

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING  
January 8, 2019**

**Members Present:**

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

Absent: Jessica Rodgers, Councilwoman

**Others:**

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
David Patterson, Code Enforcement  
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent  
Dave Harris                      Carl Bubb  
Ralph Ward                      Lisa Dean  
Mel Dean                        Bret Seafuse  
Martin Conwell                Barb Kelley  
Tim Dunlap                      Chris King

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

**RESOLUTION #1** – offered by Preston, seconded by Martin

Resolved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018 and December 28, 2018 as written and corrected. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #2** – offered by Barton, seconded by Martin

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following Budget Amendments/Journal Entries: transfer \$270.57 from B1990.4 to B9040.8; transfer \$1661.05 from DA fund balance to DA9040.8; and transfer \$1225.39 from DB fund balance to DB9040.8  
Ayes 5, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #3** – offered by Martin, seconded by Barton

Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #1 thru #29 - \$52370.84; Highway Vouchers #1 thru #12 - \$116211.72; Water District Vouchers #1 thru #15 - \$28602.06; Fire Protection Districts Voucher #1 - \$16389.94; Capital Projects-Smith Park Voucher #1 - \$300.00; and Trust & Agency Vouchers #1 thru #3 - \$2893.88.                      Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Public Comment:** 7:04pm

Chris King provided comments regarding zoning commission and process; questions not getting a response; been at many meetings and don't know where the Board stands on this issue; conservation zone is ridiculous; conserve our natural resources; impact of living in the conservation zone does not have the same impact as living along the lake.

Supervisor White responded that the Town Board does not know what questions have been raised at zoning commission meetings; board gets monthly report from the commission.

Councilman Boyette responded that the Board in not ignoring you; board is in limbo; commission must submit recommendations to the board when they are done; Town Board has no opinion at this time until preliminary recommendations/information is provided and 4 additional public meetings are held; then the final recommendations will be submitted for the board to discuss, review and make decisions.

Lisa Dean asked what is the plan for public water on County Road 4. Is the proposal for high density housing on County Road 4 because it's slated for public water? This should not be a consideration if it's 15-20 years down the road. Last meeting there was a discussion about providing water to Lodi/Ovid? Another high-density area proposed is the hamlets; I live here and don't want that.

Carl Bubb, Ball Diamond Road asked questions as to why Ball Diamond did not get oil & stone as planned; fire trucks had difficulty getting up the road to a fire last week. Supervisor White explained that some projects were pushed out a year due to the August flooding.

Dave Harris expressed concerns with someone getting hurt with the current road condition; god forbid if a fire truck cannot get up the road; dangerous situation; really strongly need to do something to get road repaired; running out of time.

Tim Dunlap – know you're doing the best you can, doing a wonderful job; Potomac Road from the top of CR2 all the way to Reynoldsville is mud; Matthews Road is 2 miles per hour to get to his garage due to the mud; whatever is being spread on the road is causing mud. Supervisor White reported that there is a significant expense to get washed sand instead of the sand we currently use; looking at costs and amounts needed; increase to the budget could be \$50,000 more or less to do that.

Bret Seafuse asked what is it that you put on the roads. Thank you for making Serrine Road the best it's been in many years. Provided pictures to the board asking why this scenario would appear; on the road is sand; is there any reason for it being on the road; low was 37; it was 40 degrees; sand was spread that morning; why? Councilwoman Martin asked if he thought we could just go out when it starts; it takes several hours round trip for each truck route. Supervisor White explained that conditions on tops of the hills is different than your area at times. Brett Seafuse asked why are we talking about needing money when we're spreading when it is not needed. January 5<sup>th</sup> sand was spread but why was it not this morning? I can fill this room with as many people that will fill it; you have not done enough. I didn't get any answers, I'll be back. Supervisor White informed him his time was up.

Ralph Ward stated concerns with too much mud on Bergen Road; why are you complaining, you said your road has never been better than it is right now.

Councilwoman Martin asked Supervisor White to move the meeting along; public comment is over.

### **Department Reports:**

**Highway:** Superintendent Rappleye's written report was submitted to the Board. Supervisor White read the list of roads for the 8-ton posting.

**RESOLUTION #4** – offered by Martin, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to approve and authorize the Highway Superintendent to post the attached list of roads with an 8-ton weight limit effective immediately until May 15, 2019.

Discussion: Councilman Preston would like to add Ball Diamond from CR4 to Warner Corner and Warner Corner from CR1 to Ball Diamond. Resolution amended to add to list.  
Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Vacation roll-over request:** Superintendent Rappleye was unable to use 112 hours vacation time in 2018 due to the August flooding and excessive call outs in 2018 for road conditions; requested he be allowed to roll over to 2019.

**RESOLUTION #5** – offered by Preston, seconded by Martin

Resolved to authorize the rollover of 112 hours vacation time for Highway Superintendent Rappleye due to the inability to take off the time after the flood event in August.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Shared Services Agreement – Mini Excavator:** Yates County & Schuyler County received funding provided by Assemblyman Palmisano for a mini-excavator. It is owned by Yates County, hours used will be documented by all parties in agreement; repair costs will be divided between those using annually. A copy of agreement was sent to Attorney Halpin for review; he suggested a couple minor changes. Supervisor White did not recommend making those minor changes.

**RESOLUTION #6** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston  
Resolved to enter into Shared Services Agreement with Yates County for use of the mini excavator; and further authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Bishop Corner Culvert:** Trout Unlimited is looking to get the bid out this month; concern with authorizing bid tonight as we don't have all the documents necessary; bid authorization will be held off until February meeting so that all documents can be made available.

**Water District:** Superintendent Stapleton reported on gallons pumped for the month and for the past year; waiting for the 2019 sample schedule from DOH; DOH and DEC reports have been sent in. Working on November reports due to a sampling error at lab; reading meters; looks like another serial number of meters is failing; radio reader is still in Texas for repairs; 1 turn off; 2 more scheduled; PALL skid is in good working order; T1 skid was repaired; door locks will be replaced; training for 2018 complete. HACH instrument calibration contract increase expected; they have a minimum of \$3000 we currently have 6 of 10 instruments tested annually; working on contract changes. Fiber optics phone installation must have a battery back up on the phone system; ran in the building in the wrong place; waiting to hear back from Empire for how we can get installation completed; the alarm will be programmed ahead of the phone. Superintendent Stapleton would like to join the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association; questions asked regarding a municipal membership. Supervisor White will look into it.

**Club Seneca Water Extension:** Supervisor White spoke with Tom Kiernan; he is contacting some of the residents; not comfortable with the numbers; probably will not proceed, USDA will not change their stance regarding permanent residents.

**RESOLUTION #7** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston  
Resolved that we join the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association at Supervisor's discretion with a cap of \$200 on cost. Discussion of cost continued. Ayes 4, Nays 1, Abstain 1 (Barton)

**RESOLUTION #8** – offered by Boyette, seconded by Martin  
Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Software Support contract with Williamson Law Book Company for the water billing program effective 1/1/19 thru 12/31/19 at a cost of \$973.00 Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Test Drilling:** Water Board meeting was delayed; test bore was done; small amount of load bearing material but will produce water; will provide more information next month.

**Water Rates** and Reserve Fund charges will be looked at in February.

**Code Enforcement:** Officer Patterson covered permits issued in 2018; summary of types of permits. Councilwoman Martin asked questions regarding other than single family dwellings or big projects? Have not heard anything from the zoning commission regarding areas; 2 projects

with multiple single-family homes; another round of fire inspections are coming up in 2019; reviewed prior years of collected fees and numbers of permits.

Bloomer Creek Inc. submitted their winery license renewal.

**Smith Park:** Manager's Report

**South Bath House Update:** Contractor Edger Enterprises will begin with taking down the old structure; hope to start foundation middle of next week as long as weather allows; substantial completion due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Boat launch and south park area gate will be closed and locked from January 11<sup>th</sup> through the completion of the South Bath house construction.

**Assessment:** Assessor's Report

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:** Monthly Report provided to Board

**RESOLUTION #9** – offered by Boyette, seconded by Martin

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Software Support Contract with Williamson Law Book Company effective 1/1/19 thru 12/31/19 at a cost of \$1067.00.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

**Zoning Commission:** Marty Conwell reported that their minutes are posted on our web site; just starting to get into some details of a plan; looking at uses and proposed zones all related to houses first; next meeting Monday 1/14/19 at 6pm; work in progress. Supervisor White indicated that the LFWRP needs to tie into zoning plans; formal steps to go through to create a plan.

Chris King reported that he sent an email to consultants and posted a copy of the zoning map on face book page Hector has it all. Councilman Barton indicated that it is premature to be posted publicly before it's finished or finalized; Martin Conwell reported it is not anywhere near complete; it's for the commission to start working on locations etc. Councilman Barton indicated it is prudent the committee be putting information out to the public. Councilwoman Martin stated it is easy to misunderstand the process. Chris King stated he posted it so that people would see what is happening. Councilwoman Martin indicated people are getting a glimpse but don't want people to think it's final or what will be happening. Supervisor White reported that the Town Board needs to stay out of the work at this point; the public needs to go to zoning meetings to tell them what they want. Chris King stated a lot of people don't know they should show up now to provide input. Councilwoman Martin thanked Marty for and the commission for their work.

**Supervisor:**

**Committee Reports:** will restructure meetings to be as needed; not monthly; request from employee regarding Emergency Personnel responding to calls needs to be addressed.

**Finance committee:** Supervisor White would like the Board to review procurement policy; personnel policy; ethics policy, and investment policy; will start with ethics next month.

**Email addresses:** Councilwoman Rodgers reported that we're getting close; will report in February.

**Flood Debris Removal:** Still have some to do at Hector creek; contractor is not sure that doing too much in the stream is going to be effective; residents want it cleaned out. State of Emergency has been closed; FEMA meeting January 9th

**Annual Financial Audit:** Tentative Date 02/19/19 @ 1:00pm; discussion.

**RESOLUTION #10** - offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Resolved to set February 19, 2019 at 1:00pm as the date and time for the annual financial audit meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0

**DEC Water Withdrawal Permit:** Bergen Farms application contains some wrong information; application needs to be corrected; Attorney Halpin has responded to DEC.

**Miscellaneous/Correspondence/Other:**

**Economic Diversification and Business Attraction Forum:** Will be held January 16, 2019 at Harbor Hotel; Supervisor White and Councilman Boyette will attend.

Letter received regarding Zoning will be given to Zoning Commission.

**Citizen's Climate committee:** Councilwoman Martin asked if we have created a committee yet; how are we going to proceed. Supervisor White, Councilwoman Martin and Councilwoman Rodgers will meet to review documentation.

**Logan Community Center:** Councilwoman Rodgers is pursuing something privately; when everything comes together, she will come back to the board.

**Logan Cemetery:** Councilwoman Rodgers is reaching out to John Munroe; looking for volunteers; need 3 or 4 officers; only have 1 at this time.

Adjourned at 8:49pm on a motion by Martin, seconded by Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk