

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2017

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Parker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Highway Supt., Clerk French, Assessor Allen Fukes, Code Officer Joe McGill, Jeff Snell, Scott McDonald, Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Randy Schell, Steve Bernat, Amber Lindsey, Gary Snell Sr., Joseph Snell, Richard Eakins, D. Rice, Robert Blum, Kathryn Benham, Jack Kelly, Kathy MacKay, John Mahoney, Amy Mitchell, Sandy Maine, Ellen White, Robin Fefee, Elsie Dominy, Nancy Horan, Jessica Burnett, Harold Phippen, Lisa Gray, Ilah Durant, Alden Durant, Etta Phelix, Luke Dailey, Morgan Newtown, Tom Schiltz, Kelly Pullano, Pastor Pedro, Trina Morales.

ABSENT: Councilman Sochia.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood welcomed Joe McGill the newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Hopkinton.

Privilege of the Floor:

Randy Shell, Supervisor from Lowville spoke to the Boards in regards to the Maple Ridge Wind Farm located in his town. He reported on the PILOT agreement and the positive impacts the wind farm has had on their town. He stated they are currently in negotiations for renewal of the PLOT agreement. They will be adding number three wind farm in the near future. He also reported on assessed value of the town and the decrease of tax rates. He also stated they had no opposition to the wind farm.

Steve Bernat, Supervisor from Harrisburg also reported to the Board their experiences with the wind farm. He stated that he is a lease holder. It has been a great benefit to the town. Property values have increased. They have been able to keep their tax levy flat.

The following persons spoke to the Board in regards to their feelings of the Proposed Wind Farms, Robert Blum, Jeff Snell, Gary Snell, Sandy Maine, Kelly Pullano, Morgan Newtown, Janice Pease, Luke Daily, Amy Mitchell. Some of the info they reported to the Board that they are concerned with is Fire Protection and what is the Fire Departments plan of action, the revision of the towns Ethic Policy, Governor Cuomo setting a 30 mile set back in the Long Island Hampton area, the only persons in town that are in favor of the wind farm are lease holders, concerns in taxation vs PILOT.

David Slater asked the Board if they had done any research on what the tax rate and assessed values are now compared to before the wind farm came in the Town of Chateaguay.

Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano Jack Kelly, Richard Eakins, Ila Durant spoke to the Board. They talked to the Board in regards to the positives the wind farm could bring to the town, such as, jobs, revenue, increase the value of the town. They also commented if the Board knew definitively that the majority of Hopkinton residents were against the wind farm. Supervisor Wood responded "no".

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept Supervisors Financial Report for March 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 80 to 99 General Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$7,469.81 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 36 to 48 Highway Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$12,855.15 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 6 to 8 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$499.60 were audited and approved

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by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 5 Building Account Abstract 4 in the amount of \$7,000.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to make the following Transfer. Adopted unanimously.

General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$341.00.

Correspondence:

USDA Rural Development regarding 504 Loan/Grant program which provides help to very-low income owner occupants of modest single family homes in need of repair that are located in rural areas.

Old Business:

Appointment to Wind Advisory Board: Supv. Wood reported that in March when the vote took place for the appointment it did not carry due to the fact it was not a majority vote.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lyon to appoint John Niles to the Board of review.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

Quotes Siding for Museum: Mr. Crump reported that he has not received any as of yet. It was suggested to write-up what we are looking for and advertise on the town web site.

Quotes for generator at Highway Garage: Mr. Green received two price quotes from the following:

BGR Power, N. Bangor \$7,232.00 for a 20KW installed and;

Brett Blackmer Electric \$6,550.00 for a 22KW installed.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the purchase of the 22KW generator, installed, from Brett Blackmer Electric. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been busy attending several meetings in regards to the proposed Wind Farm.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McGill reported that there was no activity for the month of March. Dollar General should be closing on the property this week.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The STAR program will not be put back in the hands of the local assessors, it will remain with the state.

Mr. Fukes also asked the Board to approve attendance at a Mixed Use Properties training. The cost is \$110.00.

This cost will be shared by the Town of Brasher.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to allow Mr. Fukes to attend 55.00. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Fukes also reported that Grievance Day will be June 6th.

Mr. Fukes also told the Board that the SLC Planning Department is going to do a 2017 fly over and update all properties with better pixels. The cost of this will be \$288,000.00. They are asking the Towns to pay for half of the cost. They can pay for it through Town Chargeback's or they can be invoiced. The cost will be based upon the number of parcel counts and the assessed value. An estimated cost to the town will be \$3,042.00

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the cost of the fly over and to pay for it through the Town Chargeback's. Adopted unanimously.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the basement repairs are nearing an end. The new panel box has been installed. He has about one inch more to go on the floor and then he will install bracing. Once the weather

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turns he will finish up outside. The Historical Group has ordered a new window for the museum and they will install it.

Mike Draper has been elected the new President of the Historical Society.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He presented the Board with a revised Agreement to Spend Funds with the County.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Agreement to Spend Funds with the County as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Green also reported that he had been contacted the County Highway Superintendent and we are going to be eligible to apply for Winter Storm funding. If it goes through we could get an estimate of \$18,986.00.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report. They had 0 man hours responding to calls; 192 man hours of training; 78 man hours' general station work. They will hold the following fund raisers:

May they will hold chicken barbeque, not date set as of yet, August 5 they will hold their Field Day.

Tri-Town Rescue had 50 total calls with 3 in Hopkinton.

BHLS: Copies of the monthly minutes were presented.

New Business:

Direct Deposit: Supervisor Wood reported to the Board that she had been asked by the Highway Employees about setting up Direct Deposit. She has been working with NBT Bank. All fees will be waived. She will also check with our software vendor to see if the program we currently have is set-up for direct deposit.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to move ahead with the Direct Deposit for all persons that are interested. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Local Law #3 Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton with a motion by Mr. Parker and a second by Ms Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on Proposed Local Law 3, Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton. This Proposed Local Law will be a revision to Local Law 1 of 2010 and will supersede it in all respects upon filing with the Secretary of State.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

Computer and Software for Code Enforcement Officer: Clerk French reported to the Board that the computer that was last used by the Code Officer needs to be replaced, it is running Windows XP.

She received a price quote from Dell for a lap top, Inspiron 15 5000 Series with Windows 10pro in the amount of \$587.99. A

She also priced Micro Soft Office Pro and can purchase it for \$175.00 from Amazon.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to purchase the lap top and Micro Soft Office. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Election Board: Clerk French reported to the Board that the Board of Elections came and inspected the new Municipal Building and will be moving our polling place from the Town Hall to the new building due to the fact that the Town Hall does not meet the ADA requirements.

NYS Town Clerk Conference: Clerk French reported to the Board that due to a family illness she would not be able to attend the conference. Check #8630 that was issued for her conference registration will be voided and credited back to her contractual expense.

Welcome to Hopkinton Sign: Clerk French reported to the Board that she had been approached by Mr.

Lamphere that we were going to have to move the sign coming into town on SH 11-B. The sign is in the way of the Dollar Generals construction site and where they are going to locate their driveway. She has asked

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Mr. Green if the Highway Department could remove the sign and store it. After construction has completed the

Summer Fest Committee will look to relocate the sign in a new area.

First Baptist Church in Parishville: would like permission to use the Hopkinton Park July 10th through July 14 to conduct a Bible Club for children. The Board will review the request and act on it at the May meeting.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, RMC