

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Michelle Phoenix leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttel – Councilperson
3. Peggy Backus – Councilperson – Arrived at 7:06PM
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Nancy Roberts – Bookkeeper to the supervisor
3. Ronald VanValkenburg – Highway Superintendent
4. Wendy Layton - Town Assessor

Guest Speakers: None

Opening of Sewer District snow plow bids:

Received 3 Bids – On motion by Buttel seconded by Layton to accept low bid from Russ Sprague in the amount of \$60 per plowing.

Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 13, 2015

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Albanese, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for November 5, 2015 as follows: General Fund: \$7477.88 Highway Fund: \$28474.13

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Albanese, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for October 2015.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Backus seconded by Buttel, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report labeled Monthly Financial Audit, dated 11/05/2015 as November's monthly report.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – September 2015 Minutes provided for board to review

Assessor –November 2015 Report provided for board to review

Highway Superintendent

1. Received \$13000 for the 2005 1 ton at the auction.
2. Roods creek is in good shape and seems to be the best it has been in years.
3. Working Alger, Carrol Hill, Rock Rift and ½ of Readburn.
4. Some cold patching has been done
5. All the Grit has been hauled with help from other Towns.
6. Plow frames are on trucks
7. Repairs have been done to some trucks
8. 2013 truck is at Ben funk hopefully covered by warranty
9. The bed on the 2015 not done yet
10. The new 2016 international is at Wayne's Welding
11. Would like to get decent seat covers for new truck, Cost would be about \$1000. Board advised Ron to check into this more and see if they can be purchased cheaper.

Dog Control Officer – Provided for Board to review.

Supervisor

1. On motion by LaTourette seconded by Layton to override the tax cap for 2016. Vote All ayes – Motion Carried
2. On motion by Buttel seconded by LaTourette to approve preliminary budget as Final budget for 2016. Vote All Ayes – Motion Carried
3. Lamont and LaFever went to Kohler residence on 10/26/2015 to see what was wrong with his water. It was found that the line is not hooked up to the trailer and the Suction line was not deep enough. Mr. Kohler was advised to he needs to extend his suction line deeper in the well.
4. There have been some issues with the sewer tank inspection. One residence tank was unable to be inspected due to about 4 inches of stone over cover. The resident has been contacted and advised this needs to be resolved.
5. A response letter to Mr. Miesko was provided to the board to review.
6. A sympathy card was provided to board to sign for the family of Fred Shields.

Correspondence: -

1. Received a letter Del. Co. Historical Society requesting a donation of \$500. On motion by Albanese seconded by Buttel a donation of \$50.00 will be sent. Vote: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Other – None

Sewer District

On motion by Backus, Seconded by Albanese to approve the Abstract of Claims for November 5, 2015 for the sewer district in the amount of \$2895.56
Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Albanese, Seconded by Buttel it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of October 2015.
Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for October – Provided
Michelle will contact Brett to discuss whose homes are abusing the system and a letter will be drawn up to send to the residence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next Meeting to be held on December 14, 2015 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: November 5, 2015

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk