

TOWN OF HECTOR
Year-end AUDIT MEETING
December 29, 2017

Members:

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

John White, Councilman – Absent

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Josh Mikkelsen, Assistant Water Supt.
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Randy Rapple, Highway Superintendent
Bob Barton Carl Langenfeld
Jim Borra Melissa Chipman
Barb Kelley Liz Martin
David Patterson, Code Enforcement

Call to order By Supervisor A. White at **2:00pm** followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #151 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley
Resolved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 as written Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #152 - offered by B Preston, seconded by B. Morley
Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following Journal Entries/Budget Amendments: transfer \$263.59 from A7110.23 to A7110.4; transfer \$515.60 from A1990.4 to A8160.4; transfer \$3298.78 from Water District fund balance to SW8340.4; and year end closing entries. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #153 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley
Resolved to approve the Preliminary Accounts Payable List for 2017 as presented.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #154 – offered by B. Preston, seconded by B. Morley
Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers #373 thru #387 - \$20,374.09; Highway Vouchers #288 thru 303 - \$18,543.37; Water District Vouchers #228 thru #235 - \$6,001.81; and Trust & Agency Vouchers #24 - \$72.27 Ayes 5, Nays 0

Public Comment: 2:14pm

Jim Borra expressed his appreciation and patience for the departing board members. Councilwoman Morley thanked everyone for the opportunity to service the Town for a total of 37 years between Assessor and Town Board.

Carl Langenfeld asked questions regarding the water project for Smith Park; monies allocated for project in November; water paid for by customers in water district; how does the \$248,000 get back to the general fund? Supervisor A. White explained that this project was going to go forward with or without the grant; monies were in surplus funds. Carl expressed concern that the Park has always been self-sustaining. Supervisor A. White further explained that park excess revenues go into the general fund; over the years there has certainly been enough to replace the water system. Grant funds will include the replacement of the South bathrooms and water lines. Discussion continued regarding funds to clarify where monies are coming from.

Department Reports:

Water District: Superintendent Stapleton reported: water sample tests up to date; discharge reports filed with DEC; 2 water service leaks – Valois & Burdett equaling 1 million gallons or more; awaiting DOH inspection report; completed all end of year trainings required; after January 18th would like to offer a tour of facilities to new board members.

Code Enforcement: Officer Patterson gave a report of permits issued; open permits 74; completed 142; solid fuel 4; alterations 33, commercial 2; miscellaneous 65; single family homes 51; demo 4; special 4; construction value nearly \$7 million; approximately \$16,000 revenues; 5 pending fire inspections; completed 21; 4 pending property maintenance violations.

Councilman Bergen asked how our permit fees compare to surrounding towns; suggested this be researched.

Replacement Vehicle: Officer Patterson spoke with VanBortel Ford again; reworked quote for a Ford Explorer; changed many options to lessen the cost; discussion of fund balance available.

RESOLUTION #155 - offered by B. Morley, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to purchase a 2018 Ford PI AWD vehicle for Code Enforcement, \$31614.80 from General Fund Part Town fund balance and further authorize the Supervisor to sign and accept the quote from VanBortel Ford using the piggy back option with Onondaga County. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Highway: Superintendent Rappleye reported that we have received notice of the grant award for the Salt Storage Building; funding approved \$352414; 75% of funds needed.

Village of Burdett Shared Services Agreement – no word from Village of Burdett regarding the agreement; schedule for review at January 9 meeting.

Superintendent Rappleye covered plowing and sanding; shoulders pulled on Updyke; boom mowing; ongoing tree trimming; ditching of Updyke not completed; some new road signs installed; equipment repairs; 5 year plan will be reviewed after the first of the year.

Councilwoman Morley asked Randy to express appreciation to the crew for their efforts; enjoyed the holiday lunch with them.

Smith Park: Notice of grant award of \$204206.00 for water project at the Park; will include the water lines and South Bathroom; surveyors have been working; 50/50 match funding. Drone videos and pictures will be available to the Town soon.

Assessment: Cold War Veterans Exemption requires a Local Law in order to be applied to the Town taxes. Copy of County's current law and recent change provided to board for review; Supervisor A. White will ask Attorney Halpin to review; question asked as to description of Cold war. Councilwoman Morley asked about Senior Citizens exemption levels; they have not been changed in many years.

Supervisor:

Committee Reports: trying to set up another Route 414 meeting with DOT
New Committee assignments will be announced January 2nd; meetings will be held the third week of the month.

Zoning Commission will first meeting will be January 8 2018 at 7pm.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tax Reform Act has kept us very busy collecting taxes prior to the end of the year.

Miscellaneous/Correspondence: Clerk received an email from a Greg Cook regarding Welcome New Residents packet; his company produces these free of charge; solicits advertisements from local businesses to cover cost. May be something to look into in the future.

Others/Etc.: Councilman Bergen thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Town Board; enjoyed sitting on the Board.

Supervisor A. White thanked both Beverly and Mike for their service. It was suggested a picture of the Board be taken for history records. Bob Barton took one on his phone and will share.

Adjourned at 3:25pm on a motion by Councilman Preston, seconded by Supervisor A. White.

Respectfully submitted

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk