

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2015

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Annette Green, Mike Hann, Stephen Parker.

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

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Special Meeting held on June 29, 2015 and Regular Meeting held on July 20, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to accept Supervisors Financial Report for July 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 201 to 226 General Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$11,102.83 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 117 to 132 Highway Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$69,985.88 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 15 to 17 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$3,573.97 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

**Budget Revisions:**

General Fund Transfer:

From A1990.4 Contingent Acct to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$310.00.

Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the transfer. Adopted unanimously.

Highway Fund Budget Amendments:

A motion was made by Mr. Sochia, and seconded by Ms. Lyon to approve the following Resolution:  
WHEREAS the additional funds were included in the 2015-2016 New York State Budget for Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), and

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton will receive an additional \$21,640.87,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton increases the CHIPS line item DA3501 by \$21,640.87 and increases the Capital Improvements line item DA5112.2 by \$21,640.87.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Potter, Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

A motion was made by Ms. Lyon and seconded by Mr. Crump to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has declared a State of Emergency and the Town of Hopkinton falls within the boundaries of the State of Emergency, and

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton will receive an additional \$8,181.38 for the Federal Share of this funding,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton increases the miscellaneous line item DA2900 by \$8,181.38 and increases the Snow Contractual line item DA5142.4 by \$8,181.38.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilmen Potter Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

**Correspondence:**

Cappello & Linden: regarding St. Lawrence County ATV Trail System. A list of town roads or parts thereof proposed to be opened to ATV use in the town. Sheldon Road, Green Road and Hayden Road are included.

St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Plan: regarding the setting of the apportionment for the SLC Workers' Compensation Plan Participation Cost. The Town of Hopkinton's share increased by \$1,918.00.

Potsdam Humane Society: regarding the 2016 contract pricing. It will be \$1800.00, which is a decrease of \$100.00 from the 2015 contract. Also, included was their annual report.

Homeland Security & Emergency Services: will hold a Public Assistance workshop on September 24 at the

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Canton Fire Department.

**Old Business:**

Municipal Building: Supv. Wood reported that she had met with Dick Maginn from Heritage Homes and he proposed some cost savings for the building. The Town can deliver crusher run, stone and fill to site, town will demo basketball court, town will demo the existing town office building, the town will install the septic system, the Anderson windows will be changed to a 200 series, architectural lifetime shingles will be used, in floor radiant heat with convention a/c and eliminate the air to air heat exchanger. The cost savings would be \$47,000.00. The Board discussed this and Ms. Potter stated she would go along with all of the changes except the elimination of the air exchanger. She stated it was going to be needed because the building is going to be very air tight. The Board agreed to all of the other changes.

Once the contracts are signed the building should be completed by mid-December.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported she has been busy working on the new Municipal Building. She contacted Senator Little in regards to some member money to help towards the financing of the new municipal building and was told they no longer have access to member money. We have to apply through the DORM Authority, they are supposed to send her an application. She also questioned her on why our neighboring Senator is always having access to money to give away.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Supv. Wood read it aloud due to Mr. Fukes being away on vacation.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Supv. Wood read it aloud.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that she had to submit more paperwork for the grant.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. The new Bobcat was delivered on July 29. Preparing roads for blacktop next year. Re-signed the bridge on the Converse Road. Started preparing the new sand pit. Mr. Green also reported to the Board that our current JD Loader is two years old and we can currently trade it for a new one at approximately \$6900.00. The funding would come out of his 2015 budget DA5130.2.

Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve trading our 2013 544K John Deere Loader for a new John Deere 544K 4WD loader per OGS contract price quote dated August 5, 2015. The quoted purchase price is \$131,994.89. Trade allowance for our loader is \$125,000.00 the balance due will be \$6994.89 delivered.

Mr. Green also reported that he received correspondence from the One Stop Career Center-Employment Unit. We can apply to them for additional help at no cost to the town. Supervision depends on the job and the use of equipment depends on their capabilities. He would like to request two persons.

Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to proceed with the process and request two persons.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Green also notified the Board that Mr. Robinson intends to retire the end of October. He has not received anything official as of yet.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that she is still trying to set up a date to have the Town Hall floor refinished.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on calls and training for the month. They will hold a Garden Tractor Pull on August 22. They had a mutual aid call in Nicholville. They are changing to a new insurance company. They expect to save between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

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He also reported that Tri-Town Rescue has purchased a new rescue squad. Supv. Wood asked him if the rumors were true that someone was living at the rescue building. Mr. Crump stated he had heard that and he knows they plan on cutting members and asking for an increase in the 2016 budget. He suggested the Supervisor send a letter in regards to the board's feelings on this matter.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported held their meeting on August 4 and reviewed all correspondence and bank statement.

**New Business:**

Homeland Security & Emergency Services: will hold a Public Assistance workshop on September 24 at the Canton Fire Department.

Community Development Block Grant: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she contacted the SLC Planning in regards to them assisting us with the grant and they are too busy to help. It will cost us \$8500 to hire someone to apply for the grant on our behalf with no guarantees. Supv. Wood stated she would proceed with the grant application and asked the Board for assistance. We will need to hold a Public Hearing on the Notice of Funding.

Councilman Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall to allow the public the opportunity to be heard in regards to the funding availability for NYS Community Development Block Grant Program. Adopted unanimously.

Court Grant: Councilman Potter introduced the following resolution with a second by Councilman Lyon; BE IT RESOLVED, that at a Regular Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on August 17, 2015 the Town Board unanimously agreed to apply for a Justice Court Grant.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilman Potter Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Local Government Conference: The conference will be held on October 13, 2015 at SUNY Potsdam. Those wishing to attend should let the Town Clerk know before September 30.

Local Law Override the Tax Levy: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a copy of a Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. on the Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy. Adopted unanimously.

Cable Television Franchise Renewal: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that our franchise agreement with Time Warner will be expiring and we need to hold a public hearing on the renewal of the franchise.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall regarding granting a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Town of Hopkinton and Time Warner. Adopted unanimously.

Budget Meeting: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that a meeting has to be scheduled to work on the 2016 budget.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Supv. Wood to hold a Special Meeting on September 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Office to work on the 2016 budget. Adopted unanimously.

Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

Town Clerk