

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING  
December 11, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Alvin J. White, Supervisor  
Justin Boyette, Councilman  
Jessica Rodgers, Councilwoman  
Elizabeth Martin, Councilwoman  
William Preston, Councilman  
Robert Barton, Councilman

**Others:**

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent  
Ralph Ward                      Ben Dickens  
John Zuccarino                Liz Adams  
John Flowers                 Dick Adams  
David Lamoreaux            Lisa Dean  
Shawn Joslyn                 Barb Kelley  
Mike Bergen                  Miranda Phillips  
Don Ratko

Called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor White, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION #194** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Resolved to approve the minutes of October 11, October 16, and November 8, 2018 as written and corrected. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #195** – offered by Preston, seconded by Barton

Resolved to approve the following Budget Amendments/Journal Entries: transfer \$352,414.00 from A3097, \$9301.06 from A3501, \$89,000.00 from A230, \$16,903.78 from A599 to A5132.22; transfer \$2881.96 from A1990.4 to A1620.4; transfer \$76.18 from A1990.4 to A1670.4; transfer \$9301.06 from DB3501 to DB599; transfer \$123.08 from SW1990.4 and \$2036.43 from SW599 to SW8340.4; transfer \$25000.00 from DA230 to DA9962.4

Discussion: Councilwoman Rodgers asked why CHIPS monies are on 2 different lines. Supervisor White explained the process to move monies from DB to A in order to use CHIPS monies toward the Salt Storage building. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #196** – offered by Martin, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #362 thru #396 - \$394,241.70; Highway Vouchers #274 thru #300 - \$37,097.70; Water District Vouchers #195 thru #212 - \$21,955.44; Capital Projects Voucher #4 - \$2,693.72 and Trust & Agency Vouchers #26 thru #28 - \$1,811.69. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Public Comment:** 7:07pm

John Zuccarino spoke of the importance to respect everybody's rights. Claimed Zoning Commission is illegal. For the people by the people equitably; must have ethics policy or ethics board; without having ethics, we have nothing. Civil rights; education; power; every organization needs a re-organization. Town of Hector is going to be re-organized legally. Claimed certain individuals cannot serve on the commission for various reasons; grave egregious violation of my civil rights; and civil rights of all of you; we need to control this ethically. Do you have an ethics governance, you better read it? Prepared to file a class action lawsuit; demanded Supervisor White resign, you have 5 business days to dissolve your board and re-formulate or I'll file. Supervisor White informed Mr. Zuccarino to go ahead. Mr. Zuccarino further demanded the Clerk be admonished for instructing dog enumerator to call his home in evening. Supervisor White informed him that no employee of the Town would be admonished for doing their job. Will see this township in court. Thank you have a blessed evening.

Councilwoman Martin asked to take a moment to remember Carl Langenfeld; will miss his presence at our meetings.

**Citizens Climate Lobby:** Miranda Phillips and Don Ratko

Liz Adams, Hector Presbyterian Church Earth Care Team NY23; global climate change. Feel that citizens climate lobby has a good approach for dealing with global climate change if republicans and democrats can work together on an issue.

Miranda Phillips - working to build non-partisan relationship; want clean air and water, stable healthy climate; ask you to consider what you might do to help protect our climate for the future; Tom Reed supports climate action; needs to hear from Local Governments, agriculture and business; how are you being affected; experience and what's already happening; increase ticks and tick borne diseases; droughts; climate change periods are longer; heavy rain events much more severe; August flooding impacted many in Hector; effect on grape growers.

Don Ratko, Cornell – climate change affects in many different ways; most severe changes; milder winters; bud breaks earlier but affected by earlier frosts; extended droughts affect grapes; long wet periods are even more damaging; causes foliage issues and diseases; global issues – drought, frost & ice; wild fires; global warming appears to be an overall warming of our climate; extreme weather events and unpredictability of weather is particularly damaging to agriculture; 17 municipalities in upstate New York have considered and passed resolutions to address climate change; read a couple of the resolutions from Village of Cooperstown and Town of Pennfield. Beren Argetsinger has been a great supporter of climate action.

Miranda Phillips – Pennfield is supporting a species of carbon tax. Bi-partisan group in house just introduced a bill in the US house; being discussed in Congress now; urged people to contact Congressman Reed with experience and impact of climate change. Local Municipalities taking positions on climate change; asking the Board to take a public position on climate change; work together to find common ground solutions; please make climate change a bridge.

Supervisor White – believe the current board has been able to work in a by-partisan way on issues in the town; climate change is here; will research and discuss further.

**Department Reports:**

**Highway:**

**Salt Storage Building** Change Order discussed. A couple spots in base were soft and had to be dug out and suitable materials had to be placed; building is complete.

**RESOLUTION #197** – offered by Barton, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to approve the Change Order for the Salt Storage Building adding an additional \$7,338.00 in cost. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Superintended Rappleye reported the receipt of a complaint regarding parking and traffic safety on Fausold Road from Michael Nabogis. Suggested he discuss with owner of business first. Councilman Boyette – travel area regularly; never saw a bus parked on Fausold; Councilwoman Martin - is a legitimate concern; young children in the area; probably locals entering from Fausold Road not Route 414. Councilwoman Rodgers suggested Mr. Nabogis should try to resolve himself prior to getting the board involved; if that does not go well, maybe we could write a letter with suggestions; why is the family with children not complaining? Superintendent Rappleye is not seeing it as a hazard from what few times he's been through there.

**Spaulding Road:** Apparently the owner is living out there; have had to do some repairs to the slope of the creek to protect the road; hope to do better repairs in spring.

Superintendent Rappleye reported on plowing and sanding, early start to winter; October 30; plowed 12 times in November; re-stocking sand pile this week; some grading not done due to weather; trying to patch pot holes as weather allows; new plow runs started in mid-November; Bergen corners issue in first big storm; changed run around somewhat; runs completed twice in 8 hours instead of 12; fuel line may run short before end of year. Highway Committee will meet December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Water District:** Superintendent Stapleton reported on gallons pumped; sample tests done, DEC reports completed and sent. Issue with water meters – master meter current style of meter will not be continued; owe us 50-60 meters; we have 2 in stock. Meter reading system sent to Texas, came back not working, sent back again; we're changing 7 meters every 2 months. Season turn offs; upgrades for water services; new hair salon; battery back-up; router and external back up will be replaced next week; water treatment plant locks failed; repaired for now; need to replace. Cross connection control notifications sent to 20 businesses; 4 meetings held; 1 has refused; device has to be installed to meet DOH regulations; device must be stamped by an engineer and approved by DOH; another back up letter will be sent to refusing party. Hydrants winterized; High Street PRV control line failure. Concerns with line in the field on Gate's farm; can't shut off and turn on to check for water movement; will do some comparison readings; Water meters for new Village Firehouse were never ordered by contractor; we have found some that will work; will bill the Village directly for them.

**Club Seneca Water Extension:** Preliminary review of application to USDA; questioning median household income of area as many are seasonal residents only; they want to see 50% primary residents; notification projects an annual cost per property of \$1812.74 (4% interest loan); Comptroller has to approve anything over \$900+; suggest we do an income survey or accept 4% loan. This could impact extensions through the whole system along the lake; asking Engineer's if there is an appeal process; will contact Senators and Assemblymen; with the concerns with HABs and current flooding; this is unfair; need to be under \$56,000 MHI;

Councilwoman Martin asked now what do we do for the people on Club Seneca. Supervisor White will speak with Tom Kiernan further to see what direction the residents want to go.

**Survey:** Should we still do; should one of the questions be primary or seasonal. Councilman Boyette indicated it might be beneficial to have that information to speak with USDA or other sources to find funding.

**Town & Village of Lodi:** Met with Supervisor White and Superintendent Stapleton asking about potential of supplying water and/or running a water district for them; their research shows best option is coming to us; we need to research amount of water; number of services; pump station; tanks, etc.

Met with FEMA and State today: There is more we can submit for re-imbursement than what we thought; may be able to include debris clean up; VLH Fire Company re-imbursement would have to come through us; administrative costs can be submitted also; have 60 days to complete application.

**Code Enforcement:** Officer Patterson submitted a written report for the board to review.

**Leidenfrost Vineyards LLC:** Submitted a Winery License Renewal application. No longer mandatory to file this form.

**Smith Park:** South Bath House Update: Notice of acceptance of bid has been sent.

**Assessment:** Assessor McIlroy provided a written report for the board. Part-time Assessor has been hired for the other CAP effective 12/17/18; Appraiser trainee resigned; interviewing to fill that position; re-valuation field work is continuing slowly.

**Board of Assessment Review:** Colin McNaul has sold his house and moved; he submitted his resignation November 29, 2018. We need to advertise for someone to fill the position.

**RESOLUTION #198** - offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers  
Resolved to accept the resignation of Colin McNaul from the Board of Assessment review effective November 29, 2018. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:** Monthly Report submitted for board review.

**Shelter Contract with HSSC:** There has been no response to the letter sent to them regarding their proposed change in the contract. Changes need to be negotiated. Current contract expires December 31, 2018.

**Haefele Connect:** Notice of Rate Increase effective 1/1/19

**Zoning Commission:** Paul Bursic – not ethically challenged. Committee voted to change meeting schedule to once a month; 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm; making progress; looked carefully at 12 hamlets; some of them appear to have potential for commercial development - Hector, Mecklenburg, Valois and Reynoldsville; looking at residential, commercial, industrial uses; trying to make some preliminary decisions; next meeting January 14, 2019 at 6pm.

Supervisor White asked if they had tentative dates of when a plan would be presented to Board. STC contract runs through 12/2019 to complete a final report to the Town; feel it's an aggressive agenda. Supervisor White indicated that requests for a moratorium have been coming in; need an estimated date before we consider moratoriums any further; moratorium on large industrial development might be considered sooner.

**Supervisor:**

**Committee Reports:** Committee to discuss moratoriums has met and will continue to do research before making recommendations to the full board.

**Schuyler County Planning Commission:** Re-appointment for Matt Schamel needs to be done; Supervisor White did not contact him before this meeting; recommend re-appointment and will ask him to attend January meeting.

**RESOLUTION #199** - offered by White, seconded by Preston  
Resolved to re-appoint Matthew Schamel as Town of Hector representative for a final term on the Schuyler County Planning Board effective 1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2020. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Composting Service:** Service will begin 1/5/2019; residents can bring composting to Reynoldsville the same hours as recycling; Councilwoman Rodgers prepared a letter to be provided to residents at recycling; will start with three 44-gallon garbage bins on site; they will be picked up at 1:30pm every Saturday; cost is \$32.00 per month for pickup.

**Email addresses:** Currently using Domain thru Vicky Bond at Webbjoy; cheaper to go with GoDaddy; 3-year contract; Civic Plus only hosts web site; 13 emails - \$595.00 (\$15.25 per email per year) which would change our emails to hectorny.us Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #200** – offered by Rodgers, seconded by Martin  
Resolved we contract with GoDaddy for a 3-year contract for 13 emails at \$15.25 per email for a total cost of \$595.00; to be billed annually. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Unmet Needs Group:** Monies have been moved from Lodi Fire Department to Catholic Charities; working on the 211 list; 2 without heat have been helped; working on hot water heater for another.

**Flood Debris Removal:** Some debris has been pickup; still working on some areas; Hector Falls issue recently reported; debris built up at the end of the stream; have a dam that froze and ice started going over sea wall; have obtained a DEC permit to work in the stream; weather has not been helpful; FEMA may authorize re-imbursement; hoping to close out debris removal 12/20/18 or shortly thereafter.

**RIT (Capstone) Engineering:** Students did a project on a new Highway Garage and addition to Town Hall; building probably over done; gives us a starting point; need to seek help from a financial advisor; need to maximize everything we can to assist with construction.

**Year-end Meeting:** December 28, 2018 at 2:00pm (lunch at 1pm)

On a motion by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Preston the meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk