

TOWN OF HECTOR
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING
April 10, 2018

Members Present:

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

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
David Patterson, Code Enforcement
Colin McNaull Ben Dickens
Jeanne Chapman Brett Seafuse
Carl & Jan Bubb Martin Conwell
Van Harp, County Legislator
Tim Dunlap

Others: Richard Bump, Deputy Highway Supt.
Charlie Stevenson David Lamoreaux

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

RESOLUTION #71 – offered by Preston, seconded by Boyette
Resolved to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018 as written. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #72 – offered by Barton, seconded by Martin
Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following Budget Amendments/Journal Entries: transfer \$377.84 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8389.4 Water District Extension; amend 2018 budget by transferring \$31,614.80 from B surplus to B3620.21; and transfer \$100424.11 from DB fund balance to DB5110.42 Contractual Road Sealing. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #73 – offered by Boyette, seconded by Preston
Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #99 thru #132 - \$45,116.48; Highway Vouchers #74 thru #93 - \$23,707.06; Water District Vouchers #51 thru #64 - \$2,465.65; and Trust & Agency Vouchers #7 thru #8 - \$1,618.19
Ayes 6, Nays 0

Public Comment: 7:07pm

Carl Bubb asked about the progress of repairs to Ball Diamond. Highway Superintendent Rappleye answered that from CR 4 to Wardners Corner will get gravel; next year will get stone & oil.

Van Harp asked the status of incinerator project in Romulus. We received letters from Brian Kolb and the PSC that our resolution was received.

Brett Seafuse asked for answers regarding Sirrine Road; it's been a month; no cost yet. Highway Superintendent Rappleye is still working on numbers for the cost; scheduled to be ditched; dig safe has been submitted. Supervisor White reported that the Town Board is going on a tour of the roads this Saturday.

Tim Dunlap voiced concerns about the gravel pit at Smith Park and gravel being taken out of it. Town has not taken anything out of it in the last 4 or 5 years. Tim Dunlap asked if the Town can do anything to get Tug Hollow & State Route 414 intersection repaired. Supervisor White informed him that is a County and State issue.

Department Reports:

Assessment: Alan McIlroy reported that field work will be finished soon; change notices will go out in a week or so; gives opportunity to come in and speak with the assessor prior to tentative roll; Grievance day is May 22 from 204pm and 6-8pm.

Highway: Superintendent Rappleye reported work completed; sand hauled; crusher run hauled for road issues; ditching when can; cleaning up seasonal roads; dig safely class; April 16th back to 10 hour days. Matthews Road petition reviewed; complaining about Bassett Road to 414; mud and gravel spread; Town does not use gravel, it's sand; asking for 1b's and rock salt, not sand; we're not at the point where each truck can run with mix of salt and sand; Have small truck that does Mecklenburg and Burdett and another that does lake slopes; cannot put salt on gravel roads; looking at trying to add another plow run; need to look at costs.

CHIPS spending / Road Projects: Clerk Ike read Agreement to Spend Highway monies listing proposed projects for 2018.

RESOLUTION #74 – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Resolved to approve the Agreement to Spend Highway monies for CHIPS and General Repairs spending for road projects for 2018 as presented. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Highway Superintendent Rappleye explained needs for water tank and ditching bucket; have budgeted for these in 2018; quotes for both reviewed.

RESOLUTION #75 – offered by Preston, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a ditching bucket from Tracey Road Equipment Inc. at a cost of \$6,759.00; and further resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a water tank from Plastic-Mart.com at a cost of \$4,607.97. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Rock Salt: Order must be placed in May; need to purchase up to an additional 150 tons in 2018; asking for 300 ton this year; may not have enough monies in the budget at \$44.20 per ton; may be able to get by with 100 ton through the end of 2018; must purchase up to 75% of amount ordered. Looking for support if budget runs short.

RESOLUTION #76 – offered by Preston, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to commit to ordering 300 ton of rock salt; and further to authorize the Supervisor to fund the line item from surplus funds as may become necessary in 2018. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Salt Storage: Scott at Chatfield's is working on contract paper work; Supervisor White is working on the MWBE requirements.

RESOLUTION #77 – offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to approve the 5-year Highway Road Improvement Plan as updated 4/10/18. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Town Board will tour the roads with the Highway Superintendent and Deputy at 8am April 14th.

Water District: Superintendent Stapleton reported galloons pumped and filtered; sample testing done; DOH reports filed; DEC outfall discharge sampling done; equipment all running properly; 414 & Fausold hydrant out of service; backup generators ok; still waiting on the weather for the test bore for well; test holes in Park good – no big issues. Burdett storage tank small leak; previous patch fell off; Dutchland repaired under warranty.

Sanitary survey will be switched from annually to bi-annually; want to see 20 psi thru entire system; not possible to do; consulted engineers; would have to change piping and add storage tanks. Cross connection control; have almost 70 devices; will send letters and set up a system to do notifications; Superintendent Stapleton did try to get park project moving with the Department of Health.

Attended Seneca Lake water quality summit with Supervisor White and Councilman Barton; lake is taking a turn; last 5-6 years going from a healthy lake to a nutrient loaded unhealthy lake; in 20-30 years it will become a slim covered smelly lake; things need to change to reverse this direction. Seneca Lake 401 gives list of things homeowners can do; need to slow and stop the run off; northern end has more problems than southern end; Catharine Creek is least polluted input into the lake; fertilizer is the biggest issue; Soil & Water has been doing quite a lot with ditches, seeding, etc.

April 30 at 7:00pm meeting at Human Services Building. What is the run off; farm; septic, etc. – all of the above. Councilman Barton reported that SLPWA is focusing on the fast things that can be done now; and then onto other things; there is a Seneca Lake Plan; Cayuga Lake group just updated their plan; nitrates and phosphates create the most issues with HABS; phosphates take a long time to get out of the lake; 17 trillion gallons; turn over 17 years.

Meter situation: The meters we replaced the bad ones with are failing; it's not the battery; it's a chip that is not turning off; Master Meter has set aside \$30,000 million dollars to replace meters.

Club Seneca Water District Extension: Application has been sent to the Comptroller. This project required quite a bit more paperwork than past applications.

Code Enforcement:

RESOLUTION #78 – offered by White, seconded by Preston

Resolved to enter into Executive Session at 8:13pm for approximately 10 minutes with Attorney Halpin and David Patterson to discuss potential legal action regarding a code violation. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #79 – offered by White, seconded Preston

Resolved to return from Executive Session at 8:49pm. Ayes 6, Nays 0

No report on Executive Session.

Code Officer Patterson reported permits issued to date; provided board with census report to date for 2018; need to submit report to state for 2017; 70 open permits; getting busier; mud is beginning to dry up; closed out 31 permits to date.

Smith Park:

Water/South Bathroom Improvement Project: Waiting for Department of Health; told us 6 weeks; still waiting; approaching 5 weeks.

Supervisor:

Zoning Commission: Paul Bursic reported on recommendation for a moratorium on trash incinerators; recommend the Board consult with Attorney for the Town to considering moving in that direction. March 26 meeting Kristen VanHorn spoke to them about possibility of having a consulting firm come help. Southern Tier Regional Planning & Development Council proposed approximately \$5000 cost for a year of work; create maps, regulations, etc. Hope to get a written proposal; working on terms of proposal. They would run public meetings, etc. and translate into regulations, they will attend one meeting a month; could start in June; would be 12 to 14 months before recommendation would be brought to the board. Commission is feeling at a loss on direction to go at this point.

Paul Bursic and Mike Bergen attended April 5th STC Leadership training classes; interesting information learned in the environmental classes; Finger Lakes land trust presentation. STC has the language to use and what is enforceable, etc. Meeting info is listed on Haelele TV community page.

Committee Meetings: Supervisor White brought up the need for a Town credit card to purchase on line items such as virus protection etc.; training, hotels, etc. could be covered if approved in advance; need to have a clear policy in place for use. Suggested Supervisor White do a little research and come back to the board.

Recycling: Now that Daylight savings time is here we could consider opening an afternoon or evening. Supervisor White will approach the Recycling guys about possibly Thursdays 5-7 or 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk: March report provided to the board. Tax Collection has ended; everything balanced and unpaid have been turned over to the Treasurer; all payments must now go to the Schuyler County Treasurer including 2nd installments.

Dumpster Day: June 2nd has been cleared for all sites and Swarthout's for dumpsters. The shredder will not be available this year.

Financial Presentation 2017 Income/Expenditures: Will schedule a special meeting for a later afternoon due to timing needs.

Miscellaneous/Correspondence: Election Schedule for 2018 has changed; Federal Primary (if needed) will be June 26th; State Primary (if needed) will be September 13th; General Election will be November 6th.

Adjourned at 9:25pm on a motion by Martin, seconded by Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk