

## FEBRUARY 13, 2019

A regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Town Office.

Members present: Tony Cooper, Alex Smith, Garry Wells, David Fisher, Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk. Absent: Kevin Finnegan and Bill Barkley.

Also present: Anna Campbell, Kevin Willmart, Aaron Jarvis, Jeff Gilson, Jordan Walker, Philip Paige, Nick Wildey, Bill Jaquith and Kevin Acres.

**Public Comment:** Jordan Walker voiced his concern regarding what he feels are unfair assessed values of properties in the Town, he had several examples of assessments similar to his property that were significantly lower than his assessed value. He inquired about whether the Town was planning on doing a town wide reassessment, the Town does plan on doing a reval.

Aaron Jarvis stated that the water tower project will be going out to bid shortly, one change that might have to be addressed is that there possibly has to be a fence installed around the project.

Aaron suggested holding on to the pay application from AJK Site Development until a meeting can be scheduled to discuss the final items that have to be addressed.

Jeff Gilson gave an update on building permits and stated that he has had contact with the junkyards. Kevin Willmart asked if he had looked at the property owned by Trudy Lawrence which has debris out behind it. Jeff said he had looked at it.

Bill Jaquith stated that he is not running a garage at his property, he only helps friends out occasionally. (Jeff had sent him a letter regarding this matter)

Anna Campbell gave an update on the MDMS, they are adding one night to the summer series. The Easter party for the youth will be held at the Library and will be co-hosted with the Library.

Kevin Acres gave an update on County business. The County is looking for a Public Defender and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax money was up.

Kim Bisonette reported that the reval is not going very well, he inquired about whether the Board still wanted to move forward with it, which they do.

The Board reviewed the monthly report. David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed the monthly bills. Garry Wells made a motion, second by David Fisher to pay the monthly bills. General #29-54 for \$51,378.37, Highway #11-32 for \$40,387.24, Water #8-15 for \$14,944.90, Sewer #6-14 for \$3,515.99, Light #2 for \$2,031.78 and Trust & Agency #2 for \$5,871.45. All were in favor.

**Communications:** NYS Justice Court fund for December 2018 was \$545.00.

CDBG program award letter stated the Town received a \$500,000.00 grant.

Sales tax check was received in the amount of \$84,200.80.

The winter maintenance check was received in the amount of \$65,181.08.

**Bill Barkley:** Bill left a sample partial foundation plan for the Buck Road bridge.

Bill would like permission to contact Harold Peacock regarding some repairs to the old town barns. The board said to go ahead and contact him.

**Old Business:** No word from the Town Attorney on proposed local law/ordinances.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells to proceed with installing a credit card machine in the Town Clerk's Office. There is no fee to the Town and can be cancelled at any time with Wholesale Payments Inc. There will be a 2.99% charge to customers who choose to use the service. All were in favor.

**New Business:** NYMIR insurance is renewed for 2019.

NCC presented a quote for a new telephone system for \$3,200.00. Tony will try and see if he can get a quote from someone else for a phone system.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells holding harmless the County of St. Lawrence for providing services to the Town for 2019. All were in favor.

Alex Smith recommended that the Directors for the Summer program and the skating rink and the Deputy Town Clerk be paid \$16.00 per hour, Alex Smith made the motion, second by Garry Wells to pay the above hourly wage to the Directors and the Deputy Town Clerks and to pay the youth helpers \$12.00 per hour. All were in favor. This is retroactive back to January 1, 2019.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 town board meeting. All were in favor.

The next regular board meeting will be March 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk