

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Hwy. Supr. Green, Assessor Fukes, Deb Rust, Vickie French, Amber & Randy Lindsey, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Doug & Lori Witherell, Beth Rosenbarker, Irene & Dave Perry, Dolores Rice, Jeff Snell, Robert Blum.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Frank Potenzano: Question regarding Town lawyer, asked if he was appointed during Organizational Meeting.

Supr. Wood noted that lawyer is carried over each year, and is not on retainer.

Vickie French: Noted receipt of letter from a board member regarding her stance on Town Board meeting dates.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of the Organizational & Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2018. Adopted unanimously.

There was no Supervisors Financial Report for January 2019.

Voucher Nos. 29 to 53 General Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$8,297.41 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 9 to 19 Highway Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$46,260.77 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 3 to 4 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$477.72 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 1 Building Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$20,200.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Budget Report:

No report.

Correspondence:

Supr. Wood noted that the Town Justice grant has been approved in the amount of \$10,466.00. This included partial provision for a generator for the Municipal Building. Will need to further discuss specific needs regarding that item at a future time. The Town Board reviewed and audited the Town Justice 2018 bank records and the Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Records and Summary Report will be submitted prior to March 1, 2019.

Supr. Wood read a submitted report from Legislator Rick Perkins.

Supr. Wood reported on an audit of our records by the Teamster's. There was one (1) minor issue regarding a missed two (2) month extension of benefits regarding retiring members. We were allowed a "one time only" exception for this circumstance and therefore no audit liability was due..

Supr. Wood read an invitation from the Potsdam Humane Society regarding a groundbreaking ceremony for a new addition to be held on Sunday, February 17, 2018 at Noon.

Supr. Wood then asked to allow Mr. Green to provide his highway report at this time as he had to leave. Mr. Green read his submitted monthly report. He then submitted an Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds and a resolution Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for Providing Service for 2019. These documents will be officially approved at the March Town Board meeting.

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Mr. Green offered information regarding pricing for one truck to replace a truck that will be paid off this year. The prices include a new Beam Mack truck at \$129,377.00 with two bids for the box and equipment as follows: TENCO, \$84,582.32; and Viking-Civies, \$79,690.24. He recommended the Viking-Civies bid due to local availability for service. All information was under State-contract pricing. Board members all commented that Mr. Green was doing a great job and Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia, to proceed with purchase of the Beam Mack truck with the Viking-Civies box/equipment at a combined cost of \$209,027.24. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Canton-Potsdam Bypass: Ms. Pullano asked Supr. Wood if she had talked with Rick Perkins regarding the resolution and Ms. Wood stated that it was to show support for the construction and would be built at State cost.

Mr. Parker introduced the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lyon:

A Resolution Supporting the Construction of the Canton-Potsdam Bypass:

WHEREAS, job creation and economic development are the most pressing issues facing the North County and, more specifically, St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion in and around the villages of Canton and Potsdam deters the commerce, impedes traffic flow and creates safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, state transportation planners have been discussing the development of a stand-alone, four-lane bypass of the villages of Canton and Potsdam since the 1960's for the purpose of expanding commerce, creating new trade opportunities and alleviating traffic congestion, and

WHEREAS, during his 2015 State of the State address, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo called for the appropriation of \$2.5 MM, which was ultimately authorized, to identify transportation deficiencies and propose bypass alternatives for the Canton and Potsdam US 11 corridor, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) hired an engineering consultant, *Henningson, Durham, Richardson, Inc. (HDR)*, to perform this analysis, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT further empanelled a Stakeholder Advisory Group of local stakeholders, experts and advocates to provide *HDR* with local expertise and guidance, and

WHEREAS, *HDR* presented several bypass alternatives to the Stakeholders Advisory Group in 2017 and requested their analysis as to which alternatives were the most purposeful, and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Advisory Group near-unanimously identified the northernmost bypass alternatives as being the most purposeful and most cost-effective, and

WHEREAS, this combined northerly bypass alternative would effectively divert problematic truck traffic out of the village retail districts, create the potential for increase economic activity and ultimately serve as a potential starting point for the long-discussed interstate 98 project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to add the Canton-Potsdam northerly bypass alternatives to the New York State Transportation Improvement Plan as a collective priority project and direct the New York State Department of Transportation to begin construction on the project as soon as reasonably possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Joseph A Griffo, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, the NYSDOT Region 7 Office and the Northern Corridor Transportation Group.

VOTE: Supr. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Parker AYE, Pullano AYE, Lyon AYE, Sochia AYE.

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Deputy Supervisor: Supr. Wood stated that she has appointed Paula Helfter as the Deputy Supervisor.

Garbage Pick-up: Ms. Lyon reviewed other alternatives and recommends that the Town continue with J & F Trash Service. Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to continue with J & F Trash Service. Approved unanimously.

Cyber Security Policy: tabled

National Grid - Park light: With no additional communication received from National Grid, Supr. Wood will follow-up with them.

Solar Law Moratorium: Supr. Wood stated that our lawyer had reviewed and approve the previously distributed draft of the proposed moratorium and asked the Board if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Public Hearing regarding the moratorium on March 18, 2018 at 7:00pm, prior to the regular Board meeting. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Ms. Wood she had been working on the proposed moratorium and receive additional solar laws from the Towns of Belmont, Malone and Parishville.

Code Enforcement: no report

Assessor: A written report was presented by Assessor Fukes. The final due date for 2019 Enhanced Star applications is March 1, 2019.

Library: no report

Museum: report included in Town Facilities report below.

Highway: presented above

Town Facilities: Mr. Parker read his written report regarding various issues regarding the Museum/Library and Municipal Building. He proposed purchasing thermostats and warning lights for the Museum, Municipal Building and Town Hall.

BHLS: Minutes were received from their February 6, 2019 meeting.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Perry reported that he has been shoveling and salting as needed. No issues to report.

New Business:

Purchase of thermostats and warning lights for temperature issues: Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia, to purchase thermostats and warning lights for the Museum, Municipal Building and Town Hall at a cost not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00). Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers

Town Clerk