

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular November Town Board Meeting held November 17, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Dunham at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John Dunham, Deputy Supervisor
G.R. Horning, Councilor
Carra Watson, Councilor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

Excused: Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor

Also Present: L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Craig Petit, Hwy Sup't, Bob Genant, Town Attorney, Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; and Doug Jordan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to accept the October Minutes as received. Roll taken...motion carried.

October Public Hearing: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor Watson to approve the Public Hearing Minutes as received. Roll taken... motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Supervisor's Financial Reports: The Supervisor's Financial Report was reviewed by the Board and filed with the clerk.

Revenue Reports: The Regular and Justice Revenue Reports were reviewed by the Board and filed with the Clerk.

December Calendar: Waived.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

CARPP Report: Councilor Watson stated that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 3, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Also, the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner will be held at the Parish Fire Station sponsored by the Methodist Church until all served.

Councilor Watson stated that the CARPP Committee would like to apply for grants and raise funds to construct a second Boardwalk at Merrill Park.

Emergency Services, Engineering, Public Safety, and Water: Councilor Dunham stated that there are currently 10 people on the Water Committee. The committee plans on going door to door with a Water Survey.

Also, the committee should have another meeting before the end of the year.

Budgeting, Financial Affairs, and Personnel: Councilor J. Horning stated he had no report at this time.

Councilor J. Horning stated that he felt that there was no savings to the town to have the men haul stone from King's Quarry. They need at least two weeks notice for trucking.

Hwy Sup't Petit stated that there was a savings. King's Quarry couldn't meet the time frame for the White Road Project and he didn't have time to give them notification two weeks in advance.

The equipment was available and he needed the stone hauled in.

The men get paid anyway the same wage.

General Government and Policy: Supervisor Stelmashuck was excused and there was no report.

Infrastructure and Public Facilities: Councilor G.R. Horning stated that he had no report at this time.

REPORTS:

Legislator Report: No Report at this time.

Highway Report:

Hwy Sup't Petit stated that he has picked up the 2017 Pickup Truck and had the plow installed. 3 out of the 4 Dump Trucks were transitioned to snowplows. The 4th truck needs extensive work on the sander to be ready for winter.

Hwy Garage Doors: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to purchase springs for the garage doors to have on hand in case they break. Roll taken...motion carried.

The cost is around \$700.00.

The Power Broom was repaired.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader submitted a Clerk's Report and Dog Control Report for October, 2016.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Lopitz submitted a written Assessor's Report.

CEO Report: No report at this time.

DCO Report: Deputy DCO LaFlair submitted a written DCO Report.

Planning Board Report: The Board received Minutes submitted by Lynn Wood, Clerk.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief Harvey stated that the Fire Company received a certificate extending appreciation and recognition for their response to a call on Mother's Day.

Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Report for September and October, 2016. To date for 2016 there has been 298 calls. The Fire Company are two calls ahead of last year's calls.

Fire Chief Harvey spoke in regards to a dry hydrant on Montgomery Street and S. Railroad as it is very close to the street and nonfunctioning. Fire Chief Harvey stated that the Board gave approval for the Hwy Sup't to remove it.

Tug Hill Report:

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. gave the following report:

Paul Baxter stated that representatives attended a COG Meeting in Boonville, NY on Thursday, October 27th, 2016 to discuss what's going on in their respective areas and issues, and concerns that they're facing.

Paul thanked Supervisor Stelmashuck for attending and for playing a leadership role at the meeting in representing the Salmon Rivers Councilor of Governments as its Chair.

The Tug Hill Commission held its annual meeting and dinner, Thursday, November, 10th in Altmar at the Tailwater Lodge.

Plans are under way for the 2017, Tug Hill Local Gov't Conference. Information should be received by the end of the year.

Paul is in the process of reconfiguring the network and switches in the building. The Town's Website is up to date.

Paul provided an annual town budget comparison to aid during the town's budget process.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, & PETITIONS:

E-mail from James Peet commending the Highway Dept. for their work on the Town Roads.

Letter from Charter Communication.

Letter from Karen Gage regarding the Tax Collector's Position.

E-mails from Karen Oakes, Linda McNamara and, Nancy Bookheimer commending the Highway Dept. for aiding them.

Letter from Mary Ann Phillips regarding the Tax Collector's Position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Quote on Extended Warranty on the New Highway Pickup Truck: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to authorize purchase of the Extended Warranty on the 2017 F350 pickup truck for 72 months or 90,005 miles for the amount of \$2,951.00. Roll taken...motion carried.

Memo from Supervisor to Codes and Assessor: More discussion will be held because the request is still not being fulfilled.

Income Survey from the Village: The results from the current income survey were presented. 99 responses were received out of 170. That is 58% of the total surveys sent out. More surveys need to be returned in order to apply for a successful grant. The goal is 85%.

Deputy Supervisor Dunham stated that the Village of Phoenix received a grant for 4 million dollars.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accept Resignation of Mary Houghton as Tax Collector: A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to accept the resignation of Mary Houghton effective 11/16/2016. Roll taken...motion carried.

Appoint Deputy Tax Collector Position: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to appoint Evelyn Stelmashuck as Tax Collector for the remainder of the elected term ending 12/31/2017. Roll taken...motion carried.

Resolution to combine the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Position effective the end of the Current Term: A motion was made by Councilor G.R. Horning, seconded by J. Horning, Councilor to table the issue until the next Board Meeting. Roll taken...motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Doug Jordan stated that it was his understanding that the Zoning Signs were going to be replaced and updated. Also, a Street Sign Plan was discussed for 2017. It was the consensus of the Board to get price quotes and have them available at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #275 to #295 for a total warrant of \$11,300.62. Roll taken...motion carried.

Highway Fund: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor Watson to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #194-#216 for a total warrant of \$46,752.97. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor Watson to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk