

TOWN OF TOMPKINS
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Tompkins Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Town meeting room, Trout Creek, NY. With Ron VanValkenburg leading in the Flag salute.

Present:

1. William Layton – Supervisor
2. Howard Buttel – Councilperson
3. Peggy Backus – Councilperson
4. Brian Albanese - Councilperson
5. Tim LaTourette – Councilperson

Others:

1. Michelle Phoenix – Town Clerk
2. Wendy Layton – Town Assessor
3. Lynne VanValkenburg – Town Historian
4. Hank Dester – Town Resident

Guest Speakers:

Hank Dester – Hank approached the board requesting their assistance in helping make the DEC property boarding his that has the Finger Lakes Trail going to the fire tower a non hunting area. Layton stated he had spoke to Rick Roberts from the Finger Lakes trail system about the concerns and Rick stated he will contact DEC as to the concerns and to see if DEC would consider closing the trail during hunting, fishing, trapping season.

Minutes Approval:

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for April 11, 2016

Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

Abstract of Claims

On motion by Buttel, seconded by Layton, it was moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for May 9, 2016 as follows: General Fund: \$4450.77 Highway Fund: \$40028.47

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports:

Town Clerk:

On motion by Backus, seconded by Buttel, it was moved to receive, approve and place on file the Town Clerk monthly report for April 2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Michelle Reported a total of 92% of Town and County 2016 Taxes have been collected.

Supervisor's Report:

On motion by Albanese seconded by Backus, it was moved to approve and place on file the supervisor's financial report as of April 30, 2016 dated 5/9/2016.

Vote: All AYES - Motion carried.

Other Reports:

Planning Board – None

Assessor – Provided – Wendy explained a little about the new taxation on commercial Solar panels. Wendy also explained about the new changes the State has made to the Star Exemptions.

Highway Superintendent

1. Ron received a call from a person that will be purchasing a home on Windfall run road and if they become a full time resident an addition 4/10 of a mile on that road will need a shot of stone & Oil and maintained.
2. Residents on Camelot are working on requirements to bring the road up to specs for the Town to take over. Ron stated that the 2013 subdivision regulations should be changed to read 1 ½ stone and oil instead of what it states as Double shot.
3. They had used Walton's Bucket truck for about 3 – 3 1/2 hrs on Dryden Road
4. Guys have been cutting brush
5. All roads are swept
6. Boom mower has been fixed and is in use.
7. Started cold patching
8. 3 /10 mile of Little Dryden has been tore up to prepare for re topping
9. All winter equipment is put away and summer stuff is out.
10. New Truck will be delivered 5/10/2016
11. Ron has got prices on a new, New Holland tractor and Mower in the amount of \$44,800. He would like to replace the old.

Dog Control Officer – None

Supervisor –

1. Bill has still not been able to make contact with Paul Lenz DEC rep on the status of the fire Tower. Bill his hoping to get in contact with Paul when Paul returns from vacation.
2. There will be a Bike Rally on Roods Creek on May 15, 2016; NYSP requested the Town of Tompkins put up no parking signs. Layton received the regulations and price to put up signs and this would be very costly to the Town to do for one day. NYSP stated they could deal with it in other ways.
3. Bill has contacted 3 different companies on the Generator and only Chad Trimbel has contacted him back. A bid will go out in the paper for the purchase of a new generator for the Town office Building.
4. Bill questioned Ron on the Truck inspection sheets, Ron stated they are will be done soon.

Correspondence: - None

Other –

Lynn VanValkenburg stated all the paperwork is done to make the School house a historical site and will be sent in soon. Lynn also stated she has been looking into grants. We will have to wait to hear back if the school has been granted a historical site before we can proceed with grants to fix it up.

Lynn is also interested in creating a community committee – The board stated they had no problem with that.

Helen Zandt requested the use of the Town Bldg on Sunday, July 31 for the Cannonsville Reunion.

On motion by Layton, Seconded by LaTourette to allow use

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

On motion by Buttel, Seconded by Layton to approve Kaitlyn & kylie Wood, Sophia Prio and Aurora Siniscalchi for 4 – H camp.

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Bill has spoke with Donna Wood on the weeding of the rain garden, Donna came and looked at it and will take back what needs to be done to her 4 – H club and get back to Bill on to if it is something they can do or not.

Albanese discussed changing the building permit renewals to a cap of 3 yrs, then having to re apply for a building permit thereafter. Board will look into this further.

Albanese called executive session at 8:45
Return from executive session at 8:55

Sewer District

On motion by LaTourette, Seconded by Buttel to approve the Abstract of Claims dated May 9, 2016 for the sewer district in the amount of \$413.93.

Vote – All Ayes – motion carried

On Motion by Buttel, Seconded by Layton it was moved to approve the Trout Creek Sewer District Financial Report for the month of April 2016

Vote – All Ayes – Motion Carried

Monthly sewer district worker report for April – Provided

Other Sewer District – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:56

Next Meeting to be held on June 13, 2016 at 7pm

Michelle Phoenix

Date: May 9, 2016

Town of Tompkins
Town Clerk