

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2016

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Ernest Wood, Jan Keller, Annette Green, Benjamin Wood, Steve Hopkins, Sandy Sayyeau, Carl Huto, Anne Briton, Tom Whitesell.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Carl Huto: spoke to the Board about posting a reduced speed zone on the Converse Road. Steve Green, Highway Supt., responded that he cannot change the speed limits. That is set by the State of New York and there has to be a study done and approval by the state to reduce a speed zone from 55 miles per hour.

Anne Briton: reported that there needs to be some reflective paint put on the step on the side entrance to the municipal building.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept Supervisors Financial Report for July 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 195 to 224 General Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$34,962.39 were audited and approved by the Board.
Voucher Nos. 105 to 119 Highway Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$15,564.48 were audited and approved by the Board.
Voucher Nos. 13 to 15 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$712.00 were audited and approved by the Board

Voucher Nos. 20 to 21 Building Account Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$2,058.59 were audited and approved by the Board

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

Correspondence:

BHLS: minutes of August 2, 2016 minutes were presented.

SLC Self Insurance Plan: regarding 2017 apportionment for the town has been set at \$37,950.00.

Local Government Conference: October 11, 2016 at SUNY Potsdam. Supv. Wood asked if anyone is going to attend let Clerk French know by September 30.

Article 10 Siting: presented and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Old Business:

Museum Grant: Supv. Wood reported that she has received the contract from the Dormitory Authority in regards to the Museum grant. She will have to meet with the Town Attorney to get a letter of approval from him.

Bid Advertising for Museum repairs: Supv. Wood presented the Board with bid spec sheet for the work that needs to be done at the Museum. She asked the Board members to review it and if there any changes they would like to let her know by August 22.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to advertise for bids. Bids must be returned by noon on September 16. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud on September 19, 2016 at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that Senator Little visited the new Municipal Building, Museum, Library and Fire Station on Monday, August 15.

Supv. Wood also reported that she had talked with Gary Pecore in regards to landscaping along the side of the Municipal Building. He told her that we would need to remove the stone and bring in some top soil. The cost for him to landscape would be between \$3,000.00 and \$3,500.00 with a one year warranty. The Board asked her to get a detailed description of the work he was going to do and what was going to be planted along with the warranty in writing.

The Board tabled any decision until a detailed written quote is submitted.

Supv. Wood also reported that she has a price quote from Dennis Vaco, attorney in Buffalo, in regards to the Wind

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Development. She also reported to the Board that she has also found that there is an attorney in Massena, and Plattsburgh that are experienced in the wind development farms and she would like to contact them for a price quote before selecting an attorney.

Supv. Wood also commented that she and the other Board members attended a Board meeting in the Town of Chateaugay to ask questions and gather info on their experience with the development of a wind farm in their town. She asked the Board to get their notes together and forward them to her so she can consolidate them and turn them over to the Wind Advisory Board.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He issued four permits with a total of 30 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. New STAR recipients should start receiving their checks around September 10. They have to use the check towards their school tax payment. H is not sure how escrowed accounts are going to be handled as of yet. Mr. Crump told Mr. Fukes that he had gathered some info on 480A Exemptions. The landowner is supposed to contact the DEC and they are supposed to monitor how much wood is cut off the property. The town is supposed to receive 6% of the money.

Library: Jan Keller reported that they had another successful Summer Reading Program, 37 children attended. She is trying to get a Storytime set-up. They are continuing work on their web page.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. They had 13.5 man hours responding to calls, 17 hours training and 479 work detail and fund raising. Tri-Town Rescue had 61 total calls and 12 were in Hopkinton.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that some new shrubs were planted. They lost a few and they have been removed.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he has been doing his regular maintenance duties. He is cutting trees near the new entrance, across the bridge and up at the ballfield. He also reported that two picnic tables at the Ft. Jackson Park need to be replaced and the tables in both parks need painting.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to allow Mr. Wood to purchase some paint to paint the tables at both parks. Adopted unanimously.

New Business:

Alternate Names for Wind Advisory Board: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that we need to appoint two persons as alternates to the Board in case one of the members steps down. This way they are up to date on what is going on. She spoke with Jody Wenzel and John Niles and they are both interested in being alternates.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to appoint John Niles and Jody Wenzel as alternates to serve on the Wind Advisory Planning Board. Adopted unanimously.

Solar Local Law: Supv. Wood asked the Board if they had reviewed the Local Law she gave them from the Village of Potsdam. Mr. Sochia stated he had reviewed it and it was much more that we needed. Supv. Wood stated she realized that, but it will give us a place to start. She will meet with the Code Officer, Allen Fukes and they will go over the Local Law and try to put one together that would provide what we need in Hopkinton.

Clerk French also advised her to check with the Town Attorney to see if the Local Law would be subject to a Permissive Referendum.

Teamsters Contract 2017-2020: Supv. Wood asked the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing negotiations she also asked for the Clerk to stay for the Executive Session.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations per Article 14 of Civil Service Law and to include the Town Clerk in the Executive Session. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to resume the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

Local Law Override the Tax Levy: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a copy of a Proposed Local Law One to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy. Adopted unanimously.

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Supv. Wood reminded the Board of the Special Meeting on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to work on the 2017 Budget.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC