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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

**TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
FEBRUARY 17, 2025**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Stephanie Hoffman, Town Clerk** at **7:07 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

() Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder

() Council Diana Clark

(X) Council Kyle Kidney

(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.

(X) Council Tammy Madden

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

(X) Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent

() Jennifer Van Deusen, Assessor

(X) Legal Counsel, Chris Langlois

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

4 from the Public were present

Town Clerk Hoffman opens the meeting up to the public prior to conducting Town Business:

- *Longroad Energy is present to further discuss the amendments made to the Milk Run Solar Decommissioning Agreement.*

Councilman DeFreest Jr. asked Longroad representatives why the road reclamation was removed from the plan.

*Chad Allen provided an **explanation***

Legal Counsel Langlois ensures that the Town is not going to take ownership of the property and explains that the bond is to only reclaim the land and dispose of the materials that were placed on/in the land.

Chad Allen (Longroad) reported that it can be requested by the landowner.

Councilman DeFreest Jr. expressed concerned regarding the labor rates, \$95.00/hour is not enough to cover an Electrician or Operator.

Reuben Hall (Longroad) reported that they reviewed the Rensselaer County prevailing wage schedule.

Councilman DeFreest Jr. requested the paperwork for the recycling costs.

Chad Allen reported that they only have it in electronic format and will send it electronically but requested to remain confidential and not share the document.

Councilman DeFreest Jr. made a Motion to Table the Agreement, Councilwoman T. Madden Seconded the Motion. Member votes: 3 Aye 0 Nay

Legal Counsel Langlois provides a brief description of the conversation and what issues still need to be addressed in the proposed plan. Recycling Costs and Labor Rate. He reported that he is satisfied with the legal aspect and asks if the Town Board is satisfied since they are the ones signing the plan.

Council DeFreest Jr. suggested having an informal sit down with Supervisor Roder and himself to further discuss the issues addressed this evening. Legal Counsel requested if a video conference would be sufficient and when the conference could be held, Council DeFreest Jr. reported that it would depend on the Supervisor's schedule.

Reuben Hall requested that the Town Board approve the agreement tonight so that they could get on the

Planning Boards agenda to have they approve that the obligations have been met.

Legal Counsel and Town Clerk Hoffman explained that there are two options that could happen, that the Planning Board would like to meet to ensure the obligation have been met or have the Code Enforcement Officer review and make the determination that all obligations have been met to move forward. Town Clerk will find out how the Planning Board would like to proceed.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #33-25 through #51-25 in the amount of **\$9,855.90 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #19-25 through #37-25 in the amount of **\$36,797.88 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$46,653.78** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

Minutes of the **January 20, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: MADDEN

SECONDED BY: DEFREEST JR.

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$343.50** to the Supervisor for the month of **JANUARY 2025**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **November 2024** was **\$729.00**, and **December 2024** was **\$1,149.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$6,232.00** for the month of **JANUARY 2025**.

Bags: **\$5,278**

C&D & Metal: **\$808**

Tires: **\$6**

Stickers: **\$130**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Appliances: **\$0**

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$1,537,371.63

HIGHWAY \$692,188.73

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$912,730.94

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$744,652.70

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

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.*

Jenn Peabody provides the monthly fire department report, Thanked the Highway Department for their assistance during calls when the ambulance couldn't get into driveways due to the recent weather. Provided update to the 911 Address signs currently have 140 requests and 100 signs have been completed. March 8th is the annual Corned Beef Dinner at the Fire Hall. Library will be hosting another Teen Night this Friday.

Council DeFreest Jr. inquired about another Trivia Night, reported that it was a great time.

J. Peabody reported that one is in the works for the end of March but are looking to get the logistics of things confirmed. The Plan is to move it to the Fire Hall if available since there was a huge turn out at the last one.

<i>Fire Department Report for</i>	<i>January 2025</i>
<i>EMS with Transport:</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>EMS without Transport:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle injury:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Burner/Boiler Malfunction</i>	
<i>Brush Fire:</i>	
<i>Good Intent</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Weather Wires Down:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Call Cancelled:</i>	
<i>Carbon Monoxide</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Monthly Total:</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>YTD:</i>	<i>20</i>

RESOLUTION #28-25

TOWN APPOINTMENTS FOR VACANT POSITIONS

WHEREAS: certain appointments by the Town Board are necessary to conduct the town business for 2025, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the following one (1) year appointments be made, expiring Dec.31, 2025;
Youth Commission Summer Camp Director:

1. Jessica Rontey

And

Youth Commission Summer Camp Co-Director:

2. Taylor Meyer

MOTION BY: MADDEN

SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM

MOTION BY: MADDEN

SECONDED BY: DEFREEST JR.

VOTES OF: 3 AYE

0 NAY

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk