

**TOWN OF HECTOR
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING
October 11, 2016**

Members Present:

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

Absent: John White, Councilman

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent
Daniel Thorpe, Deputy Highway Supt.
Janine Bond, Smith Park/HR
Jeff & Cindy Thomason
Ralph Ward Barb Kelley
Susanne Lipari

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

RESOLUTION #119 – offered by Bev, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016 and September 13, 2016 as written.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #120 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen
Transfer \$30,000 from General Fund Balance to Highway Equipment Reserves.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #121 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to approve and authorize the following Journal Entries / Budget Amendments:
General Fund Town-wide Transfer \$832.33 from A7110.11 to A7110.12; transfer \$ \$7941.32 from A7110.11 to A7110.13; transfer \$9.30 from A1990.4 contingency to A1110.41; transfer \$9.30 from A1990.4 contingency to A1110.41; transfer \$1086.99 from A fund balance to A1110.41; transfer \$61.77 from A1990.4 contingency to A5132.21 as per Journal Entry #__; Water District transfer \$34.33 from SW fund balance to SW8340.2 as per Journal Entry #___. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #122 – offered by M/ Bergen, seconded by J. Boyette
Resolved to have audited and authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds:
General Fund Vouchers #302 thru #337 - \$12477.30; Highway Fund Vouchers #210 thru #229 - \$17672.86; Water District Vouchers #164 thru #182 - \$6141.85 and Trust & Agency Vouchers #18 thru #19 - \$865.80. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Public Comment Period: 7:09pm
None

Department Reports:

Highway: Superintendent Rappleye reported work completed; grading ¾ done; winter sand made; center line striping done; Mecklenburg Cemetery tree cut and brush removed; ditching; shared services with 2 trucks to Town of Dix and 1 to Schuyler County.

Councilman Preston asked if there was some road sweeping to be done on Picnic Area Road; yes will get swept; crew is back on 8 hour days.

Water District: Superintendent Stapleton reported daily averages pumped and processed; tests up to date; will be changing Lab thru Schuyler County Watershed; down to 13 series 45 meters to be replaced; beginning fall shut offs. Water service leak at Skyland Farms; both services will be replaced by the owner. Fire hydrant inspections and flushing almost done; B#15 hydrant in Burdett is back in service; FH#136; B#18 and FH#14 are all out of service; scheduled to be repaired; VFD issues with Human interface module; spare VFD has been installed on pump 1; alarm system has 2 motion detectors scheduled for replacement; Burdett pump station generators soft start line reactors installed; now operate on generator power; units were \$1200 for both; ISO classification letter reviewed.

Councilman Preston asked about parking area at Burdett pump house; working on a resolution with the Village of Burdett.

Councilman Bergen suggested we should bid the mowing for next year.

Smith Park: Manager Bond reported revenues have exceeded 2016 budget; excess revenue typically has rolled over to park property upgrade line; upgrading the water system is a priority; Park has stayed within budget past 6 years and has had increased revenues; 60% of winter storage fees have been paid; last official weekend coming up; transient campers still coming in every weekend; Will Jennings will provide a cost estimate for tree removal this fall; Jeremy can do some small tree removal including roots; Jeremy and Rich will close down the water system; still getting seasonal site requests; waiting list is growing;

Code Enforcement: Officer's Report – none

RESOLUTION #123 – offered by B. Morley, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Codes Program computer support contract with Williamson Law Book Company effective October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017 at a cost of \$400. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Assessment: Resolution to support 2017 Re-Assessment

RESOLUTION #124 – offered by A. White, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to acknowledge support for the 2017 Cap 1 full re-assessment and authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support to the State

Discussion: Councilman Boyette voiced concern that we are rubber stamping a shared services contract that we wanted to re-evaluate; we have an interim assessor; when will we have a permanent assessor.

Supervisor A. White indicated he spoke with Tom Bloodgood regarding the shared services agreement being one sided; would like to see an oversight committee to watch over Town concerns; etc.

Councilman Boyette – believe they need to step back and move implementation to 2018; do not see how they can complete this by March 1; contract needs to be re-evaluated and/or changed.

Supervisor A. White indicated they have hired an appraiser, who does live in the Town of Hector; looking for a data collection person; we need to move ahead; if we fall below the 95% equalization rate; tax rates go up; willing to ask for a meeting with Tom and County Legislators again.

Councilman Preston – against anything that is going to stir everyone up again. Supervisor A. White and Councilwoman Morley indicated the public meetings went well; questions were answered.

Councilman Boyette – see the importance; still do not see that they can complete this properly; meeting with them does not mean they will change anything; they do not have the staff and resources to complete this properly on time.

Supervisor A. White – last assessment increase was done so poorly; they have made some improvements; understand your concerns; need to continue working with the county to improve services.

Councilman Preston - if they bill us that \$5 per parcel; will never agree to any contract for shared services. Councilwoman Morley asked to table this resolution until we have an opportunity to speak with the county.

Roll Call Vote: B. Preston, J. Boyette, B. Morley – Nay; A. White, M. Bergen – Aye
Resolution fails. Supervisor A. White will arrange a meeting; Councilman Boyette wants to see their concessions in writing in a new agreement.

Ayes 2, Nays 3

Supervisor:

Personnel Management Training in Rochester November 14; Alvin and Janine would like to attend; cost is \$85.00 each. Excel training in Elmira November 15 Basic; Janine would like to attend; cost is \$79.00; November 16 is advanced; Alvin and Jane would like to attend; cost is \$99 each.

RESOLUTION #125 – offered by J. Boyette, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to authorize Janine Bond attend the Basic Excel class November 15 in Elmira at a cost of \$79.00 and further resolved to authorize Alvin White and Jane Ike to attend the Advanced Excel class in November 16 in Elmira at a cost of \$99 each. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Committee Reports:

Tax Cap: Need to start the process for a Local Law to over-ride the tax cap for 2017 budget year.

RESOLUTION #126 - offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to proceed with Local Law #2 of 2016 to exceed to Tax Cap for 2017 Budget Year; and further resolved to hold the Public Hearing on the Tax Cap on November 10, 2016.

Discussion: We must pass this law if going to override; Burdett Fire alone takes us over the cap; Councilman Morley asked if we exceed the cap in other sections of the budget excluding the special districts; Supervisor A. White indicated that due to the error with HSA's we most likely would.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Highway Committee: Met and agreed to add Newtown Road to the 5 year plan.

Other Committees: Infrastructure Committee to meet October 20th at 9:30am; followed by Personnel Committee and Highway Committee.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:

Web Site is coming along; Communications committee meeting Thursday Oct 13 at 10am. October 20 to discuss items to move from old site and organization of some things.

Rabies Clinic: Propose to hold a clinic here on November 1 from 6 to 8pm. Dr. Chaffee is willing to provide vet services to hold a rabies clinic in the Town of Hector; donations will be asked for to cover the cost of the vaccine. Board agreed it was okay to proceed.

Shelter and DCO inspections done by Ag & Markets were satisfactory.

Recycling: Bins out back are getting water in them; need to contact Casella's and discuss options.

Mecklenburg Ambulance: Special Election Results final tally 76 yes; 53 no; low turnout; getting everything set in motion to start January 1, 2017

Miscellaneous/Correspondence:

SCCUDD fall planning retreat scheduled for Monday, November 14 from 3-5pm; must RSVP by November 1st.

On a motion by B. Morley, seconded by B. Preston, adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk