

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Parker, & Sochia

ABSENT: Councilpersons Pullano

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Hwy. Supr. Green, Assessor Fukes, Deb Rust, Vickie French, Etta Phelix, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Dolores Rice, Jeff Snell, Irene & Dave Perry, Lori & Doug Witherell, Luann Crocker, Jody Wenzel, Eric Alan, Beth Rosenbarker, Harold Phippen, Jan Keller, Michael Draper.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Harold Phippen - Mr. Phippen, after providing the Town Board with a copy of a 1962 agreement between the First Congregational Church and the Town of Hopkinton, asked the Town Board to review said agreement and consider what the fair percentage breakdown of any future repairs to the water/septic system should be. Mr. Phippen also requested the Town Board to consider allowing the First Congregational Church use of the Town Hall at no charge. Mr. Phippen also spoke regarding the issue of the miss-spelling of Green(e) Road, named after Mrs. Phippen's ancestors.

Jody Wenzel - Mr. Wenzel spoke regarding a question & answer session that he is attempting to schedule for the candidates for office in the Town of Hopkinton on the upcoming election. The Parishville-Hopkinton Central School superintendent has agreed to moderate and he asked the candidates to meet with him after the Board meeting to schedule a date and time.

Jeff Snell - Mr. Snell spoke and offered "kudo's" to the Highway Department for their work on the Fletcher Road and noted that the Department should continue to look at other Town roads that could possibly be considered for abandonment.

Frank Potenzano - Mr. Potenzano inquired about the outside town laws used for developing/updating the Town of Hopkinton Solar Law and concerns regarding the proposed set-backs.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2019 and the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2019. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the Financial Reports for July 2019. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Voucher Nos. 226 to 248 General Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$7,446.94 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 96 to 105 Highway Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$16,106.17 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 16 to 18 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$4,636.90 were audited and approved by the Board.

Supv. Wood noted that she was mistaken at the last meeting regarding the boot/clothing allowable amount. The allowable amount was raised to \$225 in 2019 under the term of the union contract, so the remaining \$15.99 was included in Abstract above.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to pay the bills. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

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Budget Report: no report

Correspondence:

Supr. Wood noted she had not received a monthly report from SLC Legislator Perkins.

Supr. Wood reminded the Board of the upcoming Flood Risk workshops being held later this week.

The local DAR chapter sent a request to the Town to approve a proclamation recognizing the annual Constitution Week. Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to designate September 17 through September 23, 2019 as *Constitution Week* and post said Proclamation on the official Town Bulletin Board.

Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Supr. Wood shared a letter from AdkAction inviting the Town to sign the "Pledge to Reduce Road Salt MOU" and a letter urging NYS DOT to take action. No action was taken by the Board.

Supr. Wood reminded the Board of the upcoming 2019 Local Government Conference at SUNY Potsdam on October 15, 2019.

Old Business:

Town Hall Door: It was noted that there are still issues with the door. Supv. Wood will contact Continental Construction. Will continue to follow any issues.

Ice protection - Town Hall: Ms. Lyon provided an updated quote from Coot's Masonry regarding ice protection on the west side of the Town Hall, with a cost of \$1,700.00. R & D Construction also provided a quote for the project, with a cost of \$2,350.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept the bid from Coot's Masonry. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Union contract: A meeting was held two (2) weeks ago. Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to discuss issues in executive session following this meeting.

Solar Law meeting: The Board is currently reviewing discussed issues and items from the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood noted that she is continuing to review the solar law, including discussion with the Association of Towns.

Code Enforcement: No report.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes read his provided report.

Library: Ms. Keller read her provided report.

Museum: Mr. Draper discussed the Barn Quilt that has been constructed by TAUNY in Canton. Each of the towns in St. Lawrence County are represented and it can be seen at TAUNY. He noted the Susan Ouellette will be speaking at the Congregational Church at 2:00 pm Saturday, September 21. She authored a book discussing the diary of an early Hopkinton female settler's perspective. Mr. Draper also noted that needed repairs for the gazebo roof was be addressed in the Museum budget request for 2020.

Highway: Supt. Green presented his written report. He also noted that salt had been ordered but will coming late. The new truck is in Watertown and being prepped. He also spoke about a request to complete siding on the last building in the garage complex. There are enough remaining funds in his budget to complete the work, at an approximate cost of \$6,500.

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Town Facilities: Nothing to report other than the door issue.

RESCUE: Still awaiting the new contract.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported on the submitted report from the September 5, 2019 meeting.

Groundskeeper: no report

New Business:

Garage Complex siding: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia, to complete the siding, at a cost of \$6,500, as described by Supt. Green. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Assessor appointment: Supv. Wood noted that Mr. Fukes' present appointment ends September 30, 2019. Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to reappoint Mr. Fukes to a six year term as Town Assessor commencing on October 1, 2019 until September 30, 2025. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Appointment to Board of Review: Supv Wood noted to the Board that Nicholas Cicchinelli's term on the Board of Review will expire on September 30, 2019. She contacted Mr. Cicchinelli and he said he would like to remain on the Review board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to reappoint Mr. Nicholas Cicchinelli to a term of five years commencing October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Marriage license fees: Mr. Powers noted that NYS had recently passed legislation waiving the Marriage license State fee for active duty members of the Armed Forces and also allowed the local governments the discretion to do the same.

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

WHEREAS, New York State has passed a law waiving the State Fee on Marriage Licenses for Active Duty members of the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, the passed legislation gives local governments freedom to waive the fees they charge for marriage certificates for Active Duty service members,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Hopkinton waives the local town fees for marriage certificates for Active Duty service members.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Budget meetings: Supv. Wood reviewed the scheduled dates for completing the 2020 budget. Review of tentative budget, September 30; passing Preliminary Budget, October 21; Public Hearing, November 4; and passage of Final Budget, November 18, 2019.

Solar Law: Board members will continue to review the Solar Law and a copy of the tentative law will be placed on the Town website.

With no further business, Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon, to go into executive session to discuss matters related to collective negotiations at 8:22 p.m.. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:32 p.m.

MR. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon, to move forward with Teamster negotiations. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adjourn the meeting. Supv. Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Sochia AYE.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers

Town Clerk