

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 21, 2016

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Ernest Wood, Benjamin Wood, Annette Green, Ronald Streeter.

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

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 50 to 85 General Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$23,417.58 were audited and approved by the Board.  
Voucher Nos. 22 to 42 Highway Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$13,873.79 were audited and approved by the Board.  
Voucher Nos. 4 to 5 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$450.47 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 10 to 14 Building Account Abstract 3 in the amount of \$4,454.50 were audited and approved by the Board.

**\*CORRECTION GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT 2:** Void Voucher 47 Time Warner in the amount of \$84.45. This was a charge on old account which is now deactivated.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve correction to and to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

APA: regarding an application from Seaway Timber Harvesting, Inc. with Ozonia Sand and Gravel Mine. Written comments are being accepted.

Stephen Button, SLC Attorney: regarding Robert Freeman will hold a lecture at SUNY Canton April 5. It will be on the Freedom of Information Law and the Open Meetings Law.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that Iberdrola Wind will be putting in four new test towers within the town. She told the Board that she will give them copies of the Wind Law so they can review it and see if there are any amendments they want to make. She also has a copy of the Town of Burkes Wind Law. She also reported that the Teamsters Contract with the Highway Employees will be expiring this year. She will make copies of the current contract and distribute to all Board Members for their review and input.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He reported that he had a complaint in regards to a property that had a fire over the winter and debris blowing around. He contacted the owners of the property and they will clean-up what they can. Supv. Wood asked if there was a time limit for the clean-up. Mr. Fukes responded as long as it is secured and safe there is no time limit. He attended the Code Conference in Lake Placid. He received credit for continuing Education and will be State Certified until December 2017.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He reported that the Town of Hopkinton Equalization Rate remains at 100%. This will be the sixth year in a row. He may have to take a mandatory class "Ethics for the Assessor". He is hoping that it will be offered during the Local Government Conference in Potsdam this fall.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the basement flooded. The pressure switch on the tank had water spraying out around it due to rust. The Fire Department pumped it out. Mr. Crump also stated that the foundation is in bad shape and doesn't think the \$50,000.00 grant will repair it.

He plans to attend the monthly meeting of the Historical Group and ask them if they can check the museum at least once per week. If someone is checking it that could prevent another situation with flooding. We also need to purchase a new sump pump.

Supv. Wood reported that she has received confirmation that we should be receiving the grant money so we can start to come up with some specifications for bidding out the work on the museum foundation.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He has heard that the CHIPS funding is being changed. The Extreme Winter monies are being done away with and replace with a Re-Pave New York.

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Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. They will hold an Open House on April 23 from 10:00-2:00. Tri-Town Rescue had 50 calls and five were in the Town of Hopkinton. The new rescue squad has been delivered.

Town Facilities: Discussion was held on getting the new water softener purchased and installed at Museum. The water comes from there that supplies the new Municipal Building and we are already seeing some hard water build up. Mr. Crump will go to Lowes and get some prices on the softener and a sump pump.

BHLS: Copies of the monthly minutes were presented.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported he will be starting his spring work. He asked for permission to get some diesel fuel for the use of his tractor while working in the Ft. Jackson Park and Hopkinton Park. He also asked the Board to consider removing the small parking area across from the old Town Office and putting it back to grass now that we have parking around the new Municipal Building.

The Board thanked him for his help in the demolition of the old Town Office.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to allow Mr. Wood 25 gallons of diesel fuel for his tractor while working in the parks. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump reported that he had a price on the gate for the Ft. Jackson Park. It would be \$350.00. The Board discussed which area they would put the gate. It was determined if they put it at the entrance they would have to have someone lock and unlock it every day. It was also discussed to install in fall and close it when the season comes to an end.

**New Business:**

Second Notice Fee: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to set the Second Notice Fee for collection of taxes at \$2.00. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution to Expend Funds: Supv. Wood reported that we had to pass a resolution and post in paper and wait 30 days before monies can be taken out of the Equipment Reserve Fund.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York, at a regular meeting held on March 21, 2016 duly adopted, subject to permissive referendum, a resolution, an abstract of which as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Town Supervisor to expend funds from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, subject to Permissive Referendum.

The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve pursuant to the provisions of section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Hopkinton be and she hereby is authorized and directed to transfer from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, duly established on January 1, 1988 to the Highway Machinery Equipment Account expense item DA5130.2 in the Annual Budget for the year 2016, \$57,000.00 of said Reserve Fund to purchase per State Contract a new JD6105E Cab Tractor.

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

BY ORDER of the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York.

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

Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the County: Mr. Green reported that he hopes to do one mile of the Wilson Road and 1.25 miles of the Santamont Road using CHIPS revenue, sales tax, and town highway tax.

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

Holding Harmless Resolution: Mr. Parker introduce the following Resolution, with a second by Mr. Crump:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be Reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Hopkinton will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Hopkinton or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilperson Lyon Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Aye, Parker Aye.

Flagpole: Ms Lyon brought to the Boards attention that Deborah Rust would like to purchase and donate a flag pole and flag for the new Municipal Building. She has some funds left that people had donated toward the use of items for the town in his memory.

Supv. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the donation. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC

**\*CORRECTION:** Highway Fund Abstract 3 Voucher 22 Tractor Supply void \$49.73.