

**TOWN OF HECTOR
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING
September 13, 2016**

Members Present:

Alvin J. White, Supervisor
Justin Boyette, Councilman
William Preston, Councilman
Michael Bergen, Councilman
John White, Councilman
Beverly Morley, Councilwoman

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Dan Thorpe, Deputy Highway Supt.
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Ralph Ward Payton White
Barb Kelley Robert Reynolds
Richard Bump Steve Crout
Bo Lipari Alicia Mahaney
Jeff Thomason Bob Barton
Mark Smith Katie Rehner
David Patterson, Code Officer
Cindy Thomason 1 other

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

RESOLUTION #119 – offered by J. Boyette, seconded by J. White

Resolved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2016 as written. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #120 – offered by A. White, seconded B. Morley

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget amendments by Journal Entry #___: transfer \$15,332.49 from General Fund A1990.4 contingency to A9060.8; transfer \$4,510.88 from General Fund Part Town fund balance to B9060.8; transfer \$26,040.30 from Highway Fund Town Wide fund balance to DA9060.8; transfer \$25,606.42 from Highway Fund Part Town fund balance to DB9060.8; transfer \$5,611.00 from Water District SW1990.4 to SW9060.8; transfer \$1,500.00 from General Fund Part Town B3620.21 to B3620.4; transfer \$50.00 from Water District fund balance to SW8330.41; and transfer \$731.35 from Water District fund balance to SW8340.2
Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #121 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #266 thru #301 - \$12,160.74; Highway Vouchers #187 thru #209 - \$148,933.19; Water District Vouchers #143 thru #163 - \$14,698.46; and Trust & Agency Vouchers #16 thru #17 - \$725.42
Ayes 6, Nays 0

Public Comment Period: 7:08pm

Alicia Mahaney voiced continued concern for Newtown and Dean Roads; constant dust waiting for the school bus; safety concerns. Highway Committee is meeting next week and will discuss issues.

Robert Reynolds asked to board for assistance with an issue on the Cherry Landing property he purchased. Developer Barrett Construction built road and water system many years ago; water system was never connected and turned on; approximately 8 homes would benefit from getting this line connected; would like the fire hydrants active as building a new home now; those on the road currently have beach or drilled wells; road has not been a problem with access; have been working on getting easements; all signed except one that borders State Route 414; that owner has refused to sign an easement; looking for an expressed or implied easement; gentleman does not like some of the people on the road; he has mentioned gating the road as he owns the property the road sits on; that property owner bought the property after Barrett installed the road and water lines; infrastructure is there for us to get water; the homes there bring in a lot of income to the municipality; being denied water by one person; the same right that allows me to access that road to my property should also apply to that water line.

Our request does not impact his quality of life; what is reasonable; safety and health concerns if the road is gated and if use a beach well; not sure what the Town Board can do; asking if the Town would consider asking Attorney Halpin look into an implied consent; if the property owner will not sign an expressed consent; the town and residents would benefit by getting this line in service.

Councilwoman Morley – if you drive it every day and are not stopped, I believe you have permission.

Mr. Reynolds – we do not have to dig up his land to get this water line operating unless there should be a leak; that one person is holding the rest of us hostage.

Councilman Preston – what would happen if a petition from those residents on the road was presented to the Board asking the board to proceed.

Mr. Reynolds presented a letter from another property owner on the road. Suggested he get the others to sign a petition; keep getting a negative response every time this one owner is approached.

Supervisor A. White indicated the Board could look into it. Mr. Reynolds asked how he could expedite this request. Councilman J. White asked him to give us a few days to review.

Clerk Ike has a file on Cherry Landing; there are 4 or 5 items that need to be met to get approval from DOH and our Water Superintendent to get water running in that line.

Department Reports:

Highway: Superintendent Rappleye's written report reviewed by Deputy Superintendent Thorpe. Stone and Oil and gravel projects done; making winter sand; shared service work with county and other towns. Councilman Bergen asked about road striping. Deputy Superintendent Thorpe stated the roads will need to be swept first; plan to get done in the next couple of weeks. Highway committee meeting will be September 22 at 1pm. The 2002 pickup is junk; has no value to place on auction; we do have an offer higher than estimated \$375 junk price; offer is \$500

RESOLUTION #122 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to declare the 2002 Chevy pickup truck as surplus and further authorize the Highway Superintendent to dispose of as scrap and accept the \$500 offer. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Mecklenburg Union Cemetery: Request for assistance with tree removal researched with Attorney Halpin; letter regarding how to proceed reviewed; since ownership appears to be the Town, we could take responsibility for removal of the tree. Deputy Highway Superintendent reported that since last month's meeting, mother nature took care of the tree; it has fallen and now just needs to be cleaned up; Highway Department will go in and clean up the tree and remove from the cemetery.

Smith Park: Manager Bond's written report reviewed by Supervisor White as she was excused.

Labor Day weekend was busy with 100% of the transient sites booked. The remaining lifeguards met with Jason Monday to pull the lines and close the beach down for the season as has been done for the last 5 years. With the exceptional hot weather we could have kept the beach open longer but unfortunately our lifeguards all have to go back to school.

There have been 16 pavilion rentals on the calendar to date (6 more than last year). Transient camping reservations are slightly above where they were last season at this time.

The 2016 departmental income for Parks & Recreation charges (budget line item A2001) was set at \$95,000.00, which is \$5,000 above 2015. Our current balance on that line is approximately \$120,000.00. That puts the park on track to exceed last year's total revenue of \$119,963.70. Any excess revenue over and above the budgeted revenues can be moved to the Park Property Upgrade line item and can be used for that purpose. Upgrading the water system would be top priority. No word yet on the grant application.

There have continued to be water leaks consistently. Jeremy and Jason have been coming in when needed to get them fixed.

Seasonal camper winter storage letters will go out within the week. The winter storage fee has been \$200.00 for the last two years. Manager Bond recommended we either keep it at \$200 or increase it to \$225. The average seems to fall between \$200 and \$250 in nearby campgrounds.

Will Jennings, Finger Lakes Forestry Management will get us a cost estimate on what it would be to fell the trees that were marked in the spring that couldn't be removed until after the season when Park Committee will meet on the 14th to prepare the Park budget for 2017.

RESOLUTION #123 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to keep the winter storage fee for Smith Park at \$200 per year for the current time.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

Water District: Superintendent Stapleton reported number of gallons pumped and filtered; meters read; DOH reports up to date; working on last 20 meter change outs; 1 new inquiry; 1 new installation; 1 service line leak on 414 repaired; leak on Peach Orchard Point south was repaired; blocks near creek crossing deteriorated; close to completion of hydrant testing. VFD issues in well house; brought in a specialist; appeared to be a cable problem; new cable ordered; received and installed today; air compressor repaired; checking the other one to make run properly; PALL skid leak – new coupling ordered. Still having motion detector issues at plant; thought it was spiders; the chlorine is eating up the motion detectors; Aqua logics is looking into a difference style motion detector. Burdett generator soft start issue may be figured out; programming in soft start redone; need to install line reactors at a cost of approximately \$1200 each.

Councilman Preston asked about the County Route 5 parking problem. Land is owned by the Village of Burdett; want to approach the Mayor about placing some gravel there to make a parking area; meeting with Mayor later this week to review their right of ways etc.

Code Enforcement: Code Officer Patterson reported that he has spoken with Mr. Reynolds; might be an avenue to pursue with Charlie Bliss, State Codes Division; something in codes might require that line to become active if it improves life and safety issues.

Code Officer Patterson covered 112 permits issued as of 8/31; 95 open current permits; 83 completions this year. Schickel Construction has applied for a permit for 9 single family homes. Will have 3 year fire inspections coming up; ongoing property maintenance issues.

Councilman Bergen asked if there are issues with the codes car. Battery was replaced, think it was original; front gear box replaced; looking at mileage; may need head gaskets replaced. Councilman Bergen asked if the missing/stolen snow tires ever re-appeared. They have not been found; would like to replace them.

Supervisor:

Committee Reports: Park, Highway, Building and Personnel committees have upcoming meetings scheduled.

RESOLUTION #124 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. White

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Computer Software Support Contract with Williamson Law Book Company for the Payroll program effective 9/1/16-8/31/17 at a cost of \$798.00.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #125 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to authorize Janine Bond to attend the PERMA Training September 29, 2016 in Rochester. Mileage, hotel, and meals are the only cost. Discussion regarding the need to spend the night; left to her discretion. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #126 – offered by J. White, seconded by B. Preston

Resolved to set the following dates and times as the Town Board Fall meeting schedule:

September 07, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Employee/Highway Contract Negotiations

October 4, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Receive 2016 Tentative Budget & Workshop/Fire

October 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Regular Monthly Audit Meeting

October 6, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Budget Workshop

October 18, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Budget Workshop

October 20, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Budget Workshop

October 25, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Budget Workshop – if needed

November 8, 2016 – NO MEETING – Election Day

November 10, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Fire & Budget Public Hearings & Regular Monthly Audit Meeting

December 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm – Regular Monthly Audit Meeting

December Year End Audit Meeting – December 29, 2016 @ 2:00pm

Ayes 6, Nays 0

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:

Web Site is moving along; booking appointments for Department Heads and Staff to review links and items for their pages on the new site with Jonathan from Virtual Towns on Wednesday, September 21.

Mecklenburg Ambulance: Special Election will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Town Hall from Noon to 8pm.

Schuyler County Historical Society Request: Asking for \$50.00 funding

Cayuga Lake Watershed Inter-municipal Organization Request: Asking for \$300 funding
Councilman Bergen and Councilman Boyette suggested these be tabled for now and to discuss as part of the budget process.

RESOLUTION #127 - offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Preston

Resolved to enter into Executive Session at 8:20pm for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #128 - offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Preston

Resolved to return from Executive Session at 8:34pm. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Motion offered by Councilman Preston, seconded by Councilwoman Morley to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk