennifer Van Deusen, Assessor

(X) Council Kyle Kidney

(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr. (arrived at 7:16pm)

(X) Council Tammy Madden

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #225-24 through #249-24 in the amount of \$22,135.17 to be approved from the **General Account**
- Claim #162-24 through #186-24 in the amount of \$104,263.11 to be approved from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$126,398.28** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE (DEFREEST JR.)

Minutes of the **September 16, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 3 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSTAINED (CLARK) 1 ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE (DEFREEST JR.)

Minutes of the **October 14, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 4 AYE 0 NAY 1 ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE (DEFREEST JR.)

Minutes of the **October 14, 2024, 2025 Tentative Budget Workshop Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,277.01** to the Supervisor for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2024**.

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 2024** was **\$2,004.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$18,566.00** for the month of **AUGUST 2024.**

Bags: **\$6,799**

Stickers: **\$9,174**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,576**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Tires: **\$42**

Appliances: **\$75**

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$9,138.00** for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2024.**

Bags: **\$4,664**

Stickers: **\$2,170**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,057**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Tires: **\$172**

Appliances: **\$75**

Council Clark provided an update to the ERCSWMA meeting she attended. The rates are going to increase next year due to inflation. ERCSWMA has not increased rates in three years, the increase will be an overall \$1,896 added to the annual membership fee. This year the cost was \$18,127 next year will be \$20,023.

Supervisor Roder suggested that we may want to look at the budget further to make sure the increase is accounted for.

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$1,053,293.39

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$912,730.94

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

HIGHWAY \$1,028,882.29

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$744,652.70

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)

- Raise your hand prior to speaking*
- Announce your name and the Town you reside in.*
- There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year*
- Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.*

J. Peabody provided the Library, Youth Commission and Fire Department reports.

- Youth Commission is looking for more judges for the Halloween Costume Party this Saturday at 2pm and Trunk or Treat will follow.*
- Teen Nights are going well and will be having another one.*
- Nov. 7th and 9th there will be CPR classes held at the library.*
- Fire Department will be hosting their Roast dinner on 11/2 and the Light parade is scheduled for 11/30.*

<i>Fire Department Report for September 2024</i>	
<i>EMS with Transport:</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>EMS without Transport:</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle no injury:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Burner/Boiler Malfunction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brush Fire:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Good Intent</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Weather Wires Down:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Call Cancelled:</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Monthly Total:</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>YTD:</i>	<i>279</i>

RESOLUTION #38 - 24

REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Stephentown (hereinafter the "Town") has not had a townwide revaluation of real property assessment since 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Town to perform a revaluation of all taxable parcels within the Town to maintain and preserve a fair and equal tax base for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for giving direction to the Town Assessor with respect to revaluation of properties within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from David Galarneau for personal services to assist the Town Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen in conducting a revaluation of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepts the proposal and will hire the personal services of David Galarneau to assist the Town Assessor in performing said revaluation and related services in the amount of \$7,000.00 to be paid in 2024 and \$16,000.00 to be paid in 2025 for a total of \$23,000.00, these funds will be on Town payroll;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, that the Town Board hereby approves proceeding with the town-wide revaluation and hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with David Galarneau to perform such service under the terms and conditions of the previously submitted proposal of services, such agreement not to exceed the sum of \$23,000.00 and payment for the same shall be procured from the personal services "A" Fund budget and paid pursuant to such agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board directs that the Assessor is authorized to begin the revaluation process for a town-wide revaluation to be effective on the 2027 town and county taxes and 2026 for school taxes.

By motion made by *Council T. Madden*, and seconded by *Council J. DeFreest, Jr.*, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown on the 21st day of October, 2024 as follows:

Votes:

Supervisor Roder: Aye

Council Kidney: Aye

Council Madden: Aye

Council DeFreest Jr.: Aye

Council Clark: Aye

RESOLUTION # 39 - 24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING READVERTISEMENT OF A 2024 or 2025 FORD X-600 PICKUP TRUCK

WHEREAS; Town Board requested sealed BIDs with a non-collusion for the purchase of a 2024 or a 2025 Ford F-600 XL Reg. Cab 4 x 4 8.0' Box 169" WB Pickup Truck for use at the Town Highway Department and,

WHEREAS; the Town Clerk received 0 sealed BID by the due date of October 21, 2024 by 7:00PM and,

WHEREAS; the Town Board has requested that the Town Clerk readvertise for such BIDs to be opened at the scheduled Public Hearing on November 4th, 2024 prior to the 2025 Budget Hearing, now therefore be it

RESOLVED; the Town of Stephentown Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to readvertised for sealed BIDs of the Ford F600 pickup Truck.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF:

5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE PILOT Agreement for Route 22 (Tax Map 196-1-2), Stephentown (Longroad Development aka: Milk Run Solar, LLC)

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor received a Notice of Intent to Construct a Solar Project located at NY22, Stephentown, NY 12168 (Tax Map No. 196.-1-2), further be known as Longroad Development; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor responded within the required sixty-day timeframe to require a contract for payment in lieu of taxes under Real Property Tax Law §487(9)(a); and

WHEREAS, such contract was reviewed by legal counsel and is required to be approved by the Stephentown Town Board, Rensselaer County and School District, to be paid in lieu of taxes, (Agreement to be attached to these minutes),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town.

MOTION BY: CLARK **SECONDED BY:** DEFREEST, JR.

VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY** **ABSTAINED**

Supervisor Roder reported that the School and the County have not signed the PILOT Agreement yet, The Town Clerk reported that she does not have a copy of this agreement to provide to the board or for public review and Supervisor Roder was comfortable tabling this resolution until he is able to get a copy to the board for review.

TABLED MOTION BY: RODER **SECONDED BY:** DEFREEST, JR.

VOTES OF: **5 AYE** **0 NAY** **0 ABSTAINED**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:50 PM

MOTION BY: MADDEN **SECONDED BY:** KIDNEY

VOTES OF: **5 AYE** **0 NAY**

****The Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget will be held on Monday, November 4th, 2024 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, November 18th, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.**

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk