

TOWN OF HECTOR
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING
April 11, 2017

Members Present:

Alvin J. White, Supervisor
Beverly Morley, Councilwoman
Justin Boyette, Councilman
William Preston, Councilman
John White, Councilman
Michael Bergen, Councilman 6:00pm

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Daniel J. Fitzsimmons, Justice
Payton White
Barb Kelley
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent

Richard Bump Ben Dickens
Jeanne Chapman Carl Bubb
Jan Bubb David Harris
Van Harp Jolu Timblin
Stasia Newell Laura Prevost
Lynn Stager Sarah Schantz

Others: Ralph Ward

Bo Lipari

Jerrod Prevost

Martin Conwell

Carol DeSarno

Bob Barton

Paul Bursic

Margaret Meixner

Supervisor A. White called the audit meeting to order at 5:30pm for the purposes of auditing Justice Daniel Fitzsimmons 2016 books and records.

Audit summary questions asked and answered by Judge Fitzsimmons. Written receipts for fine payments reviewed; deposit slips; check disbursements; bail accounts; dockets; state reports; banking;

RESOLUTION #51 – offered by B. Morley, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to have audited and approve the books, records, and reports of Justice Daniel J. Fitzsimmons for 2016 as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Supervisor A. White gave a power point financial presentation to the board members showing expenditures and revenues for 2016.

Recessed at 6:15pm for Board members to audit the bills to be paid.

Town Board Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor A. White, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #52 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as written. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #53 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. White

Resolved to have audited and further resolved to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #99 thru #123 - \$13,403.15; Highway Vouchers #63 thru #90 - \$31,220.42; Water District Vouchers #57 thru #71 - \$6,473.23; and Trust & agency Vouchers #6 thru #7 - \$746.62

Ayes 6, Nays 0

Public Comment:

Bo Lipari: DOT informed them that Bergen's CAFO has applied for a permit to run pipes under State Route 228; will be submitting a foil request for the permits; asked Councilman Bergen what they were doing. Mike Bergen acknowledged the farm has applied for permit; there will be no manure storage planned along the creek; plan to irrigate fields and pump manure from farm down over hill and water back up. Bo thanked Mike for info.

Lynn Stager asked where this was happening; Urdike Road? Bo stated Route 228. Mike Bergen indicated the farm did pump water from the creek last year and had a permit to do so. Lynn voiced concern with the impact of the lake; drought; permits, etc.

Councilman J. White stated this conversation does not belong here; DEC issues the permits not the Town; conversations should be held with DEC. Supervisor A. White explained that the Town does not have any jurisdiction in the matter.

Jolu Timblin asked if there were any plans to fix the 1 mile mud section of Ball Diamond Road from CR4 to Wardners Corners Road; Jan & Carl Bubb reported the same complaint; can't stay on own side of road; must use 4 wheel drive. Superintendent Rappleye indicated the Highway committee will need to review the condition and determine when something can be scheduled.

Dave Harris – issues have been a long time coming; road is dangerous; needs to be looked at; asked if there is anything they can do as residents on the road.

Carol DeSarno – asked if there has been any progress on any type of land use for Hector. Supervisor A. White indicated that the committee has met with the County Planner; will be meeting again. Carol indicated she did some research on line; the positive is that the Town of Hector is positioned very well; has a comprehensive plan in place; plan is very well laid out; apparently NYS has legal documents on line that can assist; if town proceeds they can institute a moratorium on development until a land use plan is in place. Carol also asked how often septic systems are checked or inspected. Supervisor A. White informed her that Schuyler County Watershed is responsible for septic systems and wells.

Jan Bubb, Ball Diamond Road asked how we will know if something will be done and when on the road. Supervisor A. White stated that we have a five-year road plan; plan is subject to change as might be necessary; roads have taken a terrible beating this past year; highway committee will take a look and discuss; Highway Superintendent is touring roads on April 22 with the Town Board.

Highway Committee meeting April 20th. Bo Lipari asked if the Town of Hector took care of all the roads thru the Federal Forest. Superintendent Rappleye stated everything in the Town of Hector except the county roads. Supervisor A. White responded that we have applied for grant funds from forest and have not received any info back regarding status.

Stasia Newell asked about the small gravel pit at Smith Park; have seen trucks going in and taking out gravel; does not know who. Councilman Preston asked for copies of pictures she has so that we can follow up.

Summer Rec Program Watkins Glen: Has been run by the school, we cannot provide funds to the school, the Village of Watkins may take over the lead for the program and if so the Town could provide some funding.

Department Reports:

Highway: Superintendent Rappleye reviewed the 2017 Agreement to spend Highway Funds for CHIPS projects at \$343,780.76 and local projects at \$459,460.48 for a total of \$803,241.24 to be expended in 2017. Supervisor A. White reviewed the funding using CHIPS and fund balance to get all these projects done. Randy reported that we will be receiving another \$67,000 due to extreme winter weather this year.

Ben Dickens commented regarding Shuler Road; a single course of stone and oil is wasting monies. Superintendent Rappleye reported that the hill will be blacktopped; stone and oil will be double course on the flats.

Councilman J. White asked if any of these bid; or are they done in house. Black top is on County bid; stone & oil is also from county bid. Councilman J. White asked questions regarding

2 projects. Superintendent Rappleye reported they are different; one is black top and then a seal coat; the other is 2 course stone and oil. Councilwoman Morley asked if there is time and money for Ball Diamond. Superintendent Rappleye responded that if time allows could gravel the road.

Carl Bubb asked about current surfaces and which ones are already paved or not and which are just seal coats. Superintendent Rappleye responded that Shuler and Middle Roads are gravel and will be turned over to stone & oil. Dave Harris stated that Ball Diamond seems to be always forgotten; every year Ball Diamond does not appear on the list.

RESOLUTION #54 – offered by A. White, seconded by J. White

Resolved to approve the following budget amendments: transfer \$195,000 from fund balance to DB5110.4; create new line item DB5112.21 Town Funds – Capital Projects; and transfer \$125,000 from fund balance to DB5112.21. Brief discussion. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #55 – offered by J. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to approve the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds as presented detailing the 2017 Road projects. Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #56 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to accept the following paving bids through the Schuyler County bid process: Project #5 South Hill Road from SR 79 to Kellogg Road from Seneca Stone at a cost of \$247,950 and Project #6 Shuler Road from Culver Road to old Shuler residence from Bothar Construction at a cost of \$73,308;

And further resolved to decline the following paving bids as funding is not available at this time: Project #7 Potomac Road from SR227 to Picnic Area Road from Seneca Stone \$198,650 and Project #8 Picnic Area Road from Potomac Road to Burnt Hill Road from Seneca Stone \$109,040
Ayes 6, Nays 0

Water District: Superintendent Stapleton was excused; written report submitted. Supervisor A. White reported the soft start in Burdett has issues; spending too much in repairs; needs to be replaced.

Code Enforcement: Code Officer Patterson excused; written report submitted; asked for decision regarding fees for fire inspections on non-profit structures.

RESOLUTION #57 - offered by A. White, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved that the fees for fire inspections be waived for the following: Valois Logan Hector Volunteer Fire Company, Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company; Searsburg Grange; Reynoldsville Community Center; Logan Community Center and all churches in the Town of Hector. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Smith Park: Manager Bond excused; asked for authorization to attend the TALES Hospitality Training at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen.

RESOLUTION #58 - offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Preston

Resolved to authorize the Park Manager to attend the TALES Hospitality Training held by Watkins Area Chamber of Commerce on May 23, 2017 at the Harbor Hotel. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Assessment: Board of Assessment Review re-appointment needed for Ken Burr.

RESOLUTION #59 - offered by J. White, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to appoint Kenneth Burr to the Board of Assessment Review effective October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2021. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Supervisor:

Committee Reports: Supervisor A. White, Councilman Bergen and Councilman Boyette attended the Association of Towns training in New York City in February. Good experience; met people from many other towns. There are issues with Governor Cuomo's proposal to tie AIM funding with shared services at the county level. We sent letters of opposition; have not seen what was approved in the state budget. We have several shared services agreements already; not fair to have the county vote for the towns and villages; towns are only 16% of the property tax.

Dumpster Day: Set for June 3, 2017 – no shredder this year; volunteers are needed at all sites.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tax Collection has ended at the Town; will be settling with the Treasurer this week. All payments including second installments must now be paid at the Schuyler County Treasurer in Watkins Glen.

Other Business:

RESOLUTION #60 - offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to accept and authorize the Supervisor to sign the CMS Imaging Maintenance Contract for the copier at a cost of \$533.00. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Special Franchise Assessments: Certificate of Final Special Franchise Full Value has been received from the State.

Paul Bursic asked for time on the May 9th agenda to report on the 100th anniversary of Cooperative Extension.

Adjourned at 8:07pm on a motion by Supervisor A. White, seconded by Councilwoman Morley.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk