

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING  
December 10, 2019**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others:**

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
Jason Santobianco, Code Officer  
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent  
Ralph Ward                      Mike Bergen  
Richard Bump                  David Lamoreaux

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

**RESOLUTION #153** – offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2019 as written. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #154** – offered by Boyette, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following Budget

Amendments/Journal Entries: Transfer \$12,501.03 from A190.4 Contingency to A5182.4 Street Lights \$37.46, to A7110.4 Smith Park \$1181.73, to A8160.4 Recycling \$281.84 and A9901.9 Interfund Transfer \$11,000.00; amend B1603 by adding \$400.00 and B4020.1 by adding \$400.00; adding \$11,000 to DA5031 and amend DA5130.1 by adding \$3445.87 and transfer \$202.55 to DA9060.81, \$243.32 to DA9060.82, \$14,000 to DA5230.4; transfer \$1248.00 from SM599 to SM4540.42 \$806.00 and to SM4540.43 \$442.00; transfer \$654.38 from SW1990.4 to SW8310.4                      Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #155** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #371 thru #398 - \$19,540.60; Highway Vouchers #279 thru 300 - \$40,577.68; Water District Vouchers #198 thru #213 - \$10,973.37; Trust & Agency Vouchers #40 thru #42 - \$21,693.47; and Ambulance Voucher #1 - \$936.00  
Ayes 6, Abstain 1 (Martin), Nays 0

**Public Comment:** 7:11pm - none

**Department Reports:**

**Highway:**

**Road Abandonment Request – Lake St., Valois:** After additional research, Superintendent Rappleye recommended not to proceed with abandonment. Board instructed the Highway Superintendent to send a letter of explaining denial of request.

**RESOLUTION #156** - offered by Martin, seconded Boyette

Resolved that the request from Daniel Schwartz & Kathleen McGee to abandon approximately 70 feet of road at the dead-end of Lake Street be denied due to concerns regarding snow removal and truck turn around. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Superintendent Rappleye reported on mowing of back slopes, trees cut or trimmed, shoulders pulled, plowed and sanded 10 times.

**Water District:** Superintendent Stapleton reported gallons pumped and treated, water testing done, DOH inspection today went well; DOH and DEC reports filed; meters read, bills sent; service line leak at Atwater Winery repaired; new water service request for new Dandy Store; disconnected the old line; F350 back in shop with front end wobble; may be 3 weeks before repaired; extended power outage after last weeks storm; chemical pump repaired; new well pump test rescheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> – 9th, 2020; looking for more quotes for the Engineering; PRV replaced on North Falls Road; control line at CR5 /414 repaired; winterization of hydrant completed; workplace violence and sexual harassment training completed.

**Water Extension – Burdett South:** Still waiting on another RFP before proceeding. District extension engineering quotes due by 12/27/19 for review at 1pm.

**Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement Officer Santobianco reported numbers of permits issued, November has slowed; Dandy project cost estimate at \$1.2 million; 4 permits issued; 9 completed.

Solar Exemption RPTL #487 allows for a 15-year exemption for properties with renewable energy systems; all local governments must offer this exemption; have the ability to opt out; Payment in lieu of taxes can be done with larger projects over 1 megawatt; Schuyler County opted out. Decommissioning abandoned solar farms must be researched further. More information is available on the NYSEDA website.

**Smith Park:** Park is closed – no report.  
Need to start looking at job descriptions, etc. for park manager soon.

**Assessment:** No report

**Zoning Commission:** Paul Bursic was unable to attend. David Lamoreaux reported on last nights meeting; making progress with the review of the draft. One person was there and video taped the meeting on cell phone; recommended to the Town Board not to replace Mike Bergen on the Commission as his term on the Town Board starts 1/1/20.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:** Clerk Ike presented Monthly Report to Town Board.

**County Change in Aged & Disability Exemption Income Limits:** Schuyler County is holding 2 public hearings; will look at again after the first of the year.

**Casella Recycling Contract Change 1/1/2020:** Discussion of current contract which expires 6/30/20; raising price 6 months early raising price to \$903.00 per month 1/1/20 through 7/28/20.

**RESOLUTION #157** – offered by Rodgers, seconded by Barton  
Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract change with Casella's for recycling effective January 1, 2020 through 7/28/20 at a cost of \$903.00 per month.  
Ayes 6, Nays 0

**USDA Forest Service:** Grassland Enhancement Project comments are due by 12/20/19.

**RESOLUTION #158** – offered by Boyette, seconded Martin  
Resolved to approve the Tax Collector's Petty Cash request for \$200 for the 2020 Tax Collection period. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Haefele Connect:** Notice of rate increase effective January 1, 2020 received.

**Schuyler Co Historical Society:** Submitted a letter explaining invoice for services for 2019 along with brief description of services available.

**Schuyler County Legislature:** Resolutions passed covering Hector's Delinquent water re-levy; 2020 County Budget; Equalization rates at 100% and distribution of Mortgage Tax for 4/1/19 – 9/30/19.

**Town Justice Position Elimination:** No petitions have been filed to date therefore the position is officially eliminated effective 12/31/2021.

**Supervisor:**

**Finance Committee:** Capital Equipment Policy covers anything over \$5000; working on an actual policy to improve our Procurement Policy.

**Committee Reports:**

Communications Committee is looking into Domain name and web site questions; need to check with Civil Plus regarding taking over domain name. Next meeting will be December 17, 2019 at 3pm. Facebook History: there is someone interested and willing to help out with posting History items; Town Historian Sandra Bradford would like to learn how to do it instead. Committee will invite Sandy to the next meeting. Discussion of Video taping of Town Board meetings and what would be needed to do so; would need to create a you-tube channel for web site in order to upload recorded meetings; quote for a camcorder is \$219.00; microphone \$59.00; will have donated tripod.

**RESOLUTION #159** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Resolved to authorize the purchase of a camcorder and microphone at a cost of \$278.00 and amend the budget by transferring \$278 from contingency to A1620.2. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Unmet needs group:** Wrapping up after August 2018 flood repairs and payments; have \$12,000 left; looking at giving \$1500 to each of the 8 community organizations that helped.

**Logan Community Center:** Not all SCOPED hours were used; 6 hours remain; might need about 2 hours to complete time commitments needed for volunteers to continue into the future.

**Municipal Solutions Contract:** Discussed agreement and services provided.

**RESOLUTION #160** – offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Municipal Solutions Inc. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Sustainable Committee:** Volunteer group looking for formal recognition and collaboration with the Hector Town Board and would then volunteer in the review and implementation of two NYS programs, Clean Energy Community and the Climate Smart Community. Would like to do a presentation to the Board in January or February. A Town Board member would need to sit on the committee.

Next Meeting: December 30, 2019 1:00pm Year-end Meeting (lunch at Noon)

Re-organizational meeting: January 2, 2019

Need to set annual audit meeting – date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm on a motion by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk